



Order of Worship
January 28, 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.

Infant Room

Priority for nursing moms.

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. 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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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 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

'... into the bladelike arms of God.'

Annie Dillard

This is the crisis we're in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won't come near it, fearing a painful exposure. But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is.

John 3:19-21, *The Message*

Injustice must be exposed, with all the tension its exposure creates, to the light of human conscience and the air of national opinion before it can be cured.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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



THE FOURTH 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

Amos 5:14-15b

Seek good, not evil,
that you may live.

**Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say he is.**

Hate evil, love good;
maintain justice in the courts.

Joy To Be

[Chorus]

O the joy to be, joy to know
It's when I decrease,
You fill up my soul
What a joy to see, joy to hold
It's when You increase,
I want nothing more

[Chorus]

Hasten my ears, bridle my tongue
Focus my heart to hear
Settle my pace, purge me of pride
Again and again, You provide

[Chorus] 2x

Open my hands, humble my heart
All that I have is Yours
Color my prayers, widen my eyes
Wash me in glorious light

Brian Eichelberger and Zach
Bolen

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Seated

LECTIO SACRA

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 ESV

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

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



"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.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 ESV

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28 ESV

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee..

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE

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



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalms 111-118

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

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.

How Majestic

Adam Skatula, Brian
Eichelberger, Nathan Furtado,
Spencer Abbott, and Zach Bolen
2016 © E On The Eye Chart

1. Mo - thers come a - dore his name,
2. Fa - thers shout the vic - tor's cry,
3. Sin - ners come be - hold your king.

sis - ters raise your hands in praise; Lift your
bro - thers feast up - on his life. Joy has
Suf - ferers rise with hope and sing: All is

heads, taste and see all he's done;
dawned, death has been o - ver - thrown;
well, mer - cies are new this day;

Hea - ven to earth has come. (to verse 2)
Mer - cy is on it's throne.
bur - dens all met with grace. O
O

Lord, our lord, how ma - je - stic is your name
in all the earth! O Lord, our lord, how ma -
je - stic is your name in all the earth!

1. All help - less, all se - cure; all hope - ful and all bro - ken.
2. All fear - less, all a - fraid; all an - gry, all re - joic - ing.

All thank - less and all poor; all peace - ful and all vi - olent.
All doub - ting, all as - sured; all joy - ful and all mourn - ing.

3. Come gaze up - on his glo - ry, come re - ceive his love and mer - cy. D.S.
His grace de - clares his glo - ry; you are loved, for - e - ver whol - ly! O



Seated

SERMON

Amos 7

Never Doubt a Fig Picker with a Warning

Jamie Afshari

SERMON TEXT

[7:1] This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: He was preparing swarms of locusts after the king's share had been harvested and just as the late crops were coming up. [2] When they had stripped the land clean, I cried out, "Sovereign Lord, forgive! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!"

[3] So the Lord relented.

"This will not happen," the Lord said.

[4] This is what the Sovereign Lord showed me: The Sovereign Lord was calling for judgment by fire; it dried up the great deep and devoured the land. [5] Then I cried out, "Sovereign Lord, I beg you, stop! How can Jacob survive? He is so small!"

[6] So the Lord relented.

"This will not happen either," the Sovereign Lord said.

[7] This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. [8] And the Lord asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

[9] "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed
and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;
with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

[10] Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. [11] For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword,
and Israel will surely go into exile,
away from their native land."

[12] Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. [13] Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

[14] Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. [15] But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' [16] Now then, hear the word of the Lord. You say,

"Do not prophesy against Israel,
and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac."

[17] "Therefore this is what the Lord says:

"Your wife will become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword.
Your land will be measured and divided up,
and you yourself will die in a pagan country.
And Israel will surely go into exile,
away from their native land."

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in our service in order to provide
space for reflection and worship.

INTERLUDE



Kneel or Sit

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Heavenly Father we confess that we would rather
keep our sins in the dark than have you expose them.**

**We would rather you show swift justice to our enemies
than to the sin that dwells in our very homes.**

We would rather you ignore the things that we cling to instead of you.

**Gracious God forgive us and help us to see
that when you expose our sins
you long to heal us and bring us peace. Amen.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)



Stand if able

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Isaiah 30:18

The Lord longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!

Your sins are forgiven!
Praise the Lord!

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

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 - complished; His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
cannot give an an - swer. But this I know with all my heart: his

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

Stuart Townend
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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.*"

Seated

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.



Turn to page 17 & 18 for announcements and event details.

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

1. Je - sus, with Thy church a - bide;
 2. Keep her life and doct - rine pure;
 3. May she one in doct - rine be,
 4. May she guide the poor and blind,
 Be her sav - ior, Lord, and Guide,
 Grant her pa - tience to en - dure,
 One in truth and char - i - ty,
 Seek the lost un - til she find
 While on earth her faith is tried:
 Trust-ing in Thy prom - ise sure:
 Win-ning all to faith in Thee:
 And the bro - ken heart - ed bind:
 We be - seech Thee, hear us,
 We be - seech Thee, hear us.

Thomas B. Pollock, 1871
 Christopher Miner, 1997
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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****Nicene Creed**

What do we believe?

