

SUNDAY MORNINGS @ GRACE

Adult Ministry

Adult Sunday School: Meets in the lower level at 9:20am, childcare is provided. We are studying the book of Lamentations.

Children's Ministry

Gracekids (1st– 2nd Grade) & **Gracelittles** (PreK-K) Children's Church: Offered during the sermon in the lower level. The children are dismissed during the offertory.

Gracebabies (0-3 years old) Nursery: In the lower level and is provided during both services beginning at 8:45AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Town Hall Meeting | February 23 after church |
| Grace Women's Event on Rest | March 1, 10-11:30am |
| Young Adult Theology Night | March 1, 6pm |
| 3 rd -5 th Grade Kids Night | March 2, 5-6pm |
| Ash Wednesday | March 5, 6:15pm |
| Women's Retreat | May 2-4 |

- **Town Hall Meeting** – Join us following the second service as we discuss what's going on at Grace Church.
- **ESL Ministry Volunteers Needed** – If you are interested in volunteering in this new ministry, please contact Jesse (newmanej@outlook.com).
- **Children's Ministry Volunteers** – If you're interested in volunteering in our children's ministry contact Stephanie or Jesse (gracekids@gracefortcollins.org).
- **Grace Women's Event on Rest** – Saturday, March 1, 10-11:30am, in the lower level. Led by Brooke Delaney
- **Young Adult Theology Night** – March 1, 6pm, Join us for a night talking theology with Mike Wenzler. 6pm at the Grace House (1933 Mackinac St). Food and drinks provided! Contact Ellis Holcombe for more details (c.ellis.holcombe@gmail.com)
- **Grace Women's Retreat – Save the Date!** - May 2-4, at the YMCA in Estes Park
- **Turkey Mission Trip** - July 10-19, visiting Athens, Izmir, Istanbul. Contact Gavin (gavin@gracefortcollins.org) for more info.
- **ChurchSuite** – Email admin@gracefortcollins.org to be added to the online directory!

Financial Performance

| | January | | July-Jan | |
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| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget |
| Income | \$27,183 | \$42,204 | \$356,127 | \$295,429 |
| Expenses | \$39,848 | \$41,718 | \$256,763 | \$292,023 |
| Net | -\$12,665 | \$486 | \$99,364 | \$3,406 |

CONTACT INFO//GET INVOLVED

Pastor: Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos//gavin@gracefortcollins.org

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GRACE CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life

VISION

Grace Church is an authentic community knowing and making known the love, hope, joy and freedom of Jesus. Through a gospel saturated message, Grace Church will embrace the city and the world with authentic relationships, loving leadership, engaging worship and a robust world and life view!

MISSION

Loving God ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we are called to love God through engaging worship and vibrant discipleship. God's glory, not our preferences, will guide decisions we make. His beauty, majesty and holiness will overwhelm and govern our lives. We desire to spread His fame in Fort Collins and beyond!

Loving People ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we are called to love others. As a community, we are to live out the gospel through truth, love, hospitality, and kindness. We are not solely about the individual, but the body. We move into, not out of, the city and the world. Through the gospel, God blesses and makes us a blessing. Christ meets our needs that we may serve God and others!

Loving Life ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we will passionately live out the gospel life where we live, work, and play. We are called to enter work by taking the "formless" and "raw" places of the world and cultivating them. We will celebrate what God has done in creation literally eating and drinking to the glory of God! There will be a sense of longing in our midst as we wait for the new heavens and the new earth.

GRACE GROUPS

For more info contact Glenn Nelson (glennmail97@gmail.com) for mixed groups or Gary Scott (gary.w.scott@gmail.com) for men's and women's groups

Women's Studies

Women's Morning Study @ the Calton Home// Wednesdays 10-11:30AM//Childcare Provided//Leader: Kelly Calton//Contact Kelly (kpcalton@gmail.com or 864-706-4112)

Women's Evening Study @ The Worthington // Tuesdays 6:45PM//Leader: Brenda Carlile//Contact Brenda (brendacarlile9@gmail.com)

Women's Evening "Mugs and Muffins" @ the Nelson Home//Thursdays 6:30PM//Leader: Terry Nelson //Contact Terry (Text: 970-217-4643)

Men's Studies

Men's Evening Study @ The Stauffer Home // Tuesdays 6:30PM//Leader: Darris Stauffer // Contact Darris (darris_stauffer@hotmail.com)

