



Order of Worship
October 29 , 2023
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

Toddler Class: (Walkers to

2yrs) Room 118

(children may be picked up at
the end of the worship service)

Preschool: (3yrs to 5yrs) Room

120 (children are picked up
from class during *offering*)

Worship Prep Class: (Kinder to
3rd grade) Room 119

(children are picked up from
class during *passing of the
peace*)

Nursing Room

(Nursing moms only)

Back of Sanctuary, west side.

Family Room

Upstairs Chapel

Livestream Viewing

Lap desks, color pencils,
activity pages are found in
foyer

Parents, please note that our
Diocese requires minors to
never be unaccompanied
during church events including
Sunday morning worship.
Thank you for keeping an eye
on your children. Please reach
out to any of our pastoral staff
with questions. Thank you for
your understanding.

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THE DRAMA OF WORSHIP

*O Lord, you have made us and drawn us to yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.*

St. Augustine of Hippo

This fall, we will embark on a new sermon series considering our Sunday worship.

Practically speaking, we will be reflecting on many of the elements of our worship services and will ask the question:

Why do we do what we do?

The answer to this question does not lie in blind allegiance to tradition (*The church has always done it this way!*), a preoccupation with fads and novelties (*This is such a vintage and cool way of worshiping!*), or some sense of superiority (*This is the right way to worship!*). Rather, by reflecting on our worship, we will begin to realize that there is a deep wisdom that lies underneath the rhythms and practices of worship handed down to us by those who have gone before us in the faith.

As we will see, our worship liturgy has a narrative shape to it. In worship each week, God is both telling us a story and inviting us into that story.

It is the story about a loving and gracious God, who seeks us out and calls us to himself because he loves us and longs to be with us.

It is a story about a merciful God, who forgives us, cleanses us from our sins, and calls us his children.

And, it is a story about a God who enjoys being with us, invites us to his table, and then blesses us and sends us out into the world as his covenant partners to labor alongside of him as he makes all things new.

In short, during worship, God invites us to make his story our story.

Let us worship!

REFLECTION QUOTES

'In confession there takes place a breakthrough to community. Sin wants to be alone with people. It takes them away from the community. The more lonely people become, the more destructive the power of sin over them. The more deeply they become entangled in it, the more unholy is their loneliness. Sin wants to remain unknown. It shuns the light. In the darkness of what is left unsaid sin poisons the whole being of a person. This can happen in the midst of a pious community. In confession the light of the gospel breaks into the darkness and closed isolation of the heart. Sin must be brought into the light. What is unspoken is said openly and confessed. All that is secret and hidden comes to light. It is a hard struggle until the sin crosses one's lips in confession. But God breaks down gates of bronze and cuts through bars of iron (Ps. 107:16) Since the confession of sin is made in the presence of another Christian, the last stronghold of self-justification is abandoned. The sinner surrenders, giving up all evil, giving the sinner's heart to God and finding the forgiveness of all one's sin in the community of Jesus Christ and other Christians. Sin that has been spoken and confessed has lost all of its power. It has been revealed and judged as sin. It can no longer tear apart the community.'

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either – but right through every human heart."

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

"The gospel is the glorious news that the God who has life in himself freely shares that life with us and, when we refuse that life in sin, graciously gives us life yet again in Christ."

R. Michael Allen

Liturgical Colors: Liturgical colors can orient us to the season of the church year and help to engage our sense of sight in worship.

Green is the color for Ordinary Time, symbolizing the hope of new life which is ours in the life of Jesus Christ.

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

ORDINARY TIME: TRUST IN THE SLOW WORK OF GOD
Ordinary Time extends from Pentecost to Advent. It is the longest season of the church calendar. The name "ordinary" is derived from the historical practice of numbering (i.e., ordering) the Sundays during this time period.

The liturgical color for this season is green. This gives us a great clue on how we might hold Ordinary Time.

Green symbolizes growth. Through the power of the Holy Spirit—poured out at Pentecost—we can now grow in our lives with God. This growth—what the Bible refers to as the "Fruit of the Spirit"—is beautiful and organic, as God grows us from the inside out. But, like a field full of crops, our growth in Christ takes a long time. This reality should give us hope as well as kindness towards ourselves as we cooperate with the Spirit.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

The Acclamation, similar to a greeting, is a way we welcome each other into this holy space and time. It prepares us for the hearing and responding to God. Our liturgy can be thought of as a conversation between each other and God. Conversations require both hearing and responding. The Acclamation prepares us for the hearing and responding to God.



