

epiphany

Order of Worship
January 9, 2022
[Livestream 10:15 am](#)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St
Worship 10:15 AM
Live stream found on
Grace Church Seattle's
[YouTube](#)

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

6 mo to 3 yrs: Room 117

4 yrs to 2nd Grade:

dismissed to back of Sanctuary
during Passing of the Peace
for Sermon Time Class

Nursing Room

(Nursing moms only)
Back of Sanctuary, west side.

Family Room

Upstairs Chapel
Livestream Viewing



Our Vision: To see the city of Seattle look more and more like the city of God.

By faith Abraham made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:9-10

Our desires as a church are audacious because we believe that God is audacious.

We believe that God has brought us into the richness of communion with the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We were created to receive God's love and, in response, give our lives back to God. It is by walking in this purpose that we find true joy and meaning. This knowing and walking with God is the "abundant life" that Jesus promises us.

We also believe that God loves the city of Seattle and is at work all around us.

But it doesn't end there. In a staggering manifestation of God's love, we have been invited by God to share in the work of seeing the life-giving and healing kingdom of Jesus spread. We have been called by our heavenly Father to take our places as his beloved children and embrace his calling upon our individual lives and the life of our congregation.

So come, no matter what state you may be in today. Join us in being loved by God, receiving his blessing, and being sent out into the world as his beloved.

Let us worship.

Adapted from Rev. Jeff Meyers

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REFLECTION QUOTES

"The steps of the righteous are ordered by the LORD."

Psalms 37:23

"The good man's past begins to change so that his forgiven sins and remembered sorrows take on the quality of Heaven: the bad man's past already conforms to his badness and is filled only with dreariness. And that is why, at the end of all things, when the sun rises here and the twilight turns to blackness down there, the Blessed will say "We have never lived anywhere except in Heaven," and the Lost, "We were always in Hell." And both will speak truly."

The Great Divorce, by C.S. Lewis

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

"Footprints in the Sand", Authorship Disputed

"The workings of God are not spectacular, not magical, not oddities. Disclosure of God comes by steady discernment and by readiness to trust the resilience that is present in the course of daily affairs."

Interpretation: Genesis, by Walter Brueggemann

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Epiphany Carol

Lyrics are provided for reflection.

Ev'ry nation sees the glory of a star that pierced the night.
As we tell the wondrous story we are bathed in radiant light.
Star sent forth from highest heaven, dancing light of God's design,
Shine upon the gift that's given: Word made flesh now born in time.

Ev'ry tongue shall sing the praises of his birth in deepest night.
He is healing for the ages; he is Christ, our God's delight.
He proclaims within his being all our hopes, our great desires.
He shall die to rise redeeming all who follow with their lives.

Once again may we discover Word made flesh sent from above
In our neighbor, sister, brother, in the lonely and unloved.
May we touch him, may we hold him, may we cradle him with care
As we learn to love each other, bringing hope from out despair.

Gather, God, the world together in the brightness of your day.
Fill our hearts with joy forever, help us walk the holy way.
May your justice rule the nations; may all people live as one.
Now we see our true salvation in the glory of your Son.



The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy" [available here](#) or printed and found in the lobby.

Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, he is the one calling us to himself—today and every day.

Music: TRURO, Psalmody Evangelica, 1789
Text: George Wiessel, 1642;
trans. Catherine Winkworth

Stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

**And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be -
2. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where
3. Re - dee - mer, come, and o - pen wide my

hold, the King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
Christ the Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
heart to Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! Let me Thy gra - cious

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
pre - sence feel, Thy peace and love to all re - veal.



LECTIO SACRA

Ephesians 3:1-12

[3:1] For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
[2] assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, [3] how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. [4] When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, [5] which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. [6] This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

[7] Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. [8] To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9] and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, [10] so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. [11] This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, [12] in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

"Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

INTERLUDE

Musical interludes are included in our service in order to provide space for reflection and worship.

Stand, Sit, or Kneel



CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalms 77:1-9; 25:16-18

**I cry aloud to God,
aloud to God, and he will hear me.**

In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.

