

# SUNDAY MORNINGS @ GRACE

## Adult Ministry

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

Maunder 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 church
Women's Retreat	May 2-4
Volunteer Thank You Lunch	May 25

- **Grace Women's Retreat – Registration is open!** - May 2-4, at the YMCA in Estes Park, scan the QR code on the retreat flyer or visit our website. Questions? Contact: [gracewomen@gracefortcollins.org](mailto:gracewomen@gracefortcollins.org)
- **Easter Potluck and Egg Hunt** – Join us after the Easter services for a potluck at Library Park. We'll provide ham and drinks, but please bring a side to share. If your child will participate in the egg hunt please bring a dozen filled eggs and drop them off in the box in the entry way before Easter Sunday!
- **Save the Date: VBS** – July 28-August 1
- **ChurchSuite** – Email [admin@gracefortcollins.org](mailto:admin@gracefortcollins.org) to be added to the online directory!

## Financial Performance

	February		July-Feb	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$41,950	\$42,204	\$398,077	\$337,633
Expenses	\$43,791	\$41,718	\$301,975	\$333,741
Net	-\$1,840	\$486	\$96,102	\$3,892

## CONTACT INFO // GET INVOLVED

**Pastor:** Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos//[gavin@gracefortcollins.org](mailto: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](mailto:glennmail97@gmail.com)) for mixed groups or Gary Scott ([gary.w.scott@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kpcalton@gmail.com) or 864-706-4112)

**Women's Evening Study @ The Worthington** // Tuesdays 6:45PM//Leader: Susan Stauffer//Contact Susan ([susansstauffer@gmail.com](mailto:susansstauffer@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](mailto:darris_stauffer@hotmail.com))

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

### Mixed Studies

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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**April 13, 2025**

## WELCOME AND REFLECTION

*The true health of bodies - what in the end we wait for from the Lord - will come at the resurrection of the dead. Only then what will live will die no more. Only then what will be healed will not become ill. Only then what will be filled will not hunger or thirst. Only then what will be renewed will not grow old.*  
- Augustine

## PRAISE THE LORD

† Call to Worship

Revelation 19:6-7

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

† Hymn of Worship

"We Wait for the LORD"

I wait for the LORD; my soul, failing, waits.

Even in his word I put my hope.

I will wait for you, LORD. I will wait for you, LORD,

more than watchmen wait for the dawn.

We wait for the LORD; our souls, failing, wait.

Even in his word we put our hope.

We will wait for you, LORD. We will wait for you, LORD,

More than watchmen wait for the dawn.

*Bridge: O come, let us put our trust in the LORD!*

*With unfailing love, our heart he restores! (repeat)*

Stay awake, my soul, tonight; through the hours we will defy our fright,

No, the darkness cannot hide the light, so we trust in you

To fulfill your promise to be with us!

We wait for the LORD; our souls, failing, wait.

Even in his word we put our hope.

We will wait for you, LORD. We will wait for you, LORD. *(repeat)*

† 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 Romans 6:20-22

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

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.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Scripture Reading Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

† Hymn of Response “Jesus, Bread of Life”

1. Jesus, Bread of Life, Manna from Heaven,  
Broken for the world, offered up for every one.  
The feast of angels becomes food for the weary.  
And hungry hearts are filled when you open up Your hand,  
When you open up Your hand.

*Chorus: O Lord, come fill us with your love, This table laid for us.  
There is more than enough, O Jesus bread of life.*

2. Sister, take what you need, anything I own.  
There is no famine here; Jesus’ love will multiply.  
Brother, what’s mine is yours; you are not alone.  
There is no shortage here; Jesus’ love will satisfy,  
Jesus’ love will satisfy! (*Chorus*)

† Hymn of Worship “We Abide in You”

1. We are the vineyard you have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches,  
We abide, we abide in you.  
We abide we abide in you.

*Chorus: Where can my soul find living water?  
Apart from you we bear no fruit!  
O plant my feet down by the river.  
We abide, we abide in you.*

2. Fruit growing from our strength and labor  
Rain on us with grace and favor,  
We abide, we abide in you.  
We abide, we abide in you. (*Chorus*)

† Responsive Psalm Psalm 22:11-18

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,  
and there is none to help.

**Many bulls encompass me;  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
they open wide their mouths at me,  
like a ravening and roaring lion.**

I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint;  
my heart is like wax;  
it is melted within my breast;  
my strength is dried up like a potsherd,  
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;  
you lay me in the dust of death.

**For dogs encompass me;  
a company of evildoers encircles me;  
they have pierced my hands and feet—  
I can count all my bones—  
they stare and gloat over me;  
they divide my garments among them,  
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

†Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end, Amen.

## OFFER YOURSELF TO THE LORD

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings Obadiah 13

Do not enter the gate of my people  
in the day of their calamity;  
do not gloat over his disaster  
in the day of his calamity;  
do not loot his wealth  
in the day of his calamity.

*~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 13:13-25

13 Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem,14 but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” 16 So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

“Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. 18 And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. 19 And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. 20 All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ 23 Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. 24 Before his coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.’

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

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“A Word of Encouragement”  
Rev. Mike Wenzler

## THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending “Our Great God”

1. Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown  
Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown  
Bright seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne  
They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone  
*Chorus: Hallelujah!  
Glory be to our great God!  
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Glory be to our great God!*
2. Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm  
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms  
Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm  
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God (*Chorus*)
3. Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird  
Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth  
Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe  
Sing praises to the living God who rules them by His Word (*Chorus*)

† Benediction

† *Congregation Standing*  
**Bold= Congregational Response**