Stand if able

THE ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God:
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Greatly To Be Praised



1. Sing to the Lord a new song; lift up his name, with
 2. Lift up your voice and thank him; our God pro-vides our
 3. Shout to the God of tri-umph; let ev-ery tongue pro-
 joy - ful praise. Sing of his sweet sal - va - tion;
 ev - ery need. Wor-ship the God of mer - cy,
 claim his praise. Boast in the res - ur - rect - ion;
 morn - ing to night and day to day.
 who gave his life to
 in Je - sus Christ, who
 set us free. Our God is great-ly to be praised, no - thing in
 rules and reigns.
 all the earth com - pares to him. The God of glo - ry and of grace;
 our God is great, our God is great!
 our God is great, our God is great! Cre
 a-tion joins to praise him, the sin-ner finds sal - va - tion.
 The church of Christ pro - claims it, his
 king - dom shouts by sing - ing: [to Chorus 2x] D.S.
 Our God is great, our God is great! Our God is

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from you no secrets are hid:**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy Name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A collect is a prayer that is intended to collect or sum up the prayers of the community, typically following a four-fold pattern: invocation, meditation, petition, and doxology. The Collect for Purity helps us to hear God's word and worship by reminding us that we are laid bare when we come before him. He sees and knows all that we are and all that we bring to him.

We come to God that we might be shaped and formed by his Word.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 22:21-27

"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

"Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry. My anger will be aroused, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives will become widows and your children fatherless.

"If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not treat it like a business deal; charge no interest. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it by sunset, because that cloak is the only covering your neighbor has. What else can they sleep in? When they cry out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.'"

If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand if able

Shema

Hear, O I - sra - el: The Lord our God, the Lord__ is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all__ your soul,

and with all__ your strength. A - men.

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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.

Kneel or Sit

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 1

Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

**That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.**

Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
**For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

Stand if able

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art*

*High king of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all
Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

*Traditional Celtic Hymn
8th Century*

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SERMON

*Sermon series: The Drama of Worship
Confession, Grace & Intimacy
Nelson Hall*

INTERLUDE

Kneel or Sit



CONFESSION OF SIN

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness
and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Amen.**

*Worship Sourcebook,
Confession of Sin #15*

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

Stand if able



RECEIVING OF GRACE

Hear the good news:

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin,
and alive to all that is good.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Worship Sourcebook
Assurance #30*

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

John Newton, 1779
"New Britain," 1831
(last stanza author unknown)

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did
that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers,
toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought
me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there
ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days
to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

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."



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please let us know about your visit or if you are a regular attender, please use the QR Code in the margin to update your household information, especially your mailing address. When we switched to our new management software, not all data transferred. Please use the cards inserted in the Order of Worship to share any praises or prayer requests you might have.

Before The Throne Of God Above

1. Be-fore the throne of God a-bove I have a
 2. When Sa-tan tempts me to des-pair and tells me
 3. Be-hold Him there the ris-en Lamb, my per-fect

strong and per-fect plea; A great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with-in, up-ward I look and see Him
 spot-less, right-eous-ness. The great un-change-a-ble I

love, who ev-er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end of all my sin. Be-cause the
 Am, the King of Glo-ry and of grace. One with Him -

grav-en on His hands; My name is writ-ten on His heart. I know that
 sin-less Sav-ior died, my sin-ful soul is coun-ted free. For God, the
 self; I can-not die, my soul is pur-chased by His blood. My life is

while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de-
 just, is sat-is-fied to look on Him and par-don
 hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav-ior and my

[1.] [2. 3.]

part, no tongue can bid me thence de-part.
 me, to look on Him and par-don me.
 God, with Christ my Sav-ior and my God.

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 and Vikki Cook
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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how
 Be-hold the man up-on a cross, my
 I will not boast in an-y-thing: No

vast be-yond all meas-ure that he should give his on-ly Son to
 sin up-on his shoul-ders. A-shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis-dom. But I will boast in Je-sus Christ: his

make a wretch his treas-ure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss. The
 out a-mong the scof-fers. It was my sin that held him there un-
 death and res-ur-rec-tion. Why should I gain from his re-ward? I

Fa-ther turns his face a-way as wounds which mar the Cho-sen One bring
 til it was ac-com-plished; His dy-ing breath has brought me life. I
 cannot give an an-swer. But this I know with all my heart: his

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man-y sons to glo-ry.
 know that it is fin-ished.
 wounds have paid my ran-som.

Stuart Townend
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

What do we believe?

