



COVID Ministry Plan

April 2021

PHASE 4, BRIDGE PHASE



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MINISTRY OFFERINGS

PHASE 4 (BRIDGE)

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday Morning Services

The COVID Protocol Team has established safety protocols for in-person worship that include the following: capacity limits, mask-wearing, spacing between family units, avoidance of handshakes and hugs, use of pre-packaged communion elements, discontinuance of passing offering plates and connection card folders, posting of strategic signage, and sanitization of seats after use.

We are generally following these capacity limits:

Phase 4 (Bridge Phase) 750 in worship center, seating in every row

The COVID Protocol Team may adjust these limits, even sometimes halting in-person worship, if the current COVID situation indicates the need for an adjustment. If health metrics improve, we might increase capacity. During all phases and tiers, we stream our 11:00 a.m. service on our [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), and [Facebook](#).

We encourage parents and children to worship together in the worship services. To help families with young children, we offer children's church for infants - pre-K at 8:30 and 11:00.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Early Children's Church

Infants through Pre-K meet during the 8:30 a.m. worship service for songs, Bible lessons, and activities related to our Sunday School lessons used the following hour.

Time: Sundays, 8:30 a.m.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Registration is required and a link will be provided each week. Contact Julie to be added to the e-mail.

Masks are required and Covid safety protocols will be followed.

Children's Sunday School

Children, ages infant through 6th grade, will meet in their own classrooms as they learn how to be "Disciples for Life." We use The Gospel Project for Kids curriculum which *"takes kids on a Christ-centered chronological journey through scripture."*

Time: Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Registration is required and a link will be provided each week. Contact Julie to be added to the e-mail.

Masks are required and Covid safety protocols will be followed.

Children's Church

During the 11:00 worship service, children from infants through pre-K worship God in a way that is meaningful and age-appropriate. The activities relate to our Sunday School lessons used the previous hour.

Time: Sundays, 11:00 a.m.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Registration is required and a link will be provided each week. Contact Julie to be added to the e-mail.

Masks are required and Covid safety protocols will be followed.

Sunday School at Home

The Sunday School lessons are provided each week via a link. Parents can click through the lesson, similar to a PowerPoint presentation, so they can go through the lesson with their family at home. Some families might opt to get together with another family or two to do the lessons together. Included is the Bible story, music videos, activity sheets, Key Passage, a game or craft suggestion, and more. To sign up to receive the link, contact Julie.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Vacation Bible School

This is a fun-filled week as children ages three through 6th grade learn more about our amazing God through engaging Bible lessons, cool crafts, fun games, action songs, and much more!

Time: June 14-18, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Registration is required. Covid protocols at the time of the event will be followed.

Special Events

Many special events, such as the Harvest Walk, Bible Sunday, Father-Son campouts, Mother-Daughter events, preteen socials, etc., are scheduled throughout the year. Events may build connections, celebrate milestones, or provide service opportunities while deepening your child's faith. For more information, contact Julie.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Grace Kidz Volunteer Team

You can join one of our volunteer teams as we strive to "Make Disciples for Life" in our Grace Kidz Ministry. We have teams on Sundays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and during Special Events. Positions include room helper, table teacher, preparing crafts, cleaning toys, music leader, greeters, secretaries, special needs buddies, and so much more. All volunteers will be screened and background checked for the safety of our children.

Time: Varies **Contact:** Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRIES

The Adult Special Education Class is not meeting during Phase 4. If you have a child with special needs, please contact Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org to discuss how we can help your child feel welcome and included in one of our children's Sunday School classes. We would love to help your family in this way.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Mornings

Take a deeper look into God's Word as we discuss core doctrines of the Christian faith, culturally relevant topics, and topics that can help you walk closer with the Lord. This is a laid back, teaching and discussion-style format. Classes meet in person and Zoom options are available.

Time: Sunday mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Contact: John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Evening Connect Groups

On Sunday evenings, we meet as a large group to hang out, then at 7:00 we break out into connect groups for Jr. and Sr. Highers, divided by gender and somewhat by age. Some groups meet at the church and some off-site. These groups are designed to be smaller so students can open up, get to know each other, discuss God's Word, and have lots of fun! Groups meet in person and Zoom options are available.