Men's Breakfast @ Grace Church// Thursdays 6:30AM//Leader: Gary Scott// Contact Gary (gary.w.scott@gmail.com)

Mixed Studies

Mid-town Group @the Calton Home//Sundays 5PM //Leader: Wes Calton// Contact Kelly (kpcalton@gmail.com)

Old Town Group @ the Lymberopoulos Home//Sundays 4PM //Leader: Gavin Lymberopoulos//Contact Gavin (gavin@gracefortcollins.org)

North FoCo Group//Sundays 4:30PM //Leaders: Gary Scott and Blake Lewis//Contact Gary (gary.w.scott@gmail.com)

Loveland Group @ the Muraguri Home // Mondays 6PM// Leaders: Stephen and Wairimu Muraguri //Contact Stephen (muraguri.s@gmail.com)

Windsor Group // Tuesdays// Leaders: Ross & Emily Johnson, Josh & Rebekah Ooms//Contact Emily (emcjohnson13@gmail.com)

Mid-town Group @the Hoppin Home//Thursdays 6:30PM // Leaders: Jon & Heather Hoppin//Contact Jon (jonathanhoppin@gmail.com)

South FoCo Group @ the Mikkelsen Home//Thursdays 6:30PM //Leaders: Doug and Stephanie Mikkelsen//Contact Stephanie (stephaniemikk@gmail.com)



GRACE CHURCH
presbyterian

Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life

February 23, 2025

WELCOME AND REFLECTION

It might have been possible, we could say, before Christ rose from the dead, for someone to wonder whether creation was a lost cause. If the creature consistently acted to uncreate itself, and with itself to uncreate the rest of creation, did this not mean that God's handiwork was flawed beyond hope of repair? It might have been possible before Christ rose from the dead to answer in good faith, Yes.

- Oliver O'Donovan

PRAISE THE LORD

† Call to Worship

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

† Hymn of Worship

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

*Chorus: O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, allelu-ia!*

2. All ye who are of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care (*Chorus*)
3. Let all things their Creator bless, And worship him in humbleness
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one (*Chorus*)

† Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RENEWAL

Scripture Reading Genesis 2:15-17
15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Jeremiah 14:7
Though our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against you.

Silent Confession
We would like to offer a full minute for you to enter into this sacred space with God. As he meets you here, may you be renewed in his presence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Scripture Reading Ezekial 37:12-14
Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land.

† Hymn of Response “How Firm a Foundation”

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
4. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!

† Confession of Faith Heidelberg Catechism, Lord’s Day 17
Q. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us? A. **First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death** **Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.** **Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.**

†Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFER YOURSELF TO THE LORD

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings Acts 1:8
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
~Children 3 years – 2nd grade are invited to stay in the service or line up for Children's Church.~

Musical Reflection

Prayer

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Acts 9:31-10:33
31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.36 Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 37 In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” 39 So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner. At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, 2 a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. 3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.” 4 And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.” 7 When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, 8 and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.9 The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. 10 And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance 11 and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. 13 And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” 14 But Peter said, “By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.” 15 And the voice came to him again a second time, “What God has made clean, do not call common.” 16 This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. 17 Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon’s house, stood at the gate 18 and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. 19 And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you. 20 Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” 21 And Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?”22 And they said, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” 23 So he invited them in

to be his guests.The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. 24 And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.” 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. 28 And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.” 30 And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing 31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ 33 So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

The grass withers, the flowers fade,
but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“What God has made clean, do not call common.”
Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos

THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Worship “Come Holy Ghost”

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest;
Come with thy grace and heavenly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made,
To fill our hearts which thou has made.
2. O Comforter, to thee we cry, thou heavenly gift of God most high;
Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.
Chorus: Be not afraid; where you go, there I am with you.
3. O Holy Ghost, through thee alone know we the Father and the Son;
Be this our firm unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed,
That thou dost from them both proceed. *(Chorus)*

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending “To Christ the Lord”

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue its noblest tribute bring
When He’s the subject of the song who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face and on His glories dwell
Think of the wonder of His grace and all His triumphs tell
2. He saw me plunged in deep distress; He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed
3. To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode; He brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete
4. Since from His bounty I receive such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord, they would all be Thine
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring
Yet Your love is a melody our hearts can’t help but sing!

† Benediction † *Congregation Standing* **Bold**– *Congregational Response*