Adopted in the 4th Century, the Nicene Creed is the most universally affirmed creed among Christian churches.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*"Catholic" refers to the true
Christian church at all times and
in all places.*

Trinity Song

Ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit.

Ho - ly Com - mu - nion, Three - in - One.

Come with your peace, with your in - vi - ta - tion.

Bind us to - ge - ther in ho - ly love.

Sandra McCracken
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OFFERING

***Parents, please pick up your children from the Preschool Class. Nursery may stay through to the end of worship.**

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

- To give online, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405 or scan the QR code.
(This will take you to our on-line giving page)
- Give via Venmo (Give to @graceseattle; 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
505 Broadway E, PMB 324, Seattle, WA 98102

To give to the Serving the City Fund or Benevolence Fund, you can give several ways:

- For text, online, and app giving, specify "Serving the City" "Benevolence Fund" in the "Fund" field.
- For all other giving, Indicate "Serving the City" or "Benevolence Fund" in the memo or comments field.
- Matching giving available through Benevity (contact our bookkeeper for details).



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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

We come to the Table of our Lord
that he might feed and nourish us.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE



The *Sursum Corda* (Latin: "Lift up
your hearts") is an ancient
Christian communion prayer.
Through the power of the Holy
Spirit, we have been raised with
Christ and now reign with him in
heaven.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

We Ascend (The Sursum Corda)

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The *Sanctus* (Latin: "Holy") is one
of the songs being sung in
heaven before God's throne. We
join our voices to with the
angels and those who have
gone before us in the faith to
give glory to God.

The Song of Heaven (The Sanctus)

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2. heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry,
3. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord, God of pow - er and might.
-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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The Words of Institution

We Ask God's Blessing (Prayer of Consecration)

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for your people the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, may we be one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. For by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

We Preach the Good News

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

We Draw Near (The Lord's Supper)

(All are invited to come forward during Communion. The act of receiving the bread and wine is a confession, that as you receive those gifts, you have already received the gift of a renewed relationship with God, through Christ. If that is not your confession, you may still come forward to receive a prayer. Simply cross your arms across your chest as an indication that you are coming for prayer.)

Communion Elements:

Cup: Wine or Grape Juice

Bread ingredients: Wheat Flour, Rye Flour, White Unbleached Flour, 1% Milk, Yeast, Vegetable Oil

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).

Receiving Communion

We will come forward by rows, starting at the front. There will be factory sealed communion elements as well as gluten free crackers with designated juice and wine on the table at the front. Otherwise, there is bread to dip in either wine (tall cup) or juice (short cup).

Fix Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Text: D.W. Whittle, 1877
 Refrain: Jess Alldredge, 2019
 Music: Jess Alldredge
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1. Would you lose the weight of sin? Fix your
 2. Would you have your cares grow light? Fix your
 eyes up - on Je-sus; Would you know God's peace with - in? Fix your
 eyes up - on Je-sus; Would you songs have in the night? Fix your
 eyes up-on Je-sus. Would you calm - ly walk the wave? Fix your
 eyes up-on Je-sus. Griev - ing, would you com - fort know? Fix your
 eyes up-on Je - sus; Would you know His pow'r to
 eyes up-on Je - sus; Hum - ble be when bles - sings
 save? Fix your eyes up - on Je - sus;
 flow? Fix your eyes up - on Je - sus;
 Je - sus who on the cross did die, Je - sus who lives and reigns
 on high, He a - lone can jus - ti - fy; Fix your
 eyes up - on Je - sus. 2. Would you Je - sus.
 Would you strength in weak-ness have? Fix your
 eyes up-on Je - sus; See a light bey - ond the
 grave? Fix your eyes up-on Je - sus.

**BENEDICTION****1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

May God himself,
 the God of peace,
 sanctify you through and through.
 May your whole spirit, soul and body
 be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Amen**SENDING**

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

Thanks be to God!

WELCOME TO GRACE

The various opportunities for growth, connection and service at Grace are listed below.

GRACE KIDS If you have any questions about Grace Kids, email linn@graceseattle.org.

Resources for Sunday Worship. Children are always welcome to remain in the service. To participate in a class, children must be signed in each week with KidCheck, our secure check-in system and wear their printed name tag. Check-in stations located in lobby and downstairs.

