

# SUNDAY MORNINGS @ GRACE

## Adult Ministry

**Adult Sunday School:** Meets in the lower level at 9:20am, childcare is provided. Beginning January 4, we will be studying the book of Daniel

## 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	December 14, after church
GraceKids' Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal	December 20, 8:30am
Grace Gift Gathering	December 20, 11am-1pm
GraceKids' Christmas Pageant	December 21, 12pm
Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service	December 24, 4:30 or 6:30pm
One Service Only at 10:40	December 28, January 4
Young Adult Night at the Lymberopoulos'	January 10, 5:30pm
Neurodivergence in the Church, a Discussion	January 30, 5:30-7pm

- **Please Note** – We will be offering just one service at 10:40am on December 28 and January 4.
- **Giving Tree** – Take an ornament from the tree in the back and purchase a gift for a child in our community, bring both back and put them under the tree. Serve 6.8 will take these gifts and return them to the appropriate church so families can come collect them around Christmas time!
- **Prayer Lunch** – Join us following the service for a time of prayer and a light lunch in the lower level.
- **Grace Gift Gathering** – December 20, 11am-1pm in the lower level. Contact Jesse(newmanej@outlook.com), Kelly (kpcalton@gmail.com), or Kaila (kaila.traff@gmail.com) if you'd like to serve here at Grace by helping to distribute Christmas gifts to families in our community. There is a role for everyone!
- **Grace Youth Group (GYG)** – Meets at the Grace House (1933 Mackinac St.) every Sunday, 6-8pm.
- **ChurchSuite** – Email admin@gracefortcollins.org to be added to the online directory!

### Financial Performance

	October		Jul 2025- Oct 2025	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Tithes & Normal Income	\$54,226	\$50,000	\$172,330	\$200,000
Large Donations			\$150,000	
Expenses	\$40,507	\$49,969	\$158,895	\$199,875
Net	\$13,719	\$31	\$163,435	\$125

# 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 (dctrav@gmail.com)

## CONTACT INFO // GET INVOLVED

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GRACE CHURCH  
presbyterian

December 14, 2025

## WELCOME AND REFLECTION

*He was begotten — yet he was already begotten — of a woman. And yet she was a virgin. That it was from a woman makes it human, that she was a virgin makes it divine. On earth he has no father, but in heaven no mother. All this is part of his Godhead. He was carried in the womb, but acknowledged by a prophet as yet unborn himself, who leaped for joy at the presence of the Word, for whose sake he had been created. He was wrapped in swaddling bands, but at the Resurrection he unloosed the swaddling bands of the grave. He was laid in a manger, but was extolled by angels, disclosed by a star and adored by Magi. Why do you take offense at what you see, instead of attending to its spiritual significance? He was exiled into Egypt, but he banished the Egyptian idols. He had “no form of beauty” for the Jews, but for David he was “fairer than the children of men” and on the mount he shines forth, becoming more luminous than the Sun, to reveal the future mystery.*  
 -Gregory of Nazianzus

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Joy of the Lord 9AM – Traff Family, 10:40AM – Lexi Moles & Ben Strate

## PRAISE THE LORD

+ Call to Worship Isaiah 55:2-3

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
 Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
 and delight yourselves in rich food.  
 Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live

+ Hymn of Worship “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
 With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
 Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
 Pleas'd as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
 Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
 Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

† 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

Proverbs 3:11-19

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,  
and the one who gets understanding,  
for the gain from her is better than gain from silver  
and her profit better than gold.  
She is more precious than jewels,  
and nothing you desire can compare with her.  
Long life is in her right hand;  
in her left hand are riches and honor.  
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
and all her paths are peace.  
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;  
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

Book of Common Prayer

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

Silent Confession

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

† Hymn of Response

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
4. At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!

† Hymn of Worship

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
2. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
3. See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

† Confession of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†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

Genesis 2:4-9

These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created,  
in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

GraceKids’ Big Truth: Jesus is the king of all nations.

~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

Revelation 2:1-7

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands. 2 “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

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

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“The End Preceded the Rescue”  
Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos

## THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending

“Come Light Our Hearts”

*Chorus: For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.  
For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait.  
Truly, our hope is in you.  
Truly our hope is in you.  
Truly our hope is in you.*

1. O Lord of life, our only hope,  
Your radiance shines on all who look to you in the dark.  
Emmanuel, come, come light our hearts. *(Chorus)*
2. O Joy above all other loves, in you we find more than enough.  
We come as we are, O heal and restore, come light our hearts.

† Benediction

† *Congregation Standing*

**Bold– Congregational Response**