



Order of Worship
January 7, 2024
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

Nursery: (6 months 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
during *offering*)

Worship Prep Class: (Kinder to
3rd grade) Room 119
(children are picked up during
passing of the peace) No class
5th Sundays of the month.

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

Family Room
Chapel (Livestream Viewing)

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

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

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EPIPHANY 2024

The word "epiphany" originates from the Greek word *epiphaneia* which translates to an appearance, a manifestation, or a discovery. The holiday itself is traditionally celebrated on the 6th day of January and commemorates the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ to the world.

The season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Along with Christmas and Easter, Epiphany is one of the three oldest Christian festivals and was celebrated as early as the latter half of the second century.

One of the major events associated with the Epiphany season is the wise men's visit to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2). The wise men were the least likely people to recognize Jesus as Savior. They were astrologers who were immersed in an entirely different religion. In fact, according to the Old Testament, the wise men were individuals who led people astray from the true God (Isaiah 47).

But, nonetheless, the wise men come to Bethlehem and bow before Jesus. And, what do they find there? They do not find condemnation. Rather, they find a king who is gracious and kind to them. They are received by this king, and their faith has been celebrated throughout the centuries.

So what is Epiphany all about? Epiphany is about discovering the God of all grace. The God who is not just present and gracious to those who are near Him, but, who is also is present and gracious to those who are far off.

So, no matter where you are with God, Epiphany is a time to come near to him and discover his grace.

REFLECTION QUOTES

On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.

Annie Dillard

Now it's always easier to see the comfortable, false gods that others worship (sometimes with a similar political origin, like Bethel): the prosperity gospel that tells people that God is not with the suffering, the MAGA gospel that replaces a refugee Christ who is despised for loving outcasts with a nationalist whose singular policies revolve around exclusion, the progressive gospel that holds systems and people groups accountable for all sin while ignoring any personal call to holiness.

But the more biting question to me is what is my Bethel? Where do I stop in my pursuit of Christ and say, "This is good enough?" Almost always that's well short of the king who had no place to rest his head but always had enough to pour out into both his friends and those on the utter margins.

Adam Johnson

I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now...Come further up, come further in!

Jewel the Unicorn, in *The Last Battle*, by C.S. Lewis

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 Epiphany, symbolizing growth and new life in our walk with Jesus.

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. .

Prayer by
ACNA BCP

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 a responding. The Acclamation prepares us for the hearing and responding to God.

ACNA Book of Common Prayer,
2019



Rev. Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany is the season of the church calendar after Christmas and before Lent. An "epiphany" is an "A-ha moment" where we suddenly see or understand something that we didn't grasp before. In the season of Epiphany, the church celebrates events in Jesus' life—the visit of the Magi, turning water into wine, and his baptism—that manifest who he is as Savior of the world.

Here is a fitting prayer for the Epiphany season:

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME **Seated**

PRELUDE

THE ACCLAMATION **Stand if able**

Blessed be God:

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.

We long for a light to guide us.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy.

We long for God's joy in our lives.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

We long to be relieved of all that we carry.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**He is named Emmanuel:
God with us.**

**In this tiny baby, this vulnerable child,
we find our light, our joy, our comfort.**

Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

Henry J. van Dyke, 1907
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

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

LECTIO SACRA

Seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

"Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope."



"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.

This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
 who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
 who gives breath to its people,
 and life to those who walk on it:
“I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
 I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
 to be a covenant for the people
 and a light for the Gentiles,
to open eyes that are blind,
 to free captives from prison
 and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.
“I am the Lord; that is my name!
 I will not yield my glory to another
 or my praise to idols.
See, the former things have taken place,
 and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
 I announce them to you.”

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:34-38

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:7-11

And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 89:1-18

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

**I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant,

**'I will establish your line forever
and make your throne firm through all generations.'"**

The heavens praise your wonders, Lord,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

**For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?
Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?**

In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;
he is more awesome than all who surround him.

**Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?
You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

You rule over the surging sea;
when its waves mount up, you still them.

**You crushed Rahab like one of the slain;
with your strong arm you scattered your enemies.**

The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth;
you founded the world and all that is in it.

**You created the north and the south;
Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name.**

**Your arm is endowed with power;
your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
love and faithfulness go before you.

**Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.**

They rejoice in your name all day long;
they celebrate your righteousness.

**For you are their glory and strength,
and by your favor you exalt our horn.**

**Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

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.

