



April 14th, 2024

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!

Grace Presbyterian Church exists to welcome our neighbors, grow together in Christ, and serve God in our community and world. We believe that the grace of God through Jesus Christ changes everything.

Please fill out a Welcome Card by scanning the QR code so we can connect you to what God is doing at Grace!



About our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's people. The main movements are as follows:

- God Calls Us – God takes the initiative, moves towards us with grace, and invites us to know and worship Him.
- God Cleanses Us – God forgives us and reminds us of His great love in Christ.
- God Speaks to Us – God speaks to us, builds us up, and nourishes us through His word.
- God Communes with Us – God draws near to us and invites us to partake of His grace in the sacrament of communion.
- God Sends Us – God sends us out into His world, empowered to be His people for His glory and the good of the world.

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GOD CALLS US

Welcome Song | He Will Rejoice (Zephaniah 3:17) (Ernst)

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save.

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a mighty one who will save.

He will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will quiet you by his love.

He will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will quiet you by his love.

He will exult over you with loud singing.
He will exult over you with loud singing,
He will exult over you with loud singing!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
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Call to worship from Psalm 85

Leader: Revive us again that your people may rejoice in you.

All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,

Leader: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**All: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Invocation

Song of Praise | 10,000 Reasons (Myrin/Redman)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up; It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger;

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Refrain

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon | Ephesians 2:4-6

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Song of Assurance | Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Mission Partner Spotlight | GRIP Outreach for Youth

Anwar Smith

Children's Sermon and Invitation to Sunday School

Children must be checked-in and have a nametag. The check-in kiosk is located on the south side of the foyer. Please check your children in if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Greeting One Another and Passing the Peace of Christ

Announcements and Offering

There are several ways to give to Grace:

- You can drop a check in the offering box in the lobby.
- You can mail in a check to the church (440 Ridge Avenue, Winnetka, IL 60093).
- You can give appreciated assets or stocks. Please email accounting@gracenorthshore.org for more information.
- Text 847-908-5755 a dollar amount (ex."500") to give to the General Fund.
- You can give online by going to our website (gracenorthshore.org/give).

Scripture Reading:

Galatians 2:11-21

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not

nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Psalm 127:1a

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | RENEW: The Gospel Cornerstone

Rev. Marshall Brown

Senior Pastor

Song of Response | Thy Mercy, My God (Stocker/McCracken)

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.
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Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

Confession of Faith | The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

During this time, we invite EVERYONE to come forward or to go back if you're in the balcony.

The Supper is for followers of Jesus who trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and have publicly professed to follow Jesus and received Christian baptism.

If you are not a follower of Jesus, we welcome you to come forward to receive a blessing. You can indicate you won't be taking the Lord's supper by crossing your arms or saying to the server, "I will not be taking today."

For those remaining in their seats who would like to be served, please let your usher know when folks begin to move forward, and they will bring the elements of the supper to you.

Once you come forward, the cups with red are wine, and the cups with white are juice. All the bread is gluten-free. If you prefer, there are individually packaged communion elements in a basket near the communion servers.

Song of Thanksgiving | Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

GOD SENDS US

Song of Sending | May the God of Hope (Ernst/Romans 15:13, 8:24-25)

Refrain:

*May the God of Hope fill you with all joy,
Joy and peace in believing.
So that by the pow'r of the Holy Spirit
You may abound in hope.*

Now, hope that is seen is not hope.
For who hopes for what they see?
But if we hope for what we do not see,
We wait for it patiently.

Refrain

For in this hope we are saved.
In this hope we are saved.
For in this hope we are saved.
In this hope we are saved.

Refrain

Benediction

This week's Music:

Rebecca Swan, viola; Leslie Beukelman, vocals and organ; Meghan Stagl, vocals; Jim Tashjian, guitar and vocals; Jeremy Cuningham, drums; Derek Brand, sound engineer

Upcoming Events

Breeze Directory

If you would like access to Grace's directory, please visit our website. Go to the resource tab, click on the directory, and then follow the prompts/instructions. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Paul Moen (paul@gracenorthshore.org).

New Member Class | April 20th, 9:00am-12:00pm

Do you have questions about Grace's beliefs and practices? Do you want to learn about our mission and vision for ministry? Come to our New Member Class on Saturday, April 20th, from 9:00am-12:00pm. This class will take place in the West Hall and is designed for you to learn what we believe (the history and theology), who we are as the church, and what to expect as a member. For more information, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Grace Alumni Zoom | April 30th at 7:00pm

The North Shore can be a transient place where people we love pass through for a season and then move on. For many of those folks, Grace is a special place to which they feel an ongoing connection. Six Grace alumni families who have moved from the North Shore (Little, Preston, Nygaard, James, Clifton, Kapolwitz, Etheredge) are joining Pastor Marshall and Allison Browns to co-host a Zoom gathering to re-connect alumni to us and what is happening at Grace with RENEW. If you would like to see and hear from these beloved old friends, please join Pastor Marshall at 7:00pm on April 30th in the West Hall for a Zoom with Grace alums.

Youth Sunday | May 19th, 10:00am

We are just under two months away from sending our High School seniors into a new season of life. That being said, Grace wants to be a part of that sending of our Seniors. So if you have a Senior and have not yet been reached out to, please contact Ethan Marshall (ethan@gracenorthshore.org).

Grace Bible Camp | August 12th-15th

Grace Bible Camp 2024 (formerly known as VBS) is a great opportunity for ALL our church family to be involved! It is a great opportunity for all of us to serve our children and our neighbors. Also please pray to see which neighbors/friends you can invite to have great fun learning about Jesus through some of the meals He had on earth! Registration is open for children and volunteers, sign-up using the QR code below. How will you serve this summer? For more information, please contact Diana Williams (diana@gracenorthshore.org).



