

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 Galatians.

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

- 3rd-5th Grade Night

November 23, 5pm
- Hanging of the Greens

November 23, after church
- Town Hall Meeting

November 30, after 2nd service
- Brewminate Men’s Book Study

December 3, 7:30pm
- Women’s Carols & White Elephant

December 5, 7-9pm
- Christmas Party @ Wolverine Farm

December 12, 6-8:30pm
- GraceKids’ Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

December 20, 9am
- GraceKids’ Christmas Pageant

December 21, 12pm
- Grace Youth Group (GYG) – Meets at the Grace House (1933 Mackinac St.) every Sunday, 6-8pm.
 - Hanging of the Greens– Join us Sunday November 23 after the second service to help decorate the church for Christmas. Lunch provided!
 - Brewminate Men’s Book Study – Join Grace men at Maxline Brewing, Wednesday Dec. 3 at 7:30pm. We will be discussing chapters 1-6 of *That Hideous Strength* by C.S. Lewis.
 - Women’s Carols and White Elephant – Join Grace women Friday, December 5, 7-9pm at Ashely Everett’s home (615 E Plum St.) for a time of carol singing and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift (\$20 max). If you’d like to help by bringing treats, contact Aryn (aryncfaile@gmail.com).
 - Grace Church Christmas Party – December 12, 6-8:30PM at Wolverine Farm (316 Willow St.) Join us for this fun evening of fellowship and food. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share (A-G: Dessert, H-Z: Appetizers). Drinks provided. Invite a friend! Childcare will be provided at the church from 6-8pm for ages 0- 2nd grade.
 - Christmas Party Help! – We could use some help with setup for the kids’ Christmas party at the church and the churchwide party at Wolverine on December 12. If you’d like to help set up and/or clean up for these parties, please contact Stephanie (admin@gracefortcollins.org).
 - ChurchSuite – Email admin@gracefortcollins.org to be added to the online directory!

Financial Performance

	September 2025		July 2025 - Sept. 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$191,352	\$50,000	\$268,105	\$150,000
Expenses	\$39,714	\$49,969	\$118,387	\$149,906
Net	\$151,638	\$31	\$149,717	\$94

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

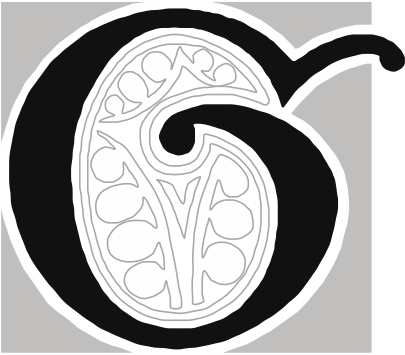
Mid-town Group @the Calton Home//Sundays 5PM //Leader: Wes Calton// Contact Kelly (kpcalton@gmail.com)
Old Town Group @ the Lymberopoulos Home//Sundays 4PM //Leader: Gavin Lymberopoulos//Contact Gavin (gavin@gracefortcollins.org)
Windsor Group // Tuesdays 6:00PM// Leaders: Josh & Rebekah Ooms//Contact Josh (joshooms1@gmail.com)
Northeast FoCo Group @ the Weitz Home // Wednesdays 6:30PM// Leader: Caleb Weitz // Contact Caleb (caleb.weitz@gmail.com)
Mid-town Group // Thursdays 6:30PM // Leaders: Jon & Heather Hoppin//Contact Jon (jonathanhoppin@gmail.com)
Southeast FoCo Group @ the Mikkelsen Home//Thursdays 6:30PM // Leaders: Doug & Stephanie Mikkelsen //Contact Stephanie (stephaniemikk@gmail.com)

Women’s Studies
Women’s Morning Study @ the Calton Home// beginning Sept. 4//Wednesdays 10-11:30AM//Childcare Provided//Leader: Lauren Leong//Contact Kelly (kpcalton@gmail.com or 864-706-4112)
Women’s Evening “Mugs and Muffins” @ the Nelson Home//beginning Sept. 4//Thursdays 6:30PM//Leader: Terry Nelson //Contact Terry (Text: 970-217-4643)

Men’s Studies
Men’s Evening Study @ The Stauffer Home // beginning Sept. 10// Wednesdays 6:30PM//Leader: Darris Stauffer // Contact Darris (darris_stauffer@hotmail.com)
Men’s Breakfast @ Grace Church// beginning Aug. 21//Thursdays 6:15AM//Leader: Devin Traff// Contact Devin (dctraff@gmail.com)