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Charles Wesley, 1739
Carl Gläser, 1828
arr. L. Mason, 1839

*O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.*

*My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.*

*He speaks, and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.*



SERMON

Amos 4:1-13

Deconstructing Hypocrisy

Rev. John Haralson

SERMON TEXT

- [4:1] Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria,
you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy
and say to your husbands, "Bring us some drinks!"
- [2] The Sovereign Lord has sworn by his holiness:
"The time will surely come
when you will be taken away with hooks,
the last of you with fishhooks.
- [3] You will each go straight out
through breaches in the wall,
and you will be cast out toward Harmon,"
declares the Lord.
- [4] "Go to Bethel and sin;
go to Gilgal and sin yet more.
Bring your sacrifices every morning,
your tithes every three years.
- [5] Burn leavened bread as a thank offering
and brag about your freewill offerings—
boast about them, you Israelites,
for this is what you love to do,"
declares the Sovereign Lord.
- [6] "I gave you empty stomachs in every city
and lack of bread in every town,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.

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- [7] "I also withheld rain from you
when the harvest was still three months away.
I sent rain on one town,
but withheld it from another.
One field had rain;
another had none and dried up.
- [8] People staggered from town to town for water
but did not get enough to drink,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.
- [9] "Many times I struck your gardens and vineyards,
destroying them with blight and mildew.
Locusts devoured your fig and olive trees,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.
- [10] "I sent plagues among you
as I did to Egypt.
I killed your young men with the sword,
along with your captured horses.
I filled your nostrils with the stench of your camps,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.
- [11] "I overthrew some of you
as I overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
You were like a burning stick snatched from the fire,
yet you have not returned to me,"
declares the Lord.
- [12] "Therefore this is what I will do to you, Israel,
and because I will do this to you, Israel,
prepare to meet your God."
- [13] He who forms the mountains,
who creates the wind,
and who reveals his thoughts to mankind,
who turns dawn to darkness,
and treads on the heights of the earth—
the Lord God Almighty is his name.

INTERLUDE

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



Kneel or Sit

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
forgive us for the ways
we have tried to avoid you.**

**We have sought to manage you,
by only letting you in so far.
We are content with just enough of you
to make us feel good about ourselves.
But we quickly tune you out
when you challenge us more deeply.**

**You are eternal and free.
You cannot be tamed.
Yet, in our fear and woundedness,
we have sought to domesticate you.**

Forgive us, we pray.

**Give us the grace to surrender our lives to you.
Astound us with your goodness and love.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)



Stand if able

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Based on Ephesians 1-2

Family in Christ,
let us proclaim the good news to one another:

**God has raised us up with Christ
and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus
in order that in the coming ages
he might show the incomparable riches of his grace,
expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—
and this is not from ourselves,
it is the gift of God—
not by works, so that no one can boast.**

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

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.*

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

PASSING THE PEACE

***Parents, please pick up your children from the Worship Prep Class.
Children in Preschool are not picked up until Offering, and Nursery may
stay through to the end of worship.**

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

If you are new, please let us know about your visit through the QR code. If you are a regular attender, you can update your household information through the same QR code. Please use the cards inserted in the Order of Worship to share any praises or prayer requests you might have.



Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spi - rit of the li - ving God, thou light and fire di-
 2. Blow, wind of God, with wis - dom blow un - til our minds are
 3. So shall we know the po - wer of Christ who came this world to

vine; de - scend up - on thy church once more and make it tru - ly
 free from mists of er - ror, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to
 save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars be - yond the

thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with
 thee. Burn, wing - ed fire, In - spire our lips with
 grave. and earth shall win true ho - li - ness, which

right - eous - ness and peace. 'Til
 fla - ming love and zeal, to
 makes thy chil - dren whole; 'til,

Christ shall dwell in hu - man hearts and sin and sor - row cease.
 preach to all thy great good news, God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.
 per - fec - ted by thee, we reach cre - a - tion's glo - ri - ous goal.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine,
 and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. (*Silent prayer.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Todd Hunter, our Bishop,
 and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese
 and Congregation. (*Silent prayer.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad;
 and for all who teach and disciple others. (*Silent prayer.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ
 who are persecuted for their faith. (*Silent prayer.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority,
and for all in public service. especially Mayor Harrell,
Governor Inslee, and President Biden. (*Silent prayer.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness,
or any other adversity, especially the unhoused in our city.
(*Silent prayer.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life
in the certain hope of the resurrection,
in thanksgiving let us pray. (*Silent prayer.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

**Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
our only Mediator and Advocate,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

As It Is In Heaven

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Your king - dom come, your will be done, on_". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "earth as it is in hea - ven." The piece concludes with a final chord and a repeat sign. A fermata is placed over the final measure of the second staff, which contains a whole note G4.

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OFFERING

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

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.

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).

