

NEW TO GC?

Stop by the Guest Connection Desk today after our worship assembly. We'd love to meet you!

WELCOME!

In ten days, several of us will gather for a time of worship we are calling, "The Longest Night." The idea behind this gathering is to give people the space they need during the holiday season to grieve and mourn. These motions and emotions are gifts from the Lord but in recent history have been pushed out of most church spaces.

When we come together we place a high value on celebration, rejoicing and wearing our happy faces. There is indeed much to be happy about as we serve and follow Jesus, but it is not healthy to limit our worship to the times we are "feeling good." Read the wisdom books and prophets we will find a tradition of worship through both joy and sorrow, delight and lament.

On the 20th we will take about an hour to embrace the sadness in our hearts. God doesn't abandon us in our grief, but grieves with us and sends us comfort. The night will have some readings, some music, and times of quiet contemplation. The aim is to bring glory to God and some amount of healing to each participant.

If this resonates with you, or you know someone who may benefit from this time, we hope you or they can make it.

Childcare will be available; please email me at rob@gracechapelchurch.com to let me know how many children you need care for and their ages. Thanks.

Rob



UPCOMING



For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Events calendar online or in the GC app.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Welcome

Jim Beasley

Hosanna
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
O Come, All Ye Faithful

Communion

Michael Walker

My Only Hope Is You

Offering

Michael Walker

Kids Dismissal

Jim Beasley

Video

Living Hope

Message: Hope for the World
Joy for the World: Part 2 of 5

Rob Shaver

Build Your Kingdom Here

Next Steps

Jim Beasley

Shepherd's Prayer

Jason Green

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

"Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desires of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence." (Psalm 27:11-12)

Father, as the world exploits our tentative spirits, strengthen us in our resolve to resist the things that beset us. Strengthen, we pray, our commitment to live by faith without being distracted by the bullying of our oppressors. Father, may your grace refresh us when we feel defeated, or when temptation demands silence. For Christ's sake, amen.

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

gracechapelchurch.com/pray



CHRISTMAS TRAIN: Christmas is such a special time of year! Preschoolers will experience a lot of excitement and wonder. We all do! But as they get older—and as we take time to stop and remember—we hope that

the good news that God gave us Jesus will become the most wonderful part of Christmas. So get ready because we are hopping aboard the CHRISTMAS TRAIN, and it's carrying the true story of Christmas!

REMEMBER THIS: "God loved the world so much that He gave His only son." (John 3:16, GNT)



DECK THE HALLS: COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS: With the busyness of the Christmas season, it's easy to lose sight of why we celebrate in the first place. That's what makes a countdown like an advent calendar

so powerful. It allows us daily moments to stop and reflect on God, who loved us so much and sent Jesus to be our Savior. This December, we're "decking the halls" and taking the whole the month to focus on nothing but Christmas. As we count down Christmas Day, let's take time to remember the reason we celebrate in the first place: Jesus, the greatest gift the world has ever known.

REMEMBER THIS: "A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us." (Isaiah 9:6, NIRV)



YOUTH NIGHT

Sundays, 5-8 p.m., GC Youth Room

For anyone in 6th-12th grades to explore how to follow Jesus and to connect with others in a safe, fun environment.

Put on your Christmas PJs and join us tonight for our "Christmas Morning!" We'll have breakfast for dinner and continue our December series, *Anticipation: Preparing for the Coming of Jesus.*



December Youth Night Schedule

UPCOMING YOUTH NIGHT SCHEDULE

TONIGHT: Youth Night, 5-8 p.m. "Christmas Morning"

12/17: Youth Night, 5-8 p.m. "Christmas Party"

12/24: No Youth Night (Christmas Eve)

For more details on upcoming events, see the GC Youth calendar online or in the GC app.



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Middle School Students: @gcymms
High School Students: @gcymhs

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SERVICES

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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LAST WEEK (12/3/23)

Attendance 422

YTD Contributions \$1,151,373



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