CONTACT INFO // GET INVOLVED

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GRACE CHURCH
presbyterian

November 23, 2025

WELCOME AND REFLECTION

It is very appropriate for Christ to appear in glory as a Lamb, because it is as the Lamb that he has most fully displayed his love to his Church, to which he is espoused, and to which he is to be married at that last great day. Beloved, the marriage supper is a feast of love.
-Charles Spurgeon

PRAISE THE LORD

- † Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28
- Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- † Hymn of Worship

“Before the Throne of God Above”
1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart
2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me
3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God

† 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 Deuteronomy 5:6-7
“‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. “‘You shall have no other gods before me.’”
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

Our Gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we confess that we worship other gods, even though they are cruel and fake. Forgive us for this idolatry. Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Scripture Reading Romans 6:23
The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

† Hymn of Response “Restore Us Again”
1. We long for Egypt in the wilderness, a kingdom made of dust.
Built an idol out of happiness, a paradise of rust.
We lost all the meaning, drowned out the feeling, Our hearts barely beating

Chorus: Restore us again, God of our salvation
Revive us again, in your unfailing love
2. We have trusted in the meaningless, chased a life of ease.
Now we wander in the shadowlands, where comfort is our king.
We lost all the meaning, drowned out the feeling,
Our hearts barely beating (Chorus)

Holy Spirit, bring us life once again.
Holy Spirit, lead our hearts back to you. *(Chorus)*

† Hymn of Worship “Jesus Lover of My Soul”
1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my savior, hide, ‘til the storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

† Responsive Psalm Psalm 33:1-4
Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

†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 2 Corinthians 9:7
Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

GraceKids’ Big Truth: Jesus is the long-awaited snake crusher promised to us in the Old Testament

~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 selections from Nehemiah 12 &13
Neh.12 These are the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua... ²⁴ And the chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers who stood opposite them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, watch by watch. ²⁷ And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres. ²⁸ And the sons of the singers gathered together from the district surrounding Jerusalem and from the villages of the Netophathites;²⁹ also from Beth-gilgal and from the region of Geba and Azmaveth, for the singers had built for themselves villages around Jerusalem. ³⁰ And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, and they purified the people and the gates and the wall.³¹ Then I brought the leaders of Judah up onto the wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks. ³⁵ and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: and with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe went before them. ³⁷ At the Fountain Gate they went up straight before them by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, to the Water Gate on the east. ³⁸ The other choir of those who gave thanks went to the north...⁴⁰ So both choirs of those who gave thanks stood in the house of God, and I and half of the officials with me; ⁴² ...And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader. ⁴³ And they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away. ⁴⁴ On that day men were appointed over the storerooms, the contributions, the first fruits, and the tithes, to gather into them the portions required by the Law for the priests and for the Levites according to the fields of the towns, for Judah rejoiced over the priests and the Levites who ministered. ⁴⁵ And they performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did the singers and the gatekeepers, according to the command of David and his son Solomon. ⁴⁶ For long ago in the days of David and Asaph there were directors of the singers, and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. ⁴⁷ And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers; and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

Neh. 13 On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, ² for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. ³ As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign descent. ⁴ Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and who was related to Tobiah, ⁵ prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests.⁶ While this was taking place, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king. And after some time I asked leave of the king ⁷ and came to Jerusalem, and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing for him a chamber in the

courts of the house of God. ⁸ And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber.⁹ Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense. ¹⁰ I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field.¹¹ So I confronted the officials and said, “Why is the house of God forsaken?” And I gathered them together and set them in their stations. ¹⁵ In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them on the day when they sold food. ¹⁶ Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of goods and sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah, in Jerusalem itself! ¹⁷ Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, “What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? ¹⁸ Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath.”²² Then I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love. ²³ In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. ²⁴ And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. ²⁵ And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, “You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. ²⁶ Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? ²⁸ And one of the sons of Jehoiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was the son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore I chased him from me”²⁹ Remember them, O my God, because they have desecrated the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites. ³⁰ Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the priests and Levites, each in his work; ³¹ and I provided for the wood offering at appointed times, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

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

Intercessory Prayer
Sermon

“God Turns Curses into Blessings”
Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos

THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation
Institution of the Lord’s Supper

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

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