

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

- GraceKids’ Christmas Pageant

Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

One Service Only at 10:40

Communicants’ Class

Prayer Lunch

Young Adult Night at the Lymberopoulos’

Missions Lunch

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Night

Neurodivergence in the Church, a Discussion
- December 21, 12pm

December 24, 4:30 or 6:30pm

December 28, January 4

January 11,18,25

January 11, after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

January 10, 5:30pm

January 25, after 2<sup>nd</sup> service

January 25, 5pm

January 30, 5:30-7pm
- **Please Note** – We will be offering just one service at 10:40am on December 28 and January 4.
  - **Gracekids’ Christmas Pageant** – TODAY! Stick around after the second service to enjoy our Gracekids’ performance!
  - **Christmas Eve** – Join us for our traditional Lessons and Carols Candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 4:30 or 6:30PM.
  - **ChurchSuite** – Email admin@gracefortcollins.org to be added to the online directory!

Financial Performance

	-		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 (dctraff@gmail.com)

CONTACT INFO // GET INVOLVED

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GRACE CHURCH  
presbyterian

December 21, 2025

WELCOME AND REFLECTION

*He made our poverty his own, and we see in Christ the strange and rare paradox of Lordship in servant’s form and divine glory in human abasement. That which was under the yoke in terms of the limitations of manhood was crowned with royal dignities, and that which was humble was raised to the most supreme excellence. The Only Begotten did not become man only to remain in the limits of emptying. The point was that he who was God by nature should, in the act of self-emptying, assume everything that went along with it. This was how he would be revealed as ennobling the nature of man in himself by making it participate in his own sacred and divine honors.*

- Cyril of Alexandria, *On the Unity of Christ*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Peace that Christ Brings 9AM – Lather Family  
10:40AM – Bristol Family

PRAISE THE LORD

† Call to Worship Isaiah 48:12-14  
“Listen to me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am he; I am the first, and I am the last. My hand laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand forth together. “Assemble, all of you, and listen!”

† Hymn of Worship “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears  
*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*  
2. O Come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight  
*(Refrain)*  
3. O Come, Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go *(Refrain)*  
4. O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all man-kind.  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, and be Thyself our King of peace! *(Refrain)*

† 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 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of [your enemies], for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

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

Prayer of Confession Thomas Aquinas

To You, O God, Fountain of Mercy, [we] come, sinners. May You wash away [our] impurity. O Sun of Justice, give sight to the blind. O Eternal Healer, cure the wounded. O King of Kings, restore the despoiled. O Mediator of God and man, reconcile the sinful. O Good Shepherd, lead back the straying. O God, have pity on the wretched, show leniency to the guilty, bestow life on the dead, reform the impious, and give the balm of grace to the hard of heart.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Scripture Reading Revelation 1:5-6

Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth... loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

† Hymn of Response “What Child Is This?”

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe the Son of Mary.

† Hymn of Worship “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art:  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart!

2. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

† Responsive Psalm Psalm 33:18-22

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.  
Our soul waits for the Lord;  
he is our help and our shield.  
For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.  
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

†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 8:8-9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

~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 2:8-17

8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. 9 “‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’ 12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. 13 “‘I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. 15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

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

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“Two Churches, Two Problems”  
Rev. Mike Wenzler

THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending “Joy to the World”

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found!

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love!

† Benediction  
† Congregation Standing  
Bold– Congregational Response