**When I remember God, I moan;
when I meditate, my spirit faints.**

You hold my eyelids open;
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

**I consider the days of old,
the years long ago.**

**I said, "Let me remember my song in the night;
let me meditate in my heart."**

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Then my spirit made a diligent search:
**"Will the Lord spurn forever,
 and never again be favorable?
 Has his steadfast love forever ceased?
 Are his promises at an end for all time?
 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
 Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,
 for I am lonely and afflicted.
**The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
 bring me out of my distresses.
 Consider my affliction and my trouble,
 and forgive all my sins.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

Stand if able

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world.
 O have mer - cy on us.
 Lord have mer - cy on us.
 1. **4** *back to top
 2. Grant us_ peace Lo - rd.
 Grant us_ peace Lo - rd. **D.S.**

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Stand, Sit, or Kneel

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Isaiah 40:27-31

Sisters and Brothers,
 God has not forgotten to be gracious
 or shut up his compassion towards us.
 Do not despair, friends, and let us trust in this precious promise:
 Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 "My way is hidden from the Lord,
 and my right is disregarded by my God"?
 Have you not known? Have you not heard?

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**The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.**

In Christ, we are forgiven,
in Christ, our confidence in Him is restored,

May be peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14



Praying through the Psalms each week teaches us how to pray, using the prayer book of ancient Israel. As we pray, there will be pauses for reflection.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**
**Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!**
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**
**In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

May the kings of Tarshish
and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
**May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!**

For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
**He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**
**From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

words: Charles Wesley
 music: Bobby Krier & Justin
 Ruddy
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Prayer for Those

Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way,
 the truth, and the life. Grant that
 I might be undaunted by the
 cost of following you as I
 consider the reasons for doing
 so. If what you claim is true,
 please guide me, teach me, and
 open to me the reality of who
 you are. Give me an
 understanding of you that is
 coherent, convincing, and that
 leads to the life that you
 promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am
 weaker and more sinful than I
 ever before believed, but
 through you I am more loved
 and accepted than I ever dared
 hope. I thank you for paying my
 debt, bearing my punishment
 on the cross, and offering
 forgiveness and new life.
 Knowing that you have been
 raised from the dead, I turn from
 my sins and receive you as
 Savior and Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Those

Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see
 in you the fulfillment of all my
 need and may turn from every
 false satisfaction to feed on you,
 the true and living bread. Enable
 me to lay aside the sin that
 clings so closely, and run with
 perseverance the race set
 before me, looking to you, the
 author and perfecter of my faith.
 Amen.

Stand if able

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1. Christ, whose glor-y fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on-ly Light,
 Sun of Righ-teous ness, a rise,— tri-umph o-ver shades of night.—
 2. Day-spring from on high, be near. Day-star in my heart ap-pear.
 3. Joy-less is the days re turn, till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 Dark and cheer-less is the morn,— un-a-com-pa-nied by Thee;
 till they in-ward light im-part,— glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 { Refrain }
 — But the Son he shines, at the Fa-ther's side, and in the dark-ness, he is—
 — And the God with us, by his Spir-it; com-for-ter and friend, com-for-ter and friend.
 friend. Vi-sit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of
 sin and grief. Fill me, Ra-di-ance di-vine,
 sca-ter all my un-be-lief. (And the)

Seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share with us your visit and prayer requests.

PASSING THE PEACE

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

GOSPEL LESSON

This Thing Is From the LORD

Genesis 24:1-4, 6-9, 12-15, 27-30, 48-50, 55-67

Rev. Jason Davison

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded [here](#).

SERMON TEXT

[24:1] Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. [2] And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh, [3] that I may make you swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, [4] but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

[6] Abraham said to him, "See to it that you do not take my son back there. [7] The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, 'To your offspring I will give this land,' he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. [8] But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there." [9] So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

[12] And he said, "O Lord, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham. [13] Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. [14] Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master."

[15] Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder.

[26] The man bowed his head and worshiped the Lord [27] and said, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the Lord has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen." [28] Then the young woman ran and told her mother's household about these things.

[29] Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring. [30] As soon as he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and heard the words of Rebekah his sister, "Thus the man spoke to me," he went to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring.

[48] Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left."

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[50] Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing has come from the Lord; we cannot speak to you bad or good.

