

If you have any questions about how these changes might affect you, please ask any member of our staff or contact the office for more information. We're glad you're on this journey with us!

The Connecting Hour (9:30-10:30) will offer a variety of ways to connect with others in our church family. You'll be able to serve together in different ministry areas, engage with somebody over a fresh cup of coffee, or study and grow in Bible Fellowships for children, students, and adults.

For families with children age 3 and under, nursery care will be available all morning long. Older children should join their family for worship, with those in third grade and below optionally being dismissed to an age-appropriate Bible lesson during the later service (around 11:05).

Both worship times will feature the same Bible teaching and music, although the service in the Chapel will have a more acoustic feel due to the nature of the room.

8:00 AM Worship (Chapel) 9:30 AM Connecting Hour 10:45 AM Worship (Gymnasium)

When the new year begins, so will a new schedule for our Sunday morning gatherings. Starting January 5, we'll meet at the following times:

Coming in January

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Promised Light

Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning for worship!

Today we continue a month-long journey toward Christmas, the time when we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus — God with us as a human child.

During our time together each week we will sing, study, and reflect on a different aspect of Jesus' role as the **Light of the World.**

If you'd like to know more about Jesus and what we believe about Him, pick up a Guide to Grace Church at any exit as you leave today. It also contains answers to many questions you may have about our church family.

Again, thanks for being with us today!



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This Morning

Although the Messiah had been promised, the world lay in solemn stillness waiting for His coming. In a matter of moments, everything would change.

What do the angelic announcements teach us about God's plan and His timing?

What good news do the messages about the arrival of Jesus hold for us today?

Christmas Schedule

Just one worship service at 10:30 AM
Today and next Sunday

No Bible Fellowships for students or adults
Today and next Sunday

Christmas Eve services
Tuesday at 3:00 / 5:00 / 7:00 PM

Nursery care available at 3:00 & 5:00 only.
No young children? Please consider coming at 7:00.

I. A period of darkness:

There were four hundred years of silence between Malachi's last prophecy and God's announcements concerning the Messiah—Isaiah 9:1–2.

II. The message of Light to Zacharias:

Gabriel announced the birth of John the Baptist who would be the forerunner of the Messiah—Luke 1:8–20; Malachi 4:5–6.

III. The message of Light to Mary:

Gabriel announced the coming birth of the Messiah which would come through Mary, a virgin—Luke 1:26–38; Isaiah 7:14.

IV. The message of Light from Zacharias:

Zacharias knew his son would be the forerunner of the One who would bring Light into a dark world—Luke 1:76–79.

V. The message of Light to Joseph:

The prophesied coming One would be Immanuel, "God with us"—Matthew 1:23; Isaiah 7:14.