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.**

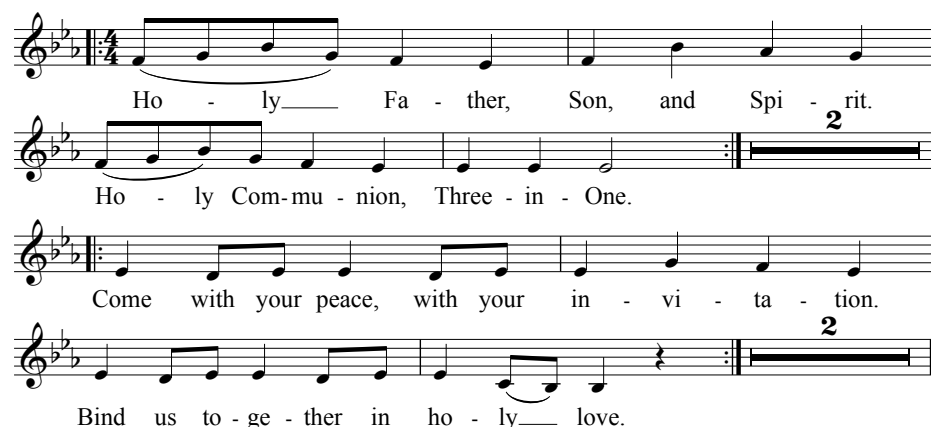
Adopted in the 4th Century, the
 Nicene Creed is the most
 universally affirmed creed
 among Christian churches.

**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.**

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

**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.**

Trinity Song



Sandra McCracken
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Seated

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:** Please note that giving
 via credit/debit card incurs a processing fee of approximately 2%.**

- To give via credit card, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405 or scan the QR code. (This will take you to our 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:***All mail must be addressed to Grace Church Seattle***
 Grace Church Seattle
 505 Broadway E, PMB 324, Seattle, WA 98102



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 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.



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.

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 Song of Heaven (The Sanctus)

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.

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

2. 3. sa - nna in the high - est!
sa - nna in the high - est!

Jess Alldredge
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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).

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior! Lord of all the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
 and Son all of the twin - kling star - ry host:
 Man!

Thee will I che - rish, Thee will I ho - nor, thou,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pu - rer who
 Je - sus shines brigh - ter, Je - sus shines pu - rer than
 Glo - ry and ho - nor, praise, a - do - ra - tion, now

7
 my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 and for - e - ver - more be thine.

Joseph August Seiss
 Alton H. Howard, 1993
 arr. Jess Alldredge

**BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6

The Lord bless you and keep you;
 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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.
- Infant room is located in the back of the Sanctuary. Priority for nursing moms.
- 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

Congregational Budget Meeting. Join us for our annual budget meeting after worship today. No lunch will be provided, only light snacks (the meeting will be less than 1 hour). Childcare is closed, however kids are welcome to join the meeting.

Grace Artists Group Meeting 2/8, 7 PM at The Layne

The artists group is a gathering for anyone who considers themselves an artist (whether or not it's their day job!) or simply loves the arts. We'll be meeting on Thursday, 2/9 at The Layne in Capitol Hill to share a few things, hang, and discuss! Email Jess to RSVP and get more details.

Revoice Leadership Weekend. Leaders from Revoice will be in Seattle in March to raise awareness for the work they are doing to support LGBTQ+/SSA individuals (and people who love them!) who want to follow Jesus. They will be hosting an event on Saturday, March 9 (10:00 AM to noon) for parents of LGBTQ+ folks, and they will be leading the Adult Christian Formation Hour on Sunday, March 10. Sign up for the Saturday parent event through the QR code which also has the location of this event.



Grace 101. Our next new members class will be Friday, 3/15, 7-9 PM & Saturday, 3/16 9-1 PM. Friday evening will be a fellowship time over dinner. On Saturday, we will dive into the ministries of Grace, light breakfast and lunch will be served on Saturday. Childcare is not provided, but babes in arms are welcome, or older kids who would be content to watch a movie during the sessions are welcome as well. Sign up through the QR code by Sunday, 3/10.



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

- Sunday, 1/28 - Congregational Budget Meeting. (In person and Live-stream.)

February

- Sunday, 2/4 - STC Lunch with St. Luke Episcopal's journey to provide affordable housing. RSVP by emailing drew@graceseattle.org.
- Sunday, 2/11 - Jamie's Ordination Service with a celebration reception to follow.
- Saturday, 2/24 - Seattle Sickle Cell Task Force Annual Gospel Concert at 5:30 PM at Trinity Church Seattle: 6512 23rd Ave NW

March

- Sunday, 3/3 - STC Lunch with Bernard Troyer from *The Block Project*. RSVP by emailing drew@graceseattle.org
- Saturday, 3/9, 10 AM - Parents of LGBTQ+ (with Revoice Leadership). Sign up through the QR code (above).
- 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. Details and sign up above.

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

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

Women's Retreat Planning Committee. If you are interested in helping plan this year's Women's Retreat (Friday, 5/3/2024 - Sunday 5/5/2024), email Jamie@graceseattle.org.

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: 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: 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: 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

- Virtual Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) group starting February 6. Learn more and sign up through the QR code.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

01/28 Fourth Sunday of the Epiphany
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)
Congregational Budget Meeting following the service (In-Person and Livestream)

02/04 Fifth Sunday of the Epiphany
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

02/11 Sixth Sunday of the Epiphany
Christian Formation Hour 9 AM
Worship Service 10:15 AM
(In-Person and Livestream)

02/14 Ash Wednesday
Worship Service 7:00 PM
(In-Person and Livestream)

02/18 First Sunday in Lent
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 12/31/2023):

General fund: YTD giving - 807,418.42, Budget - 969,996
Serving the City: YTD giving - 34,977, Budget - 150,000

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