Time: Sundays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Contact: Cara Schuck, cschuck@gracepres.org

Grace Parent Gathering

We have occasional gatherings for any parents or guardians of Jr. and Sr. Highers. These gatherings are to connect, encourage, resource, and equip you as you disciple your teens. To keep up to date on when and how these gatherings happen, subscribe to the parents' e-mail list by e-mailing John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org.

Family Resources

We provide parents with a weekly e-mail that is filled with updates and resources as well as a twice-monthly podcast called "Teleios" (by Grace Student Ministries) that is designed to help parents and leaders make disciples of the next generation. "Teleios" is available on Apple, Spotify, and Google podcast platforms.

Contact: John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org to sign up for the weekly e-mails.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Young Adult Ministries

We are a ministry of young adults, ages 18 to around 30 at Grace Presbyterian Church. We strive to grow deep authentic community among each other and the rest of our church that inspires action and is a warm place of connection. We're serious about following Christ and carrying out His mission together. And we're serious about being the hands and feet of Grace, mobilizing our church. Why? Because that's how we roll.

Contact: Mike Caponigro, mcaponigro@gracepres.org and Cara Schuck, cschuck@gracepres.org for all Young Adult Ministries questions.

Life Groups

We believe that significant growth in Christ happens best in the context of intentional relationships. Relationships are best nurtured in a small group setting, so we offer a number of different “Life Groups” that meet throughout the week. Zoom options are available throughout Phase 4.

Connection Nights

Young Adults gather on Thursday evenings for Indoor Volleyball, 6–8:30 p.m., merged with social times to promote continued fellowship and provide a chance to initiate new friendships.

College Class

Pastor Kerry is currently teaching a relevant series about the Westminster Confession of Faith. All college students are welcome.

Location: Room 015 (lower level)

Contact: Chase Smith, chase.smith@campusoutreach.org and Kerry Frantz, kfrantz@gracepres.org

Activities

We do everything from social outings, service projects, to even weekend camping trips. To find out what we have coming up, check out the Young Adults page on the church website. www.gracepres.org/youngadults. If you are interested in more information about the YAMS, please contact Mike Caponigro at mcaponigro@gracepres.org.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a large part of our value of glorifying worship. We have several ways to accomplish frontline prayer, along with some familiar, classic ways that have ministered to many people over the years. We encourage everyone to submit a prayer request on the Connect Cards on Sunday morning or through the website throughout the week. We distribute all of the requests (except the confidential requests which are distributed to Pastors on staff) to our Prayer Team that prays for them throughout the week. Several people have dedicated an hour to pray for the needs of our congregation as well as the community. Whether you choose to pray for an hour or a shorter timeframe, we know that prayer is a powerful tool that changes lives. Let us know if you'd like to become a part of the Prayer Team.

Time: 24/7 dependent upon an hour that you choose

Contact: Allison Ritchie at aritchie@gracepres.org

Women's Monday Morning Prayer

All women are invited to attend a weekly time of prayer for our church, our nation, our missionaries, and our own personal requests. We begin each week with a devotional or a sharing time by a missionary, then we divide into groups and spend time in prayer.

Time: Monday mornings

Contact: Mary Jane Crowell, crowellm@mtco.com or John Hopwood, jhopwood@gracepres.org

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Grace Band

The Grace Band plays a prominent part of our Sunday services. Their role is to play to the glory of God and the shepherding of His church. They play music from gospel to rock to pop and all over the genre map. Each musician plays an important role in the band and must have the skill to allow the band to play as a unit. Band positions are by audition only.

Time: Sunday morning rehearsals and services **Contact:** Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

Worship Vocal Team

The worship vocal team serves to lead the congregation in song and point the praise to Jesus. Their role is to love the church by the way they lead, displaying the mercy and might of God through their countenance and singing. They are worshipers who love Jesus and desire to serve His church. Each vocalist must be a skilled singer, capable of learning harmonies quickly, and being able to express the gospel through song. The vocal team is by audition only and serve on a rotation basis.

Time: Wednesday rehearsals (5:30-6:30 p.m.) and Sunday morning services.

Contact: Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Community Groups

At Grace, we call our small groups Connect Groups. These groups consist of 8-12 people and meet weekly at the church or in homes. There are groups of all ages and backgrounds, and we encourage everyone to get involved because God wants us all to connect with others. Our groups connect by sharing life together, studying and growing in God's Word, and partnering in prayer. Zoom options are available throughout Phase 4.