- Toddler Class (Walkers-2 years), located downstairs in classroom #118
- Preschool (3-5 years), located downstairs in classroom #120. Children are picked up during the *offering*.
- Worship Prep Class (Kinder-3rd grade), located downstairs in classroom #119, children are picked up during *passing of the peace*. **This class does not meet on the 5th Sunday of the month.**
- Nursing mothers' room is located in the back of the Sanctuary
- Family room is provided in the upstairs chapel with a livestream viewing.
- Kids Activities are available in the lobby each week for use during in-person worship.

Christian Formation Class. Christian Formation Classes are offered for children age 2 - 5th grade.

YOUTH GROUP All youth ages 12-18 are welcome to join our Youth Group, which meets during Christian Formation Hour the first three Sundays of the month. This year we'll be exploring the practice of prayer together. If you are interested or have questions, email Nelson Hall at nelson@graceseattle.org.

YOUNG ADULTS Join other young adults in our community as we gather together for lunch the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 12:30 PM. Please contact nelson@graceseattle.org for more details.

COMMUNITY FORMATION

Adult Christian Formation Class. The adult class will be exploring the Gospel of Mark this fall. You can access the audio to all the classes through the QR code.



Community Groups. These are groups of 6-12 people that gather in peoples' homes in a variety of neighborhoods in the Seattle area. Email Jamie Afshari, at jamie@graceseattle.org for more information.

Growth Groups. These are groups of 3 men or 3 women that are designed to be communities where people can be known and grow (1-year commitment). Please contact Jamie Afshari at jamie@graceseattle.org or John Haralson at john@graceseattle.org.

SERVING THE CITY Serving the City (STC) exists to disciple our congregation in service, to care for our neighbors and neighborhoods, and to support people who have been marginalized. We do this by partnering and volunteering with local organizations to support their work in our community—New Horizons, REST, World Relief, and Olive Crest. This fall, STC is hosting focused events on caring for the housing insecure and unhoused in our city, we hope you join us as we learn, pray and seek the ways the Lord may be calling us to serve in this area. If you are interested in learning more about STC, contact Drew Billups at drew@graceseattle.org.

MUSIC & ARTS. As a worshipping community, we seek to respond to God with music and visual arts that are winsome, well-crafted, and beautiful. We also find ways to stay connected to the broader artistic and creative community in our neighborhood and city. If you are interested in getting involved with the music and arts at Grace, or want to learn about the Grace Artists group, email Jess Alldredge, Worship Arts Director at jess@graceseattle.org.

OTHER GROUPS

LGBTQ+ / SSA Community in Seattle. Join us each month for Sunday lunch, laughter, and a sense of community, here on Capitol Hill! For over five years, Grace Church Seattle has been an active supporter of "Revoice"; a ministry committed to supporting LGBTQ+/SSA individuals who long to follow Jesus. Now, Revoice has established a local chapter here in Seattle in order to offer support and community to our LGBTQ+ / SSA siblings. For more information and details select "Seattle" at <https://www.revoice.org/local-chapters>

Recovery From Sexual Compulsivity Discussion Group. This group meets Wednesdays at 8 PM via Zoom. It is an anonymous (first-names) male-only meeting that follows a 12-step format open to men of any or no faith. For more information contact Clint Morse (206-915-1669).

Book Club. Love reading? Join us once or every month. We read all kinds of literature including best sellers, classics, non-fiction, and young adult fiction. We meet in person at different locations each month - email office@graceseattle.org for more details.

EVENTS

2023-2024 Ministry Year Key Dates

Key dates for this year are listed below, you can see more details and subscribe to our calendar through the QR code.



Registration for Women in Ministry Leadership Events:

Sign up for lunch and childcare for all Sunday events for Women in Ministry Leadership (prayer and congregational discussions or meetings) this fall through this QR code:



October

- Month of October: Vestry + Staff conversations with Community Groups on Women in Ministry Leadership (WIML).
- Sunday, 10/29 - Congregational Discussion (WIML) after worship. Lunch & childcare registration is closed but you are still welcome to join for the conversation.

November

- Wednesday, 11/8 - STC prayer service about housing in our city and for our unhoused neighbors.
- Sunday, 11/12 - Congregational Prayer (WIML) after worship. Lunch & childcare provided with registration. Register through the QR code above by 11/5.

