

Epiphany
2.17.2019



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1300 E Aloha St
First Service 9:00 am
Fellowship Brunch 10:30 am

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 AM

Nursery

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

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'm not fine
And you're not fine
And we're not fine together (dear)

I told you I was sorry
Are you sure that it's enough?
I'm not fine
And you're not fine
And we're not fine together (dear)

I told you I was sorry
It doesn't feel like it's enough
Lamb of God
You take away the sin

The Welcome Wagon, "I'm Not Fine"

There is no shade in the shadow of the cross.

Sufjan Stevens

Weary, working, burdened one,
Wherefore toil you so?
Cease your doing; all was done
Long, long ago.

Till to Jesus' work you cling
By a simple faith,
"Doing" is a deadly thing—
"Doing" ends in death.

Lay your deadly "doing" down—
Down at Jesus' feet;
Stand in Him, in Him alone,
Gloriously complete.

James Proctor, "It Is Finished"

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Seated

WELCOME



Standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Revelation 7:9-10

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.

I looked, and there was a great multitude
that no one could count, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**"Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"**

Today our voices join this ongoing heavenly hymn of praise.

In Jesus' name, let us worship God.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Reginald Herber, 1826
John B. Dykes ("Nicaea"), 1861

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 though the eye of sin - ful flesh thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Trin - i - ty!
 pe - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bles - sed Trin - i - ty!

Before The Throne Of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft
and Vikki Cook
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Worship

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect
strong and per - fect plea; A great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less, right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I
love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the
Am, the King of Glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -
grav - en on His hands; My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is coun - ted free. For God, the
self; I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is
while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
just, is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don
hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Sav - ior and my
part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on Him and par - don me.
God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.



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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

From Hebrews 4:14-16 and The Worship Sourcebook

We have a great high priest
 who has gone to live with God in heaven.
He is Jesus the Son of God.
So let us continue to express our faith in him.
Jesus, our high priest,
 is able to understand our weaknesses.
When Jesus lived on earth,
 he was tempted in every way.
He was tempted in the same ways we are tempted,
 but he never sinned.
With Jesus as our high priest,
 we can feel free to come before God's throne
 where there is grace.
At his throne we receive mercy and kindness
 to help us when we need it.

So let us now confess our sins to God and to each other:

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,
 yet too often we practice pride.
You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,
 **yet too often we rush past the pain of others
 and are careless about our cities.**
You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,
 **yet too often we love those
 who are strong, respected, or popular.**
You freely forgave and healed,
 yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.
You lived a perfectly holy life,
 yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.
You prayed that we who believe in you
 should be united with each other and you,
 **yet too often we focus on the differences
 that separate us from other believers.**
You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,
 yet too often we deny you.
You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
 yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.
Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

Lamb of God

Jess Alldredge

Musical score for 'Lamb of God' in G major, 6/8 time. The score consists of two staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. O have mer - cy on us. Lord have mer - cy on us.' The score includes a first ending marked '1.' with a '4' below it and '*back to top' to the right. The second ending is marked '2.' and includes the lyrics 'Grant us_ peace Lo - rd.' followed by 'D.S.' (Da Capo). The final line of the score is 'Grant us_ peace Lo - rd.'

RECEIVING OF GRACE

John 3:16-17



For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him
should not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son
into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Jesus Paid It All

by John Thomas Grape and
Elvina Mabel Hall

I hear the Sa-vior say, thy strength in-deed is small. Child of
Lor-d now in-deed I find Thy pow'r and Thine a-lone can-
5 And when be-fore the throne I stand in Him com-plete. Je-sus
wea-kness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all. Je - sus paid it
10 change the le-per's spots and melt the heart of stone.
died my soul to save. My lips shall still re-peat:
13 all, all to Him I owe. 1.2. 7
Sin had left a crim-son stain; He washed it white as snow.
3.
Sin had left a crim-son stain; He washed it white as snow. He
2
washed it white as snow. He washed it white as snow.
8
O praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead. (O)



PRAYING THE PSALMS

Psalm 121

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.

I look up to the hills,
but where will my help really come from?

**My help will come from the Lord,
the Creator of heaven and earth.**

He will not let you fall.
Your Protector will not fall asleep.
Israel's Protector does not get tired.
He never sleeps.

The Lord is your Protector.
The Lord stands by your side, shading and protecting you.

**The sun cannot harm you during the day,
and the moon cannot harm you at night.**

The Lord will protect you from every danger.
He will protect your soul.

**The Lord will protect you as you come and go,
both now and forever!**

Lift Your Eyes Up

***There is a power stronger than evil;
wider than sorrow.
There is a mountain over the shadow
where the sun is shin-ing down.***

[Refrain]

***Lift your eyes up children of Zion.
Lift your eyes up children of Zion.
Hold on, hold on, your help comes from the Lord.***

***I went out walking into the city;
I saw the ancient ruins.
The sound of sing-ing off in the distance
coming from the mountain of God.***

[Refrain]

***Your help comes from the Lord. (3x)
Don't you know that you're the children of Zion?
My help comes from the Lord. (3x)
Don't you know that you're the children of Zion?***

[Refrain 2]

***Lift your eyes up children of Zion.
Lift your eyes up children of Zion.
Lift your eyes up children of Zion.
Lift your eyes up children of Zion.
Hold on, hold on, your help comes from the Lord.
(Repeat)***

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."

