

Trembling before Thee we fall down to adore Thee,
Shamefaced and trembling we lift our eyes to Thee:
O First and with the last! annul our ruined past,
Rebuild us to Thy glory, set us free
From sin and from sorrow to fall down and worship Thee.
Full of pity view us, stretch Thy sceptre to us,
Bid us live that we may give ourselves to Thee:
O faithful Lord and True! stand up for us and do,
Make us lovely, make us new, set us free —
Heart and soul and spirit — to bring all and worship Thee.

Epiphanytide, Christina Rossetti



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St
First Service 9:00 am
Second Service 10:45 am
Christian Formation 10:45 am

FIRST SERVICE

Nursery
6 months - 2 years
Toddlers (2&3): Room 117
PreK: Room 119

SECOND SERVICE

Nursery
6 months - 3 years

GRACE KIDS CHRISTIAN FORMATION

10:45 AM
Toddlers: Room 117
PreK: Room 119
Kinder/1st grade: Room 103
2nd grade: Room 120
3rd/4th grade: Room 110
5th/6th grade: Room 102
Adults: Fellowship Hall

EPIPHANY

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 (or, Magi’s) visit to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2). The Magi 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 Magi 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.

Let us worship!

REFLECTION QUOTES

I feel thorns where my crown was
I be weak but I'm alive
From the dusk until dawn (yeah)
I'll survive because I got sweet victory
Nobody can take it from me sweet victory
Cause I got sweet victory

They see me on the stage
They like that boy the man
They hear play on them songs
They clappin' in them stands
They like "I bet you got a lot of good stuff from rubber bands"
So when I say "It's been a few hard years" they think I'm playin'
But you don't know my life boy
You don't know my life boy
You don't know what it's been like on my wife
Don't know my fight boy
Being in the trenches steady tryna' fight my foes
And when I couldn't fight no more it brought me low, low
It brought me low I know can't bet it low

They like I here you talkin' wins but I see your losses
You celebratin' crowns but I see your crosses
That's the paradox that don't fit in your mary box
You might not understand if you walk in this pair of socks
The victor ain't the one that's winnin' seventh inning
Trophies don't go to ones that got a good beginning
When I say I win I don't mean the state I'm in
I mean that day when the grey skies fade out then
I'm winning cause I reign with Him

Trip Lee, "Sweet Victory"

The question of precedence seems to have occupied the minds of the disciples more than once. It reveals the ideas of the kingdom which made it difficult for them to understand the cross.

H.G. Wood, "Peake's Commentary on Mark 9"

Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices for the duration of the worship service.



Text in **bold** is read together by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by one of the worship service leaders

The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy".

Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, he is the one calling us to himself—today and every day.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Seated

WELCOME

Standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:1-9

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

**On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Greatly To Be Praised

Brian Eichelberger and
Zach Bolen
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1. Sing to the Lord a new song; lift up his name, with
2. Lift up your voice and thank him; our God pro - vides our
3. Shout to the God of tri - umph; let ev - ery tongue pro -

joy - ful praise. Sing of his sweet sal - va - tion;
ev - ery need. Wor - ship the God of mer - cy,
claim his praise. Boast in the res - ur - rect - ion;

1. 4

morn - ing to night and day to day.
who gave his life to
in Je - sus Christ, who

2. 3. [Chorus 2x at end]

set us free. Our God is great - ly to be praised, - no - thing in
rules and reigns.
all the earth com - pares - to him. The God of glo - ry and of grace;

1.

our God is great, our God is great!

4. 2.

our God is great, our God is great! Cre
a - tion joins to praise him, the sin - ner finds sal - va - tion.

The church of Christ pro - claims it, his
king - dom shouts by sing - ing: [to Chorus 2x]
D.S.

Our God is great, our God is great! Our God is

Seated



LECTIO SACRA

Acts 26:12-29

"In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

"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.

(Continued on the next page.)

"Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles." And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind." But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words. For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe." And Agrippa said to Paul, "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?" And Paul said, "Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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

Adapted from Psalm 27
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Confession of sin happens within the context of relationship, both with God and each other. We confess together, in community, before a gracious God who has given us himself. Confession both acknowledges our need for mercy and celebrates its abundance in Christ.

INTERLUDE

O Lord You Are My Light

Standing

CONFESSION OF SIN

Adapted from reformedworship.org

**Almighty and merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned
 against you and one another
 in both our actions and our inactions.**

**We recognize that in Jesus our light has come,
 yet often we choose to walk in the shadows
 and ignore the light.**

**Gracious God, forgive our sins
 and remove from us the veil of darkness
 which shrouds our lives.**

**Illumine us by your Word
 so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory.**

Amen.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

RECEIVING OF GRACE

Psalm 36:3-9



In Christ, we taste of His steadfast, faithful love.

