

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. Beginning in April we will study the top of “Union with Christ”

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

- Prayer Lunch

March 16, after 2<sup>nd</sup> service
- ESL Begins

March 20
- Young Adult Ski Weekend

March 30
- Women’s Meet & Greet Before the Retreat

April 4, 6:30pm
- Palm Sunday – GraceKids Sing

April 13
- Maundy Thursday

April 17, 6:15pm
- Easter Sunrise Service

April 20, 6:15am
- Easter Services

April 20, 9 & 10:40am
- Easter Potluck at Library Park

April 20, after 2<sup>nd</sup> service
- **Prayer Lunch TODAY**—Join us for a time of prayer and lunch following the second service
  - **ESL Ministry Volunteers Needed** – Our ESL ministry begins March 20. If you are interested in volunteering in this new ministry, please contact Jesse (newmanej@outlook.com).
  - **Easter Choir** – We will have an Easter choir again this year. If you are interested in joining please contact Dan (dan@gracefortcollins.org)
  - **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.
  - **Save the Date: VBS** – July 28-August 11
  - **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  
**Elders:** Jon Hoppin, Bruce Jenkins, Glenn Nelson, Josh Ooms, Gary Scott, Kevin Simmons  
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**Grace Text-to-Give (Kindrid):** Text “Give” to (970)800-2376

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

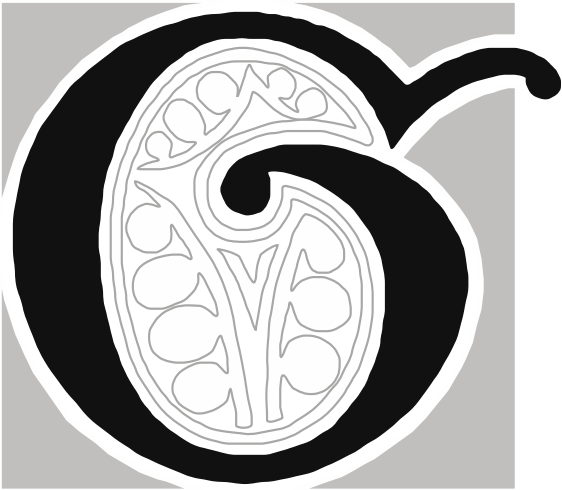
**Women’s Morning Study @ the Calton Home**// Wednesdays 10-11:30AM//Childcare Provided//Leader: Kelly Calton//Contact Kelly (kpcalton@gmail.com or 864-706-4112)  
**Women’s Evening Study @ The Worthington** // Tuesdays 6:45PM//Leader: Brenda Carlile//Contact Brenda (brendacarlile9@gmail.com)  
**Women’s 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  
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Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life

March 16, 2025

WELCOME AND REFLECTION

Joy is a quiet gladness of heart as one contemplates the goodness of God’s saving grace in Christ Jesus.  
-John Calvin

PRAISE THE LORD

- † Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-2
- Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
- † Hymn of Worship

“O Worship the King”
1.

O worship the king all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and defender, the ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
4.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

† 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.

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|   | RENEWAL             |  |
| Scripture Reading   | Deuteronomy 5:16-21 |  |
| 16 “Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 17 “You shall not murder. 18 “And you shall not commit adultery. 19 “And you shall not steal. 20 “And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 21 “And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, |                     |  |
| This is the word of the Lord.<br><b>Thanks be to God.</b>   |                     |  |

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| Prayer of Repentance   | Book of Common Prayer |
| <b>Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us!</b> |                       |

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| Silent Confession   |
| <i>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.</i> |

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|  | ASSURANCE OF PARDON                 |  |
| † Scripture Reading  | 1 John 1:8-9                        |  |
| 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. |                                     |  |
| † Hymn of Response   | “Praise the Father, Praise the Son” |  |
| 1. O sovereign God, O matchless King, The saints adore, the angels sing<br>And fall before the throne of grace, To you belongs the highest praise.   |                                     |  |
| 2. These sufferings, this passing tide, Under your wings I will abide,<br>And every enemy shall flee; You are my hope and victory.   |                                     |  |
| <i>Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one, Clothed in power and in grace, The name above all other names.</i>  |                                     |  |
| 3. To the valley, for my soul; Your great descent has made me whole.<br>Your word my heart has welcomed home;<br>Now peace like water ever flows. ( <i>Chorus</i> )                                |                                     |  |
| <i>Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power, Yours is the glory forever. (Chorus)</i>  |                                     |  |