[55] Her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go." [56] But he said to them, "Do not delay me, since the Lord has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master." [57] They said, "Let us call the young woman and ask her." [58] And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will go." [59] So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men.

[60] And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"Our sister, may you become
 thousands of ten thousands,
and may your offspring possess
 the gate of those who hate him!"

[61] Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

[62] Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. [63] And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. [64] And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel [65] and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. [66] And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. [67] Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

MUSICAL OFFERING

God Will Be Your Glory (Isaiah 60:1-19)

Lyrics are provided for reflection.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Behold, darkness will cover all,
but the Lord will shed his light;
his glory will be seen.

Uplift your eyes around,
and see nations gather in God's name
to bring good news for all.
For those who shall oppose his name
will be stricken and brought low;
to serve in deference.

Redeemed, saved by the love of God;
Blessed with righteousness and peace,
You'll praise his holy name.
The sun shall be no more required,
nor the brightness of the moon.
The Lord shall be your light!
God will be your glory!

OFFERING

To give to the Grace General Fund, you can give several ways:

- To give via text message, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405.
(This will take you to our on-line giving page)
- To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play and click the giving tab within the app.
- Give via Venmo (Give to @graceseattle.org; all transactions are private)
- Give via PayPal (Give to bookkeeper@graceseattle.org)
- To gift stock, contact our bookkeeper@graceseattle.org
- Mail to check to:
Grace Church Seattle
400 E Pine St, #215

Sit, Stand or Kneel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reveal yourself, Gracious God,
within this time of worship.

**Speak to us through songs we sing,
prayers we speak, words we hear.**

**Shine your light among as we gather
and worship Christ, the Son of God.**

Reveal yourself Gracious God,
within your family here.

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Offering Tiles

Many of us tithe electronically and this can be a wise practice and a blessing to the church. A downside can be the loss of the embodied practice of physically bringing our offering to the Lord. If it will aid you in your worship to reclaim a physical expression of tithing, tiles are now available in baskets at our welcome table for you to choose and place in the offering basket as it is passed.

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Epiphany in
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**Prayer for Receiving
Communion**

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

*Adapted from Psalm 27
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Receiving Communion

We will come forward by rows, starting at the front and alternating sides to ensure distancing in the center aisle. As you come forward, please maintain distance with your neighbor.



Communion Elements:

Cup: Wine or Grape Juice

Challah Bread: Contains wheat, egg, milk, instant yeast
(Many thanks to Danielle Taniguchi for freshly baking challah bread each week!)

Rice Crackers: Organic Brown Rice Flour, Organic White Rice Flour

Prefilled, factory-sealed communion

elements also available:

Communion wafer ingredients: wheat flour, water, vegetable shortening (soybean oil, cottonseed oil).

**In our speaking and listening,
tears and laughter,
and love that is shared.**

**Shine your light among us
as we pursue one another
in the name of Christ this coming week.**

Reveal yourself, Gracious God,
within these coming days.

**In the places we live,
the lives we live,
people we meet.**

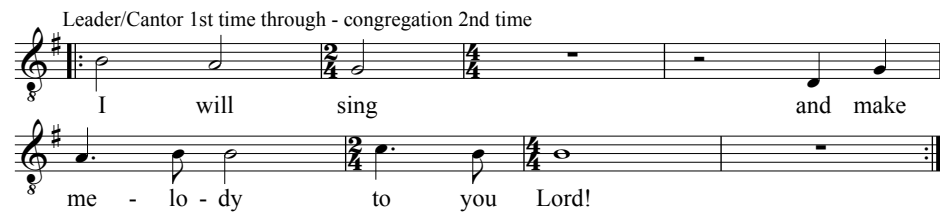
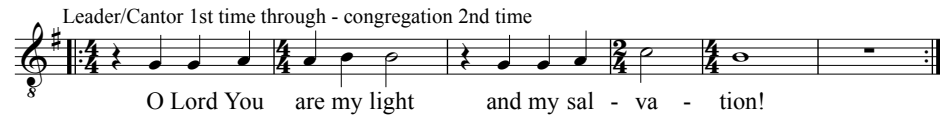
**Shine your light among us
that whether by word or deed
our neighbors may know Christ's love.**

Amen.