MUSICAL OFFERING

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



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Stand if able

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 *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 Song of Heaven (The Sanctus)

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

Lord, God of pow - er and might, Ho - ry. Ho - ry.

sa - nna in the high - est!
 sa - nna in the high - est!

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.

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We Remember (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).

Words: Thomas Ken
Music "Old Hundredth"

Stand if able

Doxology

5 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
 9 praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
 13 praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:
 24 Ghost. Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.
 29 Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.
 36 A - men, a - men, a - me - n!



BENEDICTION

Go now, follow where Christ calls you
 and proclaim the message God gives you.
 Wait in hope for God.
 Live in readiness for the inbreaking of the Kingdom.
 And may God be your haven and your glory;
 May Christ Jesus give you courage for his mission;
 And may the Spirit embrace your soul in God's silence.
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.

- Nursery (6 months-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 (women) or John Haralson at john@graceseattle.org (men).

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

Gregg Colburn Presentation. We have rescheduled the presentation by Dr. Gregg Colburn, author of Homelessness is a Housing Problem for January! Please join us at the SDA on Thursday, 1/25 at 6 PM. This is a valuable opportunity to hear from a figure who has been an important part of the national conversation around the challenge of homelessness. Dr. Colburn's research looks at data from cities and counties across the US to try to understand why homelessness is more intense in some areas. The book dispels common myths about the causes of homelessness, zeros in on the fundamental cause, and offers practical solutions. Bring your friends! An RSVP through the QR code is appreciated but not essential, also feel free to share the link with friends!



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.



January

- Friday, 1/19 - Sunday, 1/21 - Youth Retreat
- Thursday, 1/25 - Dr. Gregg Colburn Presentation at 6 PM at the SDA. Details above.
- Sunday, 1/28 - Congregational Budget Meeting

February

- Sunday, 2/11 - Jamie's Ordination Service with a Celebration reception to follow.

March

- Saturday, 3/9, 10 AM - Parents of LGBTQ+ (with Revoice Leadership)
- Sunday, 3/10 - Revoice Leadership at Grace - we look forward to welcoming the Revoice leadership who will lead the Adult Christian Formation Class.
- Friday, 3/15, 7-9 PM & Saturday, 3/16 9-1 PM - Grace 101 Sign up through the QR code.



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

Benevolence Fund. The team is looking for more people to join in the work they do to support those with financial needs in our congregation and community. To learn more about joining the team, email benevolence@graceseattle.org.

12 Egg Cartons Needed: If you have 12 egg cartons (clean and empty) please bring them to church through the month of January for an upcoming Lent/Easter craft. There will be a bin in the lobby to put them in.

Volunteers needed for Worship Prep Class. Our worship prep class has grown in size and we need an additional adult each week. Please reach out to linn@graceseattle.org if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

WOMEN IN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP After a year-long prayerful discernment process by the congregation and leadership of Grace, we believe it is good and right for Grace to move forward with both women preachers and women priests. We look forward to opening up our pulpit and leadership structures to women and believe that our congregation will benefit from having a fuller reflection of the image of God in and through our church's pastoral and preaching ministries.

GRACE MINISTRY PARTNERS

Grace partners with a number of organizations that aid in spiritual and emotional development.

SOUL CARE SEATTLE

Soul Care Seattle is 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: 1/18, 2/22, 3/21, 4/18, and 5/16



Half-day Retreat schedule at the Layne (Saturdays, 8:45 AM to 12 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: 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. **Please note this is over zoom.** 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 to 8:30 PM and are held on these Thursdays: 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.



BELL TOWER COUNSELING

Bell Tower is a non-profit counseling center in Seattle that provides evidence-based and biblically-sound counseling services to those in need across Washington state. They are committed to offering generous scholarship resources to our clients so that financial need is never a barrier to receiving high-quality counseling care. Learn more about becoming a donor through the QR code. Other offerings are listed below:



Individual Counseling

- Schedule a free intake call at belltowercounseling.org/contact

Workshops & Groups

- ADHD 101 - Saturday, January 20 - Learn about ADHD in part one of this workshop and tools for parenting kids and teens with ADHD in part 2. Sign up through the QR code. Email office@graceseattle.org if you are interested in a scholarship to attend.
- Virtual Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) group starting February 6. Learn more and sign up through the QR code.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

01/07 First Sunday of the Epiphany
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

01/14 Second Sunday of the Epiphany
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

01/21 Third Sunday of the Epiphany
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 in 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 11/30/2023):

General fund: YTD giving - 683,406.69, Budget - 889,163
Serving the City: YTD giving - 21,467.00, Budget - 137,500

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