In faith, proclaim these words together:

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the skies.

Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,

your justice like the great deep.

You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

The Light of Christ Has Come!

Thanks Be to God!

HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE

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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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

9 AM

Elian Jensen Garcia

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Matthew 28:19;
Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31

Questions from The Book of Church Order, 56-5

1. Do you acknowledge that your child is created in God's image and is a gift from him to both you and the world?
2. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
3. Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
4. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting in the Christian nurture of this child?

PROMISE TO THE CHILD

Adapted from the Church of Scotland Baptismal Liturgy

For you Jesus Christ came into the world.
 For you he lived and showed God's love.
 For you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, 'It is finished.'
 For you he triumphed over death and rose to new life.
 For you he reigns at God's right hand.
 All this he did for you, though you do not know it yet.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer, 1928

Lord Jesus Christ,
 who embraces children with the arms of mercy
 and makes them living members of your Church,
 give Elian grace to stand fast in your faith,
 to obey your word, and to abide in your love.
 Being made strong by your Holy Spirit,
 may he resist temptation and overcome evil,
 and rejoice in the life that now is,
 and dwell with you in the life that is to come;
 through your merits, O merciful Savior,
 who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
 one God, world without end. Amen.



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.

PRAYING THE PSALMS

10:45 AM

Psalm 119:105-120

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.

**I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word!
Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your rules.**

I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

**Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

I hate the double-minded,
but I love your law.

**You are my hiding place and my shield;
I hope in your word.
Depart from me, you evildoers,
that I may keep the commandments of my God.**

Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,
and let me not be put to shame in my hope!

**Hold me up, that I may be safe
and have regard for your statutes continually!**

You spurn all who go astray from your statutes,
for their cunning is in vain.

**All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross,
therefore I love your testimonies.**

**My flesh trembles for fear of you,
and I am afraid of your judgments.**

**Prayer for Those
Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

*Traditional Celtic Hymn
8th Century*



Be Thou My Vision

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

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

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

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

Seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another with a handshake or a hug. 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."

GOSPEL LESSON

The One Who is Great

Luke 9:43-48

Rev. Jason Davison

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at graceseatle.org/resources.

INTERLUDE

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Prayer for Those
Searching for the Truth**

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

OFFERING



The offering is a way for members and friends of Grace Church Seattle to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please let us know you've joined us today, as well as any comments or prayer requests, by placing your welcome card in the offering basket.

For online giving options, please go to graceseattle.org/giving

To give via text message, text *GODISLOVE* to 206.859.9405

To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play, click download, and click the giving tab within the app to give.

Standing, Seated or Kneeling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FEAST OF EPIPHANY PRAYER

Adapted from priestsforlife.org



The whole world is called to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord.

Grateful for our faith, we now bring the Lord our petitions.

That the Church may tirelessly reveal the glory of Christ
to all nations and peoples who do not yet know him,
we pray to the Lord...

That the Manifestation of the glory of Christ
will enable all nations
to also recognize the sanctity of each and every human life,
we pray to the Lord...

That missionaries may find new strength for their labors,
and may enjoy the support of the Christian people,
we pray to the Lord...

That God's people may more deeply discover the mysteries of Christ,
in His Word, Holy Communion and in His Church,
we pray to the Lord...

That the sick may discover in their sufferings
a manifestation of the Passion of Christ,
we pray to the Lord...