Stand if able

ANTIPHON

O Lord You Are My Light



Seated

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Words of Institution

In Christ Alone

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
 There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the
 light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal
 ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus commands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of
 love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His
 cease. My Com - fort - er my all in all, here in the
 fied. For ev - ery sin on Him was laid: here in the
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the
 hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the
 love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I live.
 pre - cious blood of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
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BENEDICTION

Revelation 1:5-6



To him who 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.

Amen.

SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world
 as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Thanks be to God!

THIS SUNDAY
10:15 AM Worship

... NEXT WEEK
Christian Formation Classes 9:00 AM
10:15 AM Worship

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship 10:15 AM. Join us for in-person worship or join us via [livestream](#) on YouTube on Grace Church Seattle's page.

Christian Formation Hour Dates for Ministry Year.

JAN 16	MAR 20
FEB 6	APR 3
FEB 20	MAY 1
MAR 6	MAY 22

Adult Christian Formation Hour. Join us as we engage with Job. Job is a curious book. Labeled by some as poetry and labeled by others as horror, this book demands our attention. Job will not let us off the hook with easy answers and he often seems demanding of God that his questions get answered. In this year's Christian Formation hour, we'll dive into the text and learn to ask the hard questions with Job. Counselors will periodically aid us in some nuanced discussion around grief and trauma and we'll learn how the Bible teaches us to lament and even get a chance to write some of our own. It will be a holistic class that engages spirit, body, and mind.

Grace Kids. In our Christian Formation classes our youngest children are studying New Testament Stories and our 3rd-5th graders are learning about the Parables of Jesus using the DWELL curriculum. A Children's Worship Guide is available every week in the foyer for our children to use during the worship service. A combined class for 6 months through 3 year olds is available during the worship service downstairs in room #117. We also have a Sermon Time class for 4 year olds through 2nd graders. A mother's nursing room is located in the back of the sanctuary on the west side. A family room is provided in the Upstairs Chapel with a Livestream viewing. We use KidCheck (<https://www.kidcheck.com/>) to check children into our programs. Please create a free account: [Sign Up Using Mobile App](#) OR [Sign Up Using Website](#). For questions, please contact Linn Haralson at linn@graceseattle.org.

Youth. YCG classes started Sunday, October 3 during our Christian Formation Hour at 9:00 AM. This year our high schoolers will be partnering with adult YCG leaders in leading our study of the book of John. Every Sunday of Christian Formation, youth will meet for a short game, Bible study and prayer in small groups. Also, beginning on Monday, October 4, 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM, 10 week Alpha course will begin! Alpha is an interactive time of learning and discussion around the basics of the Christian faith, where young people will inquire of the faith and one another over a weekly meal. Youth from Central Community Church, Saint Ambrose, and Grace Church Seattle will be gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 10th Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102. For questions, please email Pastor Jason at jason@graceseattle.org.

Pastoral Care. Please contact us if you have needs or if you have resources you would like to offer our community. We can be reached at pastoralcare@graceseattle.org.

CONNECT

Connect Groups. We have a wide variety of groups: Community Groups, Bible Studies, Growth Groups, Prayer Groups, Men's Groups, Women's Groups, and Listening Prayer Groups. To find a group, or if you are interested in starting one, please contact our Director of Community Formation, Jamie Afshari jamie@graceseattle.org.

SERVE

Congregation. There are many ways to serve in the congregation. Please contact [Danielle Taniguchi](#) or go to our [website](#) for more information.

City. Grace partners with a number of great organizations in the city. To find out more, please contact [Pastor Jason](#) or go to our [website](#).

GIVE

You can give financially to Grace many ways.

- Our General Fund, which goes to support the mission and worship of our congregation
- Our Deacons Fund, which goes to help those in our congregation and community who are facing unexpected financial need
- Our Serving the City Fund, which goes directly to our efforts to serve the hurting and marginalized in our city

For more information, please go to graceseattle.org/giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Volunteers Needed: With the return to in-person worship, we need people willing to help with communion, ushering, check-in, and reading. Please contact Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org to sign up!

Grace Kids Volunteers Needed: As more and more families are returning to worship, we need more adult volunteers during the worship service in the Toddler classroom and during our Sermon Time Class. Please contact Linn Haralson at linn@graceseattle.org. Thank you!