Weekly Events

127 Prayers | Daily at 1:27pm

We are asking all those who call Grace home to set an alarm at 1:27pm and pray every day for God's guidance. The prayer could be as simple as a recitation of Psalm 127:1a: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build labor in vain." We would love for you to take a pic of where you are at 1:27pm and email it to office@gracenothshore.org so we can build a reel of pics to scroll on the television in the church foyer. For more information, please contact Paul Moen (paul@gracenorthshore.org).

Pre-service Prayer | Sundays, 9:30am

Please join us for pre-service prayer every Sunday, 9:30am-9:55am, in the Prayer Room off of the foyer. We are using the Psalms from Psalm 119 to guide prayer for the worship and outreach of Grace. For more information, please contact Katherine Rusev (katherine@gracenorthshore.org).

Explorers Class (5th Graders) | Sundays, 10:00am

The Explorers class is a new learning opportunity for students to learn about the New City Catechisms written by Kathy Keller. The class meets on Sunday mornings. It will be during the service, and the kids will go downstairs following the children's sermon. For more information, please contact Ethan Marshall (ethan@gracenorthshore.org).

Rooted (6th-8th Grade) | Sundays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Rooted (our Middle School Youth Group) meets on Sunday nights. All 6th-8th grade students are invited to join us in the West Hall from 5:30pm-7:00pm for an evening of fellowship and fun. For more information, please contact Paul Moen (paul@gracenorthshore.org).

Compass (9th-12th Grade) | Sundays, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Compass (our High School Youth Group) meets on Sunday nights. All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us in the foyer from 5:30pm-7:00pm for an evening of fellowship and fun. For more information, please contact Ethan Marshall (ethan@gracenorthshore.org).

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 11:00am-12:00pm

Moms in Prayer meet in the West Hall for 1 hour each Monday. College and career moms are invited. Please contact Debbie Guillod (debbie.guillod@gmail.com) or 303-807-5719 for more information.

Tuesdays at 12 | Tuesdays, 12:00pm-12:30pm

Join us in the West Hall for "Tuesdays at 12:00pm" to pray together as a church family. We meet every Tuesday from 12:00pm-12:30pm! On April 30th, there will be a zoom option to pray over our RENEW campaign. For more information, please contact Katherine Rusev (katherine@gracenorthshore.org).

Men's Bible Study | Wednesdays, 6:30am-7:30am

The Men's Bible Study meets in the West Hall on Wednesday mornings from 6:30am-7:30am. We will be following the series that we will be working through on Sunday mornings. No preparation is required, and you can hop in on the study anytime. For more information, please contact Nick Swan (nick@gracenorthshore.org).

Men's Morning Basketball | Thursdays, 6:15am-8:00am

All Men are invited to play basketball on Thursday mornings at Winnetka Bible Church from 6:15am-8:00am. For more information, please contact Ethan Marshall (ethan@gracenorthshore.org).

Women's Bible Study | Thursdays, 9:30am-11:00am

The women of Grace will continue in a seven-week study on the "I Am" Statements of Jesus. We will gather in the West Hall, and childcare will be provided. The study we use is "Behold and Believe" by Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrel. Following along with the Bible study is recommended but not required for participation. It is available for purchase on Amazon. We would love to see you there! For more information, please contact Karis Highsmith (karis@gracenorthshore.org).

Ways to Serve

Sunday Service Volunteering

Sunday morning volunteering is a great way to get plugged into Grace Presbyterian Church. You can serve alongside and get to know your church community. There are four ways to volunteer

on Sundays: coffee pick-up & drop-off, greeters, scripture reader, and communion servers! If you would like to volunteer on a Sunday or for more information, please contact Melissa Brodahl (melissa@gracenorthshore.org).

Children's Ministry Volunteering

Volunteering in our Children's Ministry is a great opportunity to serve Jesus and our families at Grace. We would love for you to join our team and help these children grow in their faith. For more information, and ways to serve, please contact Diana Williams (diana@gracenorthshore.org).

Meals Ministry

Our Meals Ministry cares for our church community by delivering meals on a short-term basis to those dealing with illness, a new baby, a big move, or other transitional life events. If you would like to volunteer to deliver a meal to someone in need, please contact our Meals Ministry Coordinator, Emily Lee (gracemeals@gracenorthshore.org).

Serving Opportunities at Grace

Are you interested in serving at Grace? Scan the QR code below to fill out an interest form!



RENEW Sermon Series Questions

Opening Question:

When is a time in your life when someone challenged/confronted you (or you challenged/confronted someone)? How did it turn out?

Read Galatians 2:11-21

- Why did Peter (Cephas) pull back from eating with Gentiles?
- How were Peter's actions not in step with the truth of the gospel (v. 14)?
- What does it mean to seek to be justified by "observing the law" (v. 16) in the first century? What does it look like today?
- What are ways that we sometimes seek to be justified (made right with God) according to works of the law?
- In face of Peter's hypocrisy, Paul responds that we are "justified by faith in Christ" (v. 16). What does it mean to be "justified"? What does "by faith" mean? What is the significance of this all being "in Christ" (read again v. 20)?
- Why was Paul so adamant and willing to have open conflict?
- How might the church be different today if Paul had ignored the situation?
- Do you believe that Jesus loves you and gave himself for you?
- Why do you think this text is so central to RENEW that it was addressed first?

Read (and pray!) Psalm 127:1a

- As we go into RENEW and seek to build a literal building so that we might see our mission go forward on the North Shore, how can we keep Jesus at the center of this endeavor? What does Psalm 127:1 teach us about how we are to posture our hearts as we seek to carry out this vision?

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