December

- Sunday, 12/3
 - Congregational Meeting & advisory vote (WIML) after worship. Childcare provided with registration.
 - Wreath Making Party will happen during the vote and supplies will be available following the vote as well.
- Sunday, 12/10 - Holiday Service Event: Assembling welcome bags for REST clients
- Wednesday, 12/13 - Evening Prayer Service, 7PM
- Sunday, 12/24 - Lessons & Carols Service, 5PM

Men's & Women's Retreats

- Friday, 4/12/2024 - Sunday 4/14/2024 - Men's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge
- Friday, 5/3/2024 - Sunday 5/5/2024 - Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed: First AME Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. We are looking for volunteers to help First AME assemble and distribute over 325 Thanksgiving Baskets next month! Email drew@graceseattle.org if you would like to volunteer for any of the time slots listed below:

- Thursday 11/16 - 5 - 8 PM - Assemble Baskets
- Friday 11/17 - 5 - 8 PM - Assemble Baskets
- Saturday 11/18 - 7 AM - 2 PM - Distribute Baskets at First AME

Joyful Toy Giveaway. The Joyful Toy Giveaway is an event every December that supports foster care families in the Seattle area. We are supporting them by running a toy drive from October 15th through December. Simply purchase a toy or children's clothing up to \$30 in value and leave it unwrapped in bins that will be available each Sunday in the lobby. We need toys and clothing for girls and boys of all ages, babies through teens. Dolls are welcome gifts and it is requested that we are aware of the need for dolls of various skin tones and ethnicities so that children can see themselves represented in the toys.

Grace Mailing Address Change! The Grace office is moving - the lease is up the end of October and since office needs have changed since the pandemic, we will be moving out. Because we do not have a permanent location to move to, all mail should be sent to our new P.O. Box. If you have any questions, email Nicole at office@graceseattle.org. The new address is: 505 Broadway E, PMB 324, Seattle, WA 98102

WOMEN IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP We are prayerfully discerning whether or not the Lord is leading us to have women preach and/or serve as priests at Grace. We have a number of resources to aid in this discernment process as well as events this fall to continue discerning in conversation and prayer. You can access the resources through the QR code below and you can see details for events on page 17 (previous page) under "Key Dates".

- **Questions + feedback?** Please scan the QR code to submit questions and feedback!



- **Class recordings.** Scan the QR code to listen to classes on the topic.



SOUL CARE SEATTLE

Grace is blessed to partner with Soul Care Seattle, an urban retreat and spiritual direction ministry located on Capitol Hill. They have many different ways to help you grow in your relationship with God. Soul Care Seattle is located at **The Layne**: 1252 16th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112

Listening Prayer Group. A Listening prayer group is a small group that meets with the intention of building a community around the word of God. The passages will focus this year on the questions Jesus asked his followers and asks us today. For more information and to RSVP scan the QR code. Meetings are at 7 PM at The Layne on these Thursdays: 11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/22, 3/21, 4/18, and 5/16



Half-day Retreat schedule at the Layne (Saturdays, 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM). Why a silent retreat? How many of us have the space to be truly quiet and listen to ourselves or listen to God about ourselves? In this time, you are free of distractions, defenses, calendars, and performance. These retreats are available to those who would like to experience silence & prayer in community. You will start, and end, as a larger group, but then you will have personal time to do any of the following: contemplate the prayers and writings that are given to you, walk in the beautiful parks around The Layne, or rest on the porch or other areas in the house. Scan the QR code to register and email renee@soulcareseattle.com if you have any questions. The silent retreats are held on these Saturdays: 11/18, 12/2, 1/13, 2/10, 3/16, 4/20 and 5/18



Centering Prayer Group. Centering Prayer consists of sitting in silence with God - beyond thoughts, words, and emotions and opening our mind, heart and whole being to the Trinity. We begin each session praying a Psalm together, a 20-minute period of silent Centering Prayer, followed by Sacred Reading of Scripture (Lectio Divina). All are welcome. Scan the QR code to register (no cost). If you have any questions email donna@soulcareseattle.com. The time of fellowship and prayer is from 7:00 to 8:30 PM and are held on these Thursdays: 11/9, 12/7, 1/11, 2/15, 3/7, 4/25 and 5/9



Spiritual Direction. Find out more about Spiritual Direction and how to sign up through the QR code.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10/29 Ordinary Time
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)
Congregational Discussion following the service

11/05 Ordinary Time
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

11/12 Ordinary Time
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)
Congregational Prayer following the service

11/19 Ordinary Time
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
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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PASTORAL CARE

Not sure who to contact? If you have needs or resources you'd like to offer the community, please contact us at pastoralcare@graceseattle.org.

GIVE

You can give financially to Grace many ways.

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

You can give to any of these funds online through the QR Code.



Financial Update (as of 9/30/2023):

General fund: YTD giving - 560,492.69, Budget - 727,497.00

Serving the City: YTD giving - 9,432.00, Budget - 112,500.00

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