HOMILY

***He Himself Is Our Peace
Ephesians 2:11-22
Rev. John Haralson***

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

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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 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.

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.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

God Will Be Your Glory (Isaiah 60:1-19)

Lyrics are provided for reflection.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Behold, darkness will cover all,
but the Lord will shed his light;
his glory will be seen.

Uplift your eyes around,
and see nations gather in God's name
to bring good news for all.
For those who shall oppose his name
will be stricken and brought low;
to serve in deference.

Redeemed, saved by the love of God;
Blessed with righteousness and peace,
You'll praise his holy name.
The sun shall be no more required,
nor the brightness of the moon.
The Lord shall be your light!
God will be your glory!



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.

Lift Every Voice And Sing (Black National Anthem)

Lyrics are provided for reflection.

*J. Rosamond Johnson and
James Weldon Johnson*

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
let our rejoicing rise,
high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea
sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the day that hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet,
come to the place on witch our fathers sighed?
we have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
thou who has by thy might,
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray
lest our feet stray frm the places, our God, where we met thee,
least our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
shadowed beneath the hand,
may we forever stand,
tru to our God,
Tru to our native land.

Seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH



We invite anyone to share a prayer request or praise with the congregation so that we may pray with and for you at this time.

Standing

HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE

We Are Not Overcome

Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell
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1. Flesh will fail and bones will break; thieves will
 2. Put no trust in the earth, in the
 3. Have no fear for your life; turn your

steal, the earth will shake. Night will fall, the light will
 sod you stand up on. Flow - ers fade in - to
 cheek! Turn your cheek! Bear the yoke of love and

fade; The Lord will give and take a-way:
 dust; The Lord will make a place for
 death; The Lord will give all life and

us: Be-cause of his great love, we are not o-ver - come!
 breath:
 Be - cause of his great love, we are
 not o - ver come!



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.

Seated

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 Words of Institution

The Ministration of Communion

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Anonymous

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
 2. Thro' this world of toil and snares,
 3. When my fee - ble life is o'er,
Refrain: Just a clo - ser walk with Thee,

Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 Time for me will be no more;
 Grant it, Je - sus, this my plea,

I'll be sa - tis - fied as long _____ As I
 Who with me my bur - den shares? _____ None but
 Guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er _____ To Thy
 Dai - ly wal - king close to Thee, _____ Let it

walk, dear Lord, close to Thee. [To Refrain each time]
 Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
 king - dom shore, to Thy shore.
 be, dear Lord, let it be.

BENEDICTION

Revelation 7:12; Numbers 6:24-26



"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
 and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
 be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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

Guide Our Feet



Give light _____ to all _____ who dwell in _____ the dark, _____ and
 guide our feet in - to _____ the way of peace.

Jess Alldredge
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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

See our full calendar at graceseattle.org/events/calendar

Sign up for our email list by emailing office@graceseattle.org

Fellowship Sunday Brunch

TODAY 10:30 AM

This morning we will have one worship service at 9 AM followed by a church-wide fellowship brunch for everyone after the service. Our menu will include biscuits and gravy with fried chicken. You are invited to bring any sides to go with the main dish.

This will be an opportunity to set aside time to fellowship with one another, eat great food and celebrate God's goodness to our congregation. We hope you will join us.

Sacred Road Informational Meeting

TODAY 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.

Congregational Meeting

New Time/Date To Be Announced

Everyone is invited to our congregational meeting where we will provide a 2018 Financial Update and present the 2019 Budget.

Grace Kids Drop Off/Pick Up Logistics

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. Again, we ask for your patience as we acclimate to this new rhythm and make adjustments as needed.

Women's Retreat Registration Open

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. You can register [here](#) until March 3rd. Danielle will be in the lobby between the services to help you register today as well. To learn more about scholarships, please email Danielle at danielle@graceseattle.org.

Grace Artists' Group

Thursday, February 21st @ 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.

Grace Kids Open House

February 24th at 10:45 to 11:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 24th, we have a wonderful opportunity for an inter-generational "family meeting" during Christian Formation Hour (10:45-11:30). Everyone is invited to hear from Grace Kids teachers about what is happening in classes each week. There will also be an opportunity for Q&A along with classroom observation during the last portion of the session. (The Toddler class will present a short video in place of an actual class visit, in order to minimize disruption for the little ones.)

Want to see what the youngest in the congregation are up to? Interested in serving but not sure what to expect? A parent or grandparent curious about what class is like? Please join us! Questions? Please email Pastor Jason at jason@graceseattle.org or Nicole Herring at nicole@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: 3 volunteers needed
- Toddlers 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.

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

Ephesians 2:11-22

[11] Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands – [12] remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. [13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. [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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2/17 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
One Worship Service 9 AM
Fellowship Sunday Brunch 10:30 AM

2/24 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Grace Kids Open House 10:45 AM
No Christian Formation Classes

3/3 Eighth Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service 9 AM and 10:45 AM
Christian Formation Classes 10:45 AM
Grace Kids & Youth 10:45 AM

3/10 Ninth First Sunday of Lent
One Worship Service 9 AM
No Grace Kids or Christian Formation Classes

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