

Lord's Day Worship Grace Christian Church



**First Sunday
After Christmas
December 29, 2024**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

During the prelude, please observe reverent silence.

Call to Worship & Prayer

*Opening Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verses: 1, 2, 5, 6 Red Book: 90

Prayer for Forgiveness & Assurance of Pardon

Response to God's Mercy & Grace

Glory Be to the Father

Red Book: 615

Prayer for God's Wisdom

Old Testament Reading

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7

*Anthem

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Red Book: 140 Verses: 1, 2, 5

New Testament Reading

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When

King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:1-2

Sermon

Daniel Coffey, Pastoral Intern

Statement of Faith

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 unto the dead. The third day He arose from the dead, He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

*As the plate is passed, please touch it to add your own blessing
even if you have nothing to give.*

Prayers of the People

*Communion Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angel Sing!

Verses: 1-3 Red Book: 93

Communion 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; 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.

We Partake

*All who seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ
are invited to receive the Sacrament.*

*Invitational Hymn

Joy to the World

Verses: 1-4 Red book: 92

Pastoral Blessing

Postlude

Let us now go forth to love and serve the LORD!

News & Announcements

January 05, 2025—The Board of Elders meeting after worship at 2:00 p.m.

January 06, 2025—Last day to get your pledges back to the church! Please turn these in, as they help the church forecast the funding for 2025.

January 26, 2025—Constitutionally mandated Congregational Meeting of the Voting members. Please make sure you are here so that we may conduct the church's business.

Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m., the GCC prayer circle meets to pray for the concerns of our world and church. It is now meeting at Esther Miller's house.

Worship Information

The asterisk (*) indicates when you should stand in the service. If you have difficulty standing, you may stay seated.

The **Bold** lettering indicates what is to be read as a group.

The Sanctuary is a place set aside for the worship of Almighty God. Therefore, the church asks that you not vape nor bring food or drink into it. Water is permitted if the container has a lid.

Leading Worship Today

Daniel Coffey, Ruling Elder—Ministering

Esther Miller, Ruling Elder—Liturgist

Want to Donate?

Want to donate but only have a card? Scan the QR code to the right and you can give through our secure PayPal portal; you can even set up reoccurring payments. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit recognized by the IRS, your contribution is tax deductible.



Nonmembers

Danny Bramlet
Tracy Cannon
Joyce Eggers
Sherron Courneen
Rena & Jack Goodman
Tim Lennox
Irina Manukian
Nell Miller
Nick Naoum
Cody Norris
Grant Pricket
Lee Rhinesmith
Terry Rhinesmith
Robbie Smith
Kristina Ward
Betty Wilson

Prayer List

Church Family

Asya Feltz
Carolyn Douglas
Crystal Holsclaw
Jimmy Holsclaw
Kim Rhinesmith
Koda Gilmore
Lily Zelensky
Marty Feltz
Judith Sasser

Other Concerns

Our World
All who suffer
Grace CC
The ICCC
The NACCC

Church Finance

Below you will find the operational costs for Grace Christian Church. This will be updated weekly with the offering subtracting from the required monthly minimum to operate. The red indicates expense with the green being money brought in by offering or other giving.

December 2024

Monthly Expenses:	6.99	Call Multiplier
	127.67	Phone & Internet
	351.38	Insurance
	310.00	Electric
	16.12	Office Supplies
	50.00	Minister Travel
	399.98	Unexpected Expenses
	-1262.14	
Weekly Offerings:	235.00	Offering 12/01
	125.00	Offering 12/08
	210.17	Offering 12/15
	210.00	Offering 12/22
	0.00	Offering 12/29
Total after Offerings:	-481.97	
Other Giving:	499.98	
Grand Total:	18.01	

November 2024 Final Budget: We met our budget with a surplus of \$372.17!



International Council of Community Churches

Visitor Information

Grace Christian Church began July of 2023 as a vibrant, inclusive, loving, and biblically sound congregation. Our mission is to reclaim Christianity as a faith of extravagant grace, radical inclusion, and relentless compassion by being people liberated by Christ – proclaiming God’s love by removing barriers to faith and empowering all to grow in truth toward wholeness. If you are visiting Grace Christian for the first time, we are glad to have you here, we are blessed by your presence and hope you will return often. We are associated with the International Council of Community Churches and the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. If you would like to know more about becoming involved in the life of this church, please speak to Pastor Feltz after worship.



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Board of Elders

Esther Miller—Ruling Elder, Chair of the Board & Congregation
Martin Feltz—Teaching Elder, Ordained Minister
Daniel Coffey—Ruling Elder, Seated Clerk of the Board

Guest Internet Information

Network Name: GCC Guest
Network Password: gccguest

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