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| † Responsive Psalm   | Psalms 21 |
| O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices,<br>and in your salvation how greatly he exults!<br><b>You have given him his heart's desire<br/>and have not withheld the request of his lips.</b><br>For you meet him with rich blessings;<br>you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.<br><b>He asked life of you; you gave it to him,<br/>length of days forever and ever.</b><br>His glory is great through your salvation;<br>splendor and majesty you bestow on him.<br><b>For you make him most blessed forever;<br/>you make him glad with the joy of your presence.</b> |           |

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| For the king trusts in the Lord,<br>and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.<br><b>Your hand will find out all your enemies;<br/>your right hand will find out those who hate you.</b><br>You will make them as a blazing oven<br>when you appear.<br>The Lord will swallow them up in his wrath,<br>and fire will consume them.<br><b>You will destroy their descendants from the earth,<br/>and their offspring from among the children of man.</b><br>Though they plan evil against you,<br>though they devise mischief, they will not succeed.<br><b>For you will put them to flight;<br/>you will aim at their faces with your bows.</b><br><b>Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength!<br/>We will sing and praise your power.</b> |  |
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| † Gloria Patri | Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,<br>and to the Holy Ghost.<br>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,<br>world without end, Amen. |
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|  | OFFER YOURSELF TO THE LORD |  |
| Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings   | Obadiah 3, 4, 21           |  |
| The pride of your heart has deceived you,<br>you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling,<br>who say in your heart, “Who will bring me down to the ground?”<br>Though you soar aloft like the eagle,<br>though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down,<br>declares the Lord. the kingdom shall be the Lord's. |                            |  |
| ~Children 3 years – 2nd grade are invited to stay in the service or line up for Children's Church.~  |                            |  |

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| Musical Reflection |
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|   | PREACHING OF THE WORD |  |
| Scripture Reading   | Acts 11:19-30         |  |
| 19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians. 27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). 29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to |                       |  |

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| the brothers living in Judea. 30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.<br>The grass withers, the flowers fade,<br><b>but the word of our God will stand forever.</b> Isaiah 40:8 |
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| Intercessory Prayer |   |
| Sermon              | “Grace Brings Gladness”<br>Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos |

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|  | THE BREAD AND WINE                        |  |
| Prayer of Preparation  |   |  |
| Institution of the Lord’s Supper   |   |  |
| † Hymn of Worship  | “Lord with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee” |  |
| 1. Lord, with glowing heart I’d praise Thee, For the bliss Thy love bestows,<br>For the pard’ning grace that saves me, And the peace that from it flows;<br>Help, O God, my weak endeavor; This dull soul to rapture raise;<br>Thou must light the flame or never can my love be warmed to praise.                       |   |  |
| 2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, Wretched wand’rer far astray;<br>Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away;<br>Praise, with love’s devoutest feeling, Him Who saw thy guilt-born fear,<br>And the light of hope revealing, Bade the bloodstained cross appear.                 |   |  |
| 3. Praise thy Savior God that drew thee To that cross new life to give;<br>Held a blood sealed pardon to thee, Bade thee look to Him and live.<br>Praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee, Roused thee from thy fatal ease;<br>Praise the grace whose promise warmed thee,<br>Praise the grace that whispered peace. |   |  |
| 4. Lord, this bosom’s ardent feeling, Vainly would my lips express.<br>Low before Thy footstool kneeling, Deign Thy suppliant’s prayer to bless;<br>Let Thy love, my soul’s chief treasure, Love’s pure flame within me raise;<br>And, since words can never measure, Let my life show forth Thy praise.                 |   |  |

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| † Hymn of Blessing and Sending  | “We Will Feast in the House of Zion” |
| <i>Chorus:</i> We will feast in the house of Zion,<br>We will sing with our hearts restored.<br>He has done great things, we will say together<br>We will feast and weep no more. |                                      |
| 1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God<br>We are not consumed by the flood,<br>Upheld, protected, gathered up! ( <i>Chorus</i> )                            |                                      |
| 2. In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid.<br>For the promised morning: O how long?<br>O God of Jacob be my strength! ( <i>Chorus</i> )                     |                                      |
| 3. Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed; You are the faithful one.<br>And from the garden to the grave<br>Bind us together bring shalom! ( <i>Chorus</i> )                         |                                      |

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| † Benediction  |
| † <i>Congregation Standing</i><br><b>Bold– Congregational Response</b> |