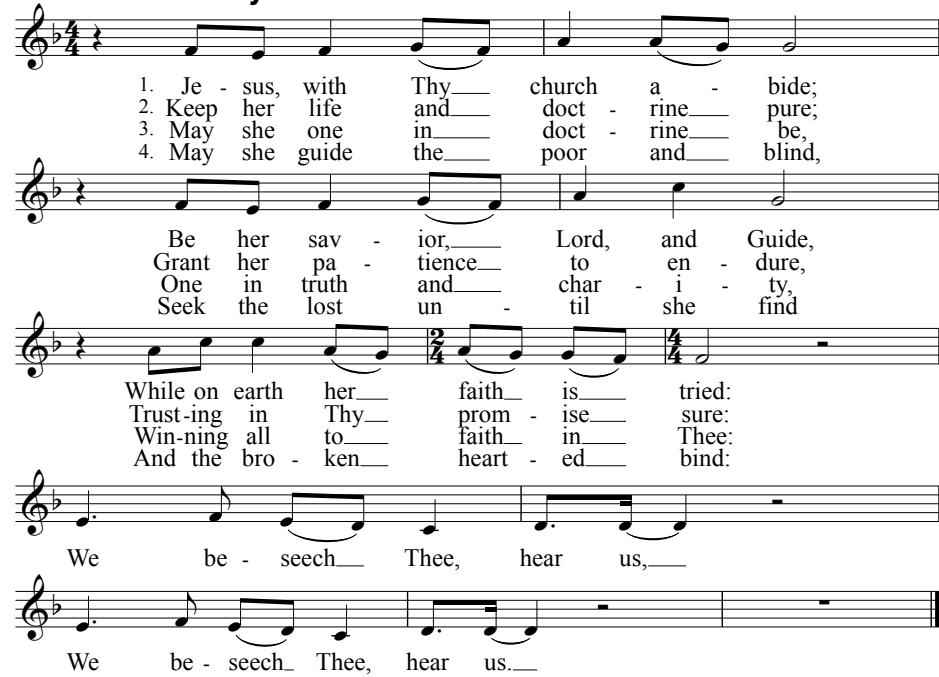
That those who have died may share eternal glory,
we pray to the Lord...

**Father, we trust in your loving care.
Show us your glory, deepen our faith,
and grant us your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PETITION

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Thomas B. Pollock, 1871
Christopher Miner, 1997
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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.



Prayer for Receiving Communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Allergen-free communion elements (wafer ingredients: organic brown rice flour, organic white rice flour) are available at the center of the communion table. To partake, please dip in the wine cup on the table, then proceed through the line.

The *Sursum Corda* (Latin: "Lift up your hearts") is an opening dialogue in the Eucharistic liturgy of the Christian Church and dates back (at least) to the third century. This text encourages the church to come with thankfulness and joy to the Lord's table.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

If you would like prayer during communion, intercessors will be available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you.

The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is meet and right to do so.

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:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The Sanctus (Latin: "Holy") is a Christian hymn text, typically sung in response to The Sursum Corda. It is an invitation to join the voices of the church with the heavenly host, who are continually proclaiming the Father's glory (Isaiah 6:1-3; Matthew 21:9).

Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

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

Seated

The Words of Institution

The Ministration of Communion

HYMN OF SALVATION

In Christ Alone

In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the
light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal
ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Till on the
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus commands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His
cease. My Com - fort - er my all in all, here in the
fied. For ev - ery sin on Him was laid: here in the
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the
hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the
love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!



BENEDICTION

Ephesians 3:17-19

May Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,
being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**



SENDING

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

Thanks be to God!

*Members of the prayer team will be available to pray for you at the front of the sanctuary
at the conclusion of each service.*

ONGOING EVENTS & GROUPS

Moms In Prayer Group - South Seattle

Moms In Prayer is an international group with the sole purpose of praying for our kids while they attend school. This is a structured hour of prayer that focuses on a different attribute of God every week with time dedicated to intercessory prayer for our children. Open to all moms and all school structures including homeschool. One Moms in Prayer group meets in South Seattle (Hillman City) every Thursday starting September 20th from 1 pm to 2 pm at Rainier Avenue Church. This group is led by Heidi Slater and Lisa Konick. Childcare is available and is a shared cost. To join, please contact Heidi Slater at hydijo@gmail.com. To find a Moms in Prayer group that meets in your area, please go to momsinprayer.org

Women's Gatherings

Contact: Jo Taniguchi at taniguchijo@gmail.com.

Grace Kids Facebook Page

For the latest news, messages and resources, check out the Grace Kids Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Grace-Kids-at-Grace-Church-Seattle-940257476071589/>

GraceLifeSeattle ListServ

The GraceLifeSeattle Listserv is an email group designed to foster spontaneous generosity and hospitality among anyone and everyone who regularly attends Grace. The Listserv will allow anyone who signs up to send out an email to the larger group. It is designed to be used to let others know about a party you'd like to invite others to join, a game night you'd like to host, a request to borrow something, a post to give goods away, a need you'd like to ask for help from the larger group, etc.
Contact: Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Lifelong

Grace Seattle delivers pre-made meals once a week to individuals living with or at risk of HIV/AIDS and/or other chronic diseases. If you would like more information or would like to be part of the delivery team, email Paige Lively at paigelively@gmail.com.