Time: Various times **Contact:** Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Wednesday Men's Connect Groups

Connect with other men in a comfortable mid-sized group setting where we study God's Word together, have some fun, and build relationships for life. In the morning group, Harold Jones is leading a teaching series by Patrick Morley called "Four Voices." In the evening group, Greg Gipp and Eric Branch are leading a teaching series by Tony Evans called "Horizontal Jesus."

Times: Wednesday mornings at 7-8:00 a.m. in the Front Porch Room or Wednesday evenings at 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 172 (Adult Special Ed. room) **Contact:** Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Women's Small Group Opportunities

Looking for a small group or interested in discipleship? We'd love to get you connected!

Contact: Sarah Alkire at salkire@gracepres.org

Quilting & More

Quilting & More is a close "knit" group of ladies of all ages who meet for fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. Each morning we have a devotion and time of sharing followed by a project demonstration or work day. While quilting is the focus, there are ladies who knit, crochet, and craft. We find joy in doing community projects, taking field trips, and a yearly retreat to Shipshewana, Indiana. All are welcome!

Time: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Contact: Pat Ivaska at pjivaska@gmail.com

Adult Membership Class "Discover Grace"

Adults and teens (7th grade and up) who have trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of sins and eternal life and desire to join the church may attend a one-time informational meeting about church membership. We will explain the benefits and responsibilities of church membership and the procedure for joining. We will also discuss baptism for the benefit of those who have not yet been baptized. We meet by Zoom during Phase 4.

Time: Seasonal

Contact: Greg Grindinger at ggrindinger@gracepres.org

Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship Ministry

This is a growing, organic movement among us. As God multiplies mature and equipped leaders through the process of life-on-life, the more people can be involved. Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship can be described as laboring in the lives of a few with the intention of imparting one's life, God's Word, and the gospel in a way to see them become mature and equipped followers of Christ, likewise committed to doing the same in the lives of others. Pray with us for the current Life-on-Life Groups and for patience as we trust God to grow this movement in depth and to stretch in our church and beyond. Visit www.gracepres.org/lifeonlife for more information.

Contact: Greg Maston at gmaston@gracepres.org

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School Spring Elective

"Your Spiritual Growth: Seasons from the Life of David"

Teacher: Pastor Paul Utnage

Everyone is welcome!

Location: Front Porch Room and by Zoom **Time:** 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. every Sunday April 18 – June 6.

Sign up here: <https://gracepres.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/549/responses/new>

International Discussion Group

This class explores the basic teachings of Christianity in an informal discussion format for people whose second language is English.

Teacher: Mike Uno **Location:** Zoom only during Phase 4

Time: Sundays, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Register: Email Mike Uno at mike@unos.net

Ongoing Adult Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday Schools are resuming in-person on different schedules. If you are in a Sunday School, contact your leader for resumption schedule. If you would like to join an adult Sunday School, contact Pastor Kerry at kfrantz@gracepres.org.

CARE MINISTRIES

Heartbeat

This ministry of Grace seeks to care for vulnerable children through adoption and foster-care. It also resources other partners by educating families and the church, as well as empowering, embracing, and supporting those who wish to adopt or enter the foster care service.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Widows Care Ministry

As God proclaimed Himself to be the protector of widows, we uphold His proclamation through care and ministry to widows. We want God's glory to be displayed through caring to widows in need.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Cancer Support Group

The Warrior Women of Grace Cancer Support Group meets monthly to provide spiritual and emotional support to women who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Time: Regularly **Contact:** Pat Edwards at pjelscw@comcast.net or John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Friends Visiting

The mission of Friends Visiting is to bring comfort and companionship to those who are shut-in, either at home or a care facility. It includes spending time together and sharing Scripture and prayer. Once a year, homemade cookies are distributed to the homebound.

Time: Regularly **Contact:** Bev Wright at billnbewwright@att.net or John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

GriefShare

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone. If you are struggling with the loss of a parent, spouse, child or friend, please consider attending Grief Share classes held regularly at Grace Church.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Geri Ringelspaugh at ringel31@hotmail.com or John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Hospital Visitation

If you are facing a serious surgical procedure or you discover that you face various medical challenges, you will soon discover the importance of those who make hospital visits. At Grace we have a team who will support, encourage and pray with you no matter how long your hospitalization may last. We will telephone when hospital protocols prohibit visits.

