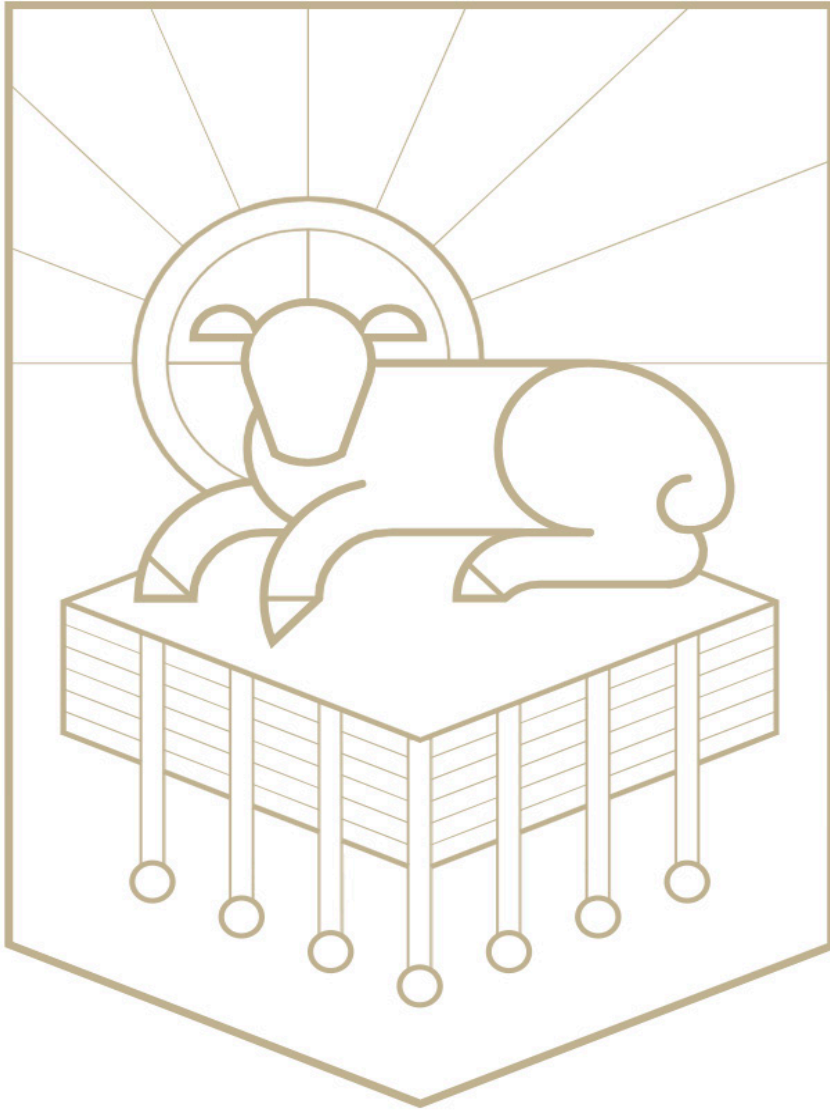




GRACE + PEACE  
A U S T I N



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 11, 2024



**Welcome** | Grace + Peace is a gospel formed family for the city. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether skeptical, curious, or a committed follower of Jesus Christ, there is room for you.

**Nursery** | Nursery for children ages birth through 4 years old is available during the entire worship service. Babies and toddlers are in two separate rooms. To get to the nursery, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to check in your child and show you to their rooms. Children ages 0-2 will be in Room S102 and children ages 2-4 will be in room S101. Many parents choose to pick up their child just prior to communion for the last part of the worship service. This is a great way to introduce them to worshipping corporately. You may also opt to have your child remain in nursery for the duration of the service, as childcare is provided the entire time.

**Family Room** | We have a room set up in Stedman Hall for families if you would like a more private place to comfort your babies. To get to the family room, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to direct you to the room which will also be marked with a sign. A live stream will be running so that you may continue to listen and participate in worship.

**Children's Ministry** | Children in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to attend our "Grapes + Peas" class. Children in Grapes + Peas participate in the first part of worship with their family, are dismissed during the sermon for a lesson, and return with their teachers to the sanctuary before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

## Preparation for Worship

### **Prelude** | *May Our Lips and Lives Agree*

Lord, as we Thy name profess,  
May our hearts Thy love confess;  
And in all our praise of Thee  
May our lips and lives agree.

*Words and Music: Mac Meador, 2024.*

## Call to Worship

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, preaching good tidings to the people, proclaiming release to captives, setting at liberty those who are bound:

*People: We worship you.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, friend of the outcast and the poor, feeder of the hungry, healer of the sick:

*People: We adore you.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, denouncing the oppressor, exposing the hypocrite, overcoming evil with good:

*People: We extol you.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, pattern of gentleness, teacher of holiness, prophet of the kingdom:

*People: We treasure you.*

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, dying to save us from our sin, rising to give us eternal life, ascending to prepare our heavenly home:

*People: We lift up your name in praise.*

## Prayer of Adoration

## Song of Worship | *Come Thou Fount*

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
Here to rescue me from danger,  
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

*Words: Robert Robinson, 1758. Music: John Wyeth, 1813.*

## Song of Worship | *Ancient of Days*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King reigning over all  
So I will not fear for this truth remains:  
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

### *Refrain:*

*None above Him, none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power, all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me, I am not alone  
O His love is sure, and He knows my name  
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

### *Refrain*

Though I may not see what the future brings  
I will watch and wait for the Savior King  
Then my joy complete standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

### *Refrain*

*Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves, 2018.*

## Confession of Sin

*God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done,  
we have sinned in ignorance;  
we have sinned in weakness;  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us  
and renew our lives  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*[Silence for self-examination and personal confession.]*

## Assurance of Pardon | *Psalm 145:13-14*

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

## Covenant Promises of Baptism | *from Ezekiel 36:25-28, NRSV*

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.  
A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;  
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.  
I will put my Spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to  
observe my ordinances.  
You shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and  