Meals Ministry

We serve Grace community members with food delivery in case of short-term needs, such as injuries, illnesses, and new children. Volunteers are added to an email list and asked to serve as they are able when needs arise. Currently additional volunteers are needed to help serve the community in this practical way.
Contact: Rebecca Iland rebecca@graceseattle.org

Prayer Ministry

We are looking for people who are feeling called to our prayer ministry team. Each Sunday, intercessors from the prayer team will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you during communion time and immediately after the service. The prayer team also meets quarterly to pray together for the needs of our church, city, and world.
Contact: Heather Andrews prayer@graceseattle.org

Money Management

Begins January 23rd, 2019

Planning for the future is hard when you're living paycheck to paycheck! There's a better way! Join the Financial Peace University group to learn how to eliminate debt, reduce expenses, and make a plan for the future together! Join us at the SDA Volunteer Park Church (1300 E Aloha St, Seattle) starting January 23, 2019. Feel free to call or message Charles Grenard with any questions at (206) 427-2601 or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1076740>.

Note: This class is not a Grace Adult Christian Formation class, but it is being led by a regular Grace attendee.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are places of care and community where we learn more about living the Christian life together. Each group is unique and has its own "personality," and yet all groups are focused on growing in relationship with God and with each other. Groups meet on different nights in various neighborhoods around the city, and include time for fellowship, study and reflection, and prayer together. If you have any questions about community groups, contact Debbie (Smith) Tacke at debbie@graceseattle.org.

Parish #	Contact	Time	Meeting Information
1	Bennett Sorbo bsorbo@gmail.com	6:30 pm Tuesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.
4	Daniel Rogers graddy462@gmail.com	7:30 pm Every other Wednesday	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.
4	Danielle Taniguchi danielle@graceseattle.org	7:00 pm Thursdays	Mixed group of adults. Light Snacks.
4	Erika Schuyler erikaschuyler@gmail.com	7 pm - 8:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	Mixed group of adults & kids.
9	Susan Rose susanguppy@gmail.com	6:30 pm 2nd & 4th Wednesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Light dinner.
10	Gwen St. John gwenstjohn@hotmail.com	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Tuesdays	Mixed group of adults & kids. Potluck dinner.

Parish Number Key

Parish #	Neighborhood
1	Ballard, Fremont, Greenwood, Bitterlake, Broadview
4	Lake City, Maple Leaf, Northgate, Pinehurst, Lake Forest Park, N. View Ridge, Woodinville, Wedgwood
8	Eastlake, Lower Capitol Hill, South Lake Union

Parish #	Neighborhood
9	Arbor Heights, Burien, Delridge, Fauntleroy, Highland Park, South Park, West Seattle, Westwood
10	Beacon Hill, Columbia City, Hillman City, Kent, Mt. Baker, Rainier Valley, Renton, Seward Park, Tacoma

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New Grace Kids Drop Off/Pick Up Logistics

This Sunday will be the first time that we are hosting Grace Kids, YCG, and Adult Christian Formation concurrently with the 10:45 service. We are asking all volunteers, children and participants to be flexible and patient regarding this new ministry format, as we will be keeping to our 45 minute Christian Formation timetable for classes.

Logistically, this will mean that if parents are attending the second service and choose to send their children to Grace Kids classes, parents will need to collect their children at 11:30 and bring them to the remainder of the service. We will keep this format for the rest of January and evaluate logistics in early February. Again, we ask for your patience as we acclimate to this new rhythm and make adjustments as needed.

Adult Christian Formation Class: Created in God's Image Starts TODAY 10:45 AM

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

This class is an exploration into basic questions like these: *What does it mean to be a human being? What is God's purpose for my life? Why are people so amazing and so disappointing? Why am I so amazing and so disappointing? Is there realistic hope for substantial change in Christ? How are men and women supposed to relate to one another?*

The material covered in this class is foundational for the Christian life.

Garfield High School Winter Drive

LAST CALL: Drive ends today

High school students have so many challenges already; then add the stress of being homeless. We are collecting basic needs and cold weather items for the homeless students at Garfield High School to extend care to them. Please bring the following items to church: socks, underwear, gloves, hats, and healthy snacks like granola bars and fruit snacks. We will be running this drive through Sunday, January 13th. For more info contact Coleen Marta at coleen@graceseattle.org.

Grace Artists' Group

Thursday, January 17th @ 7-9 PM

Grace Office - 400 East Pine

The Grace Artists' Group is a gathering for anyone at Grace who considers themselves an artist or is artistically-inclined (whether or not it's their day job!). We'll be reading, sharing work, discussing inspiring art, and praying together as we explore how art and faith intersects and impacts our lives. We meet every third Thursday of the month from 7-9 PM at the Grace Church Office. If you have any questions or would like more information, email Jess Alldredge at jess@graceseattle.org.

