



WELCOME

If you're new to Grace, read on!

We want you to feel at home and get connected to God's amazing grace for your life!

- Pick up your gift at the **Welcome Center** at the main entrance.
- Attend **"A Taste of Grace"** on Sunday, January 8, after both services to meet our pastors and learn about our church! A meal is provided.
- Connect with others by attending **Sunday morning** or **Midweek Grace**, try a **Community Group**, or **Volunteer in a ministry**.

Learn more by visiting the Welcome Center (by the front doors) or check us out online at gracepres.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Family Christmas Celebration

We praise God for all the work He did in the lives of people this past weekend at Grace Family Christmas. Countless testimonies keep coming in of hearts that are impacted and hard hearts being softened. Thank you to all those who supported this program through prayer, finances, service, and attendance. We are humbled to say, from ticket sales, we are able to donate \$3,500 to Heartbeat Ministries, to support and help orphan care and vulnerable children. Praise God for what He's doing in our city and how He is using Grace.

Living in Grace Conference — January 20-22, 2017

Join guest speakers Zac Hicks, Bryan Chapell, and Kevin King for this profound conference, "Worship Worth Seeking." Know and enjoy the preeminence of Christ and learn to live a lifestyle of Spirit-filled, kingdom-advancing worship. Registration is open at gracepres.org/LIG17.

End-of-Year Giving

Thanks to all who faithfully and prayerfully offer end-of-year gifts to God's work here at Grace. Your expression of generosity is tangible evidence of Gracious Humility, one of our four values. Any cash or check donations that you wish to have included on your 2016 Giving Statement must be received in the church office by 5 PM on Friday, December 30. If mailed, they must be postmarked by December 31. Donations received after that time must be credited to your 2017 giving.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Boys' Brigade Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 PM

Pal-Gal Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, 6:45 PM

This is a time for Pals and Gals to get to know each other better, exchange gifts, and have fun celebrating Christmas together. Meet in the Gal's classroom.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

The whole family will worship together in the Worship Center for our family friendly Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. There will not be separate children's classes or child care.

ADULTS

Grace Women's Fellowship Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 13, 6 PM — Barrack's Cater Inn

All women are invited. Enjoy dinner and special music with Juliet Wu. Tickets are \$16 and available for purchase in the atrium. For more information, please contact Carol Learned at 309.231.0401.

His Alone Fellowship

Friday, December 16, Noon — WeaverRidge 5100 N. WeaverRidge Blvd., Peoria

Come, expecting to be blessed by the program and a special Christmas surprise! This lunch and time of fellowship is for all single women (never married, widowed, or divorced). Contact Joy Moore with questions at 309.713.3918.

Family Christmas Caroling

December 21, Wednesday, 6 — 8 PM

Bless special needs adults at the EPIC residential homes this Christmas season by sharing God's saving message in song. We will meet by the church Lounge at 5:45 PM before departing in vans. Contact Pastor Kerry at kfrantz@gracepres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

23 Church Office Closed

24 Christmas Eve Services
4 PM and 6 PM

25 Christmas Service 10 AM
No Sunday School

26 Church Office Closed

MEDIA

Grace Alive!

Sundays

WEEK-TV 25 — 9 AM

WBNH-FM 88.5 — 9 AM

Live Stream

media.gracepres.org — 11 AM

Unlimited Grace Radio

Weekdays

WPEO-AM 1020 — 8:30 AM

WPEO-FM 97.7 — 8:30 AM & PM

WPEO-FM 103.9 — 8:30 AM & PM

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For more information on upcoming events please visit our website at www.gracepres.org/events.

KIDS

Grace Kidz

Sundays -

infant - age 4 — 8:30 AM

infant - sixth grade — 9:45 AM

infant - second grade — 11 AM

YOUTH

Jr. and Sr. High

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 AM

YOUNG ADULTS

YAMS Sunday Night Life

Tonight, 5 PM — Sr. High Room

Volleyball

No volleyball this week.

Grace Grad Brunch

Sunday, December 18, 9:45 AM

Room 015-A College Sunday School

2012-2016 Grace Grads are invited to a Christmas Breakfast. This will be a time of food, fun, and fellowship. Come reminisce and reconnect.

MEN

Ministry to Men Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30 AM — Front Porch

WOMEN

MOPS@grace

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Resuming January 17

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Resuming

January 11

Bible Studies

Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Resuming January 17

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Resuming

January 11

MIDWEEK GRACE

Midweek Grace activities resume January 11.



DECEMBER

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONGS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

GRACE FROM GOD'S WORD

"Serene Simplicity"
Pastor Kerry Frantz
Luke 2:1-7
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BLESSING FOR GOD'S MISSION

STEWARDSHIP/GIVING UPDATE AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016

We invite everyone who calls Grace Church home to enter into a lifestyle of generous giving! Your gifts make ministry here, and around the world, possible.

Giving to Church Ministries (Fiscal Year-to-Date)

What We Planned	What We Gave	Ahead/(Behind)
\$475,000	\$472,845	(\$2,155)

Missions Giving (10% of Church Ministries Donations)

What We Planned	What We Set Aside	Ahead/(Behind)
\$47,500	\$47,285	(\$215)

(Additional Missions Offerings)

What We Planned	What We Gave	Ahead/(Behind)
\$29,105	\$19,235	(\$9,870)

Monthly Mortgage Update

As of November 1	As of December 1	Amount Reduced
\$2,762,000	\$2,732,000	\$30,000

NOTE: You may give to the church mortgage by indicating "Growing Grace" or "Church Mortgage" on your donation.

REMEMBER GRACE: We are thankful to all those who remember Grace Church in their will and estate planning. We thank God for your legacy of love!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Don Peterson - December 2, 2016. Husband of Sharon; father of Eric (Jill), Michael and Nick; brother of Karin Gould.

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

Mel and Amy Ellenwood — Josiah Venture, Czech Republic



Mel serves as executive vice president of Josiah Venture. He and Amy work alongside over 300 leaders in thirteen central and eastern European countries to shepherd, train, and give direction as the movement to fulfill Christ's commission takes on momentum. They train and disciple young leaders, and teach and coach the leadership teams in each of the countries where Josiah Venture is serving. To learn more about their current ministry and how to pray for them, visit the Missions Kiosk near the main entrance and pick up their newsletter.

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