Time: Regularly **Contact:** John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Weddings and Funerals

We can provide weddings and funerals in accordance with room protocols for the number of people in attendance. The protocols are currently 350 for Phase 4 (Bridge Phase). To discuss weddings and funerals, contact Pastor Kerry.

Contact: Pastor Kerry at kfrantz@gracepres.org

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Global Partnership (Missions) Committee

We want to share the message of God's great grace to those in our home town, across our country, and around the world. At Grace, we support dozens of missionaries serving in both near and distant lands. The Missions Committee organizes our work, prays for missionaries, and encourages missionaries through letters and emails.

Contact: missions@gracepres.org

Global Impact Celebration

This is our all-church missions conference where we can meet missionaries, hear about Grace's missions outreach, and enjoy training opportunities in missions involvement. Volunteers are needed in the planning, decorating, and organizing of meals to bless those attending the GIC.

Time: October 1-3, 2021 **Contact:** Karen Cordes at kcordes@gracepres.org

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

Greeter Team

Greeters welcome our members and guests at each of our different entrances with a warm smile before entering the building and worship center. Greeters also provide a caring and discerning eye watching for unique opportunities to serve those they encounter or that need assistance.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center serves both guests and members by providing information about Grace, whether answering a general inquiry regarding various ministries or groups or escorting individuals to specific areas of the church for an event, meeting, or class.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation **Contact:** Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

Usher Team

Ushers create a welcome atmosphere within the worship center. Ushers hand out bulletins, assist with seating, and collect the offering. Ushers also have the opportunity to assist and interact with members and guests which helps further contribute to a home-like environment that helps hearts prepare for worship.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation **Contact:** Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

Annual Church Picnic

Join a fun-loving team — as well as the whole church — in the planning and set-up for our annual church picnic and celebration.

Time: Summer or Fall **Contact:** Jonathan Welch at jwelch@gracepres.org

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Grace Media Ministry

The Lord has provided for Grace to have a significant media presence through local radio and TV broadcasts, as well as through national and international programming available in over 900 cities and 80 nations. Volunteers at all levels of media recording and production are welcome.

Contact: Christopher Summers at csummers@gracepres.org

Mercy Ministry

Grace Church provides financial support and local leadership for a great variety of local and international mercy ministries including Peoria Rescue Mission, Southside Mission, Salvation Army, Right to Life, Samaritan's Purse.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Benevolence Ministry

Financial planning, counseling and advice for wise living and caring stewardship are available through Grace's Whole Life Stewardship Team, the Deacon's Fund, and the Benevolence Committee.

Contact: Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Decorations Team

Join a creative team of men and women who decorate the church for special occasions such as Grace Family Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, VBS, and other events.

Time: Seasonal

Contact: Randy Whitman at rwhitman@gracepres.org

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRIES

Parking Team

The parking team has a critical role as they are the first contact with people when they arrive here at Grace. A warm welcome and friendly hello is accompanied by a strategic plan to direct traffic flow and promote pedestrian safety.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: Mike Proehl at meproehl@comcast.net or Steve Minner at steveminner@gmail.com

SNORTS Ministry

Snow and ice removal teams provide a safe and welcoming entrance to the Grace facility on Sundays and weekly events. Scheduling is flexible and usually bi-monthly.

Time: Sunday mornings and/or intermittent weekly needs

Safety Team Ministry

Men and women are needed to help assure a safe environment for everyone at Grace's special events, children's ministry, and Sunday services.

Time: Sunday mornings and/or intermittent weekly needs

Lawn Care and Maintenance Ministry

Men and women use their love for the outdoors and "green thumbs" to maintain the lawns, flowers, prayer walk, and general maintenance while also enjoying fellowship together as they work.

Time: Midweek mornings or afternoons

For all Buildings & Grounds groups, Contact: Randy Whitman at rwhitman@gracepres.org

We seek to be a church that depends on God's unlimited grace, inspiring all generations and peoples to follow Christ.

We believe God's grace is **faith** in what He has done for us, **freedom** from what we have done, and **fuel** for what God calls us to do.



Love God.
Love Others.
Make Disciples.



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Sunday Services 8:30 & 11 a.m.

For a full list of events and information visit: www.gracepres.org

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