Revoice Visit

January 25-27th 2019

Nate Collins and Stephen Moss—two key leaders of Revoice—will be making a trip to Seattle and to our church specifically. In addition to giving a brief snapshot of Revoice during worship, Nate and Stephen will take part in a panel discussion on Sunday during Christian Formation Hour on Sunday, January 27th. This will be a great opportunity to hear from them about their vision for how LGBT/Same-Sex Attracted people can not just survive but actually flourish in a church like ours that still upholds a traditional biblical sexual ethic. They will also be taking time to answer some of the many questions I am sure we all have. If you have any questions, please contact John at john@graceseattle.org or check out their website at revoice.us.

Communion Prep Class

Starts Sunday, February 3rd - During 9am Sermon Room 102 (Downstairs)

We will begin our six-week communion prep class for children ages 5 and up, with accompanying parents, on February 3rd. This fun, short course is taught by members of the session as we walk through God's Big Story and the invitation to dine with Him at the Lord's Supper. During and/or after the class, interviews will be arranged between the Session and families, prior to coming to the Table. To register, please email Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org.

Save The Date: Women's Retreat 2019

March 8-10th

Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center

This year's women's retreat will be held March 8-10 at the Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center (approximately 45 minutes from Seattle). The theme for this year's retreat is "Cultivating Contentment" and our speaker will be Andrea Frankenfeld as well as other women who will be sharing their stories as part of the Friday night panel discussion. This is a great chance to get to know other women at Grace and enjoy a weekend of connecting and refreshment. Mark your calendar to join us! Registration will open on January 27th. If you have questions, please email Danielle Taniguchi at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Volunteers Needed for Grace Kids

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Please help us make Grace a place where all children are welcomed, known, and loved. We are currently in need in the following areas for Grace Kids classes, starting in January:

- Toddlers 1st service: 4 volunteers needed
- Toddlers Christian Formation: 2 volunteers needed
- PreK class 1st service: 1 volunteer needed
- 2nd grade Christian Formation: 2 volunteers needed

Please prayerfully consider serving in a vital component of Christ's ministry here at Grace (Matt 19:14)! If you have any questions, or would like to start the application process for serving with Grace Kids, please contact Nicole Herring at nicole@graceseattle.org.

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Save The Date: Men's Retreat 2019

May 3rd-5th

Rainbow Lodge Retreat Center

This is a great chance to get to know other men at Grace and enjoy a weekend of connecting and rest. Stay tuned for more details, but for now save the date for this great weekend together! Please email Orion Ifland for more information at orion@ifland.net.

Sacred Road Informational Meeting

January 20th or February 17th at 12:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

Grace has the wonderful opportunity of going on a mission and service trip to the Yakama reservation again this coming summer! We are asking for any who are interested to prayerfully consider joining us this year as we share in giving and receiving the love of Christ with our friends at Sacred Road! We have 15 spots available and the registration deadline will be posted soon, (the deadline is in mid-March). We will hold two informational meetings after the second service, (small lunch provided) on January 20th at 12:30pm, and February 17th at 12:30pm. If you would like to go on the Sacred Road Trip, you are required to attend one of these informational meetings. Please contact Pastor Jason Davison at jason@graceseattle.org if you have further questions or would like to register for the trip.

Save the Date: All Church Retreat 2019

September 27-29th

Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center

Save the date! We will be having a church-wide retreat at the Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. This is a great time to build existing relationships and form new ones. For more information about the retreat, please email Danielle at danielle@graceseattle.org. More details to follow in early 2019.

Grief and Loss Support Group

First Sunday of each month at 9:00-10:20 AM

Classroom #218 (down the hallway to the left of the sanctuary)

This ministry provides a time and space to share our grief and loss with one another, so that we can be consoled in knowing that we are not alone in our suffering. If you are experiencing grief over the death of a loved one, infertility, the loss of health, difficult family dynamics, the loss of a job, or another loss, join us. There is no grief or loss too big or too small. The participants simply listen to, and pray for, each person that shares. A moderator describes the group guidelines at the start of each meeting. We meet on the first Sunday of the month from 9:00 to 10:20 am; please come as often or as seldom as you need. If you have questions please contact Lisa Behringer at cozycottage@mac.com.

SERMON TEXT

Luke 9:43-48

[43] And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, [44] "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men." [45] But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

[46] An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. [47] But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side [48] and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

1/13 First Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

1/20 Second Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

1/27 Third Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Revoice Staff Visit 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

2/3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

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