Growth Groups: These groups will focus on a Rule of Life in order to grow with two others in desired areas (communion with God, emotional health, and service are just a few areas one group might decide to flourish in). If you have questions please email Jamie Afshari at jamie@graceseattle.org.

Communion Class: Please register by January 23 for our [Grace Kids Communion Class](#). This class is designed to help families prepare their children for their first communion. Because of the disruptions to in-person worship over the past several years, the Winter 2022 class is open to any family members who may find this class helpful, even if their child(ren) are already receiving communion. For children who will be taking their first communion after the completion of the class, a zoom meeting with an Elder will be scheduled and new communicants are welcomed to the Lord's Table during our Easter worship service on April 17, 2022. A partner adult (parent or designated family member/friend in a parent's absence) is required to participate alongside the child(ren) in class. Tentative dates/times for the class are 9:00 AM on JAN 30, FEB 13 & 27, MAR 13 & 27.

Mom's Group: Jennifer Martin leads a group of mothers who meet on Zoom each Thursday from 2-3pm. It's a time to share and support one another as we walk with Jesus in raising our little ones.

Young Adult Group: As a young adult, it can be difficult to find friendship in Seattle. You've probably just moved here, got to or out of college, or you're coming out of your Covid-19-enforced hermitage and finding it difficult to meet people. If you consider yourself a young adult and are interested in growing in the community and breaking bread with others, join us for weekly dinner on Sunday nights in Eastlake! For those living or working downtown, in South Lake Union or the University District, it should be a quick bus ride on the 70. Reach out to Brent Williams at brent.williams333@gmail.com for the specific location, or if you have any questions.

Book Club: Stephanie Pommer leads our book club for Grace. This group meets over Zoom. To join, email Stephanie at stephanie@graceseattle.org.

Youth Central/Alpha: Grace is partnering with Central Community Church and St. Ambrose Church beginning October 4, 6:00 to 7:45PM, for a 10 week apologetics class for 6-12th graders! Our location has changed from the SDA church to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 10th Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102.

Please email Jason Davison at jason@graceseattle.org for more details.

No Seward Park Walking Group This Week. The group will resume on January 13, 2022. Every Thursday, regardless of weather, meet by the bathrooms at 10:00 AM (babies in strollers and leashed pets welcome). Contact Linn Haralson at linn@graceseattle.org if you would like to join.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Listening Prayer Group Opportunity at The Layne 2021-22

"By beginning with the revealed word of God, Lectio Divina (listening prayer) continues the conversation that God has begun. We first pay attention to his approach to us and focus on our receptivity. Scripture becomes a means for God to feed, heal, and love us. We open ourselves to God's presence and respond with our hearts."

-Stephen J. Binz - Conversing with God in Scripture

A Listening prayer group is a small group that meets with the intention of building a community around the word of God. During this time together we will listen to God's word read out loud. We will have an opportunity for individual silence and reflection on the scripture and then conclude our time together, sharing the gifts that God has given in our silence with him. Please join us for listening prayer, led by Shelly Morse, at the Layne on the following dates at 7:00-9:00 PM:

- Wednesday, January 19
- Thursday, March 10
- Wednesday, April 27
- Thursday, May 12

Please RSVP to Shelly Morse at shelly@soulcareseseattle.com if you plan to attend a meeting.

GraceLife Distribution List: GraceLife (gracelifeseattle@googlegroups.com) is an email group designed to foster spontaneous generosity and hospitality among anyone and everyone who regularly attends Grace. The distribution list allows anyone who signs up to send out an email to the larger group. It's designed to let others know about a party you'd like to invite others to join, a game night you'd like to host, a request to borrow something, a post to give goods away, a need you'd like to ask for help from the larger group, etc. Email Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

01/09 First Sunday After the Epiphany

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

01/16 Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Christian Formation Classes All Ages 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

01/23 Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

01/30 Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Worship Service 10:15 AM

(In-Person and Livestream)

Emergency Plan

In the unlikely event of an emergency or evacuation, all children attending a Grace Kids Class will be escorted immediately from their classrooms to the farthest edge of the front lawn, at the corner of E. Aloha St. and 13th Ave. E., where they can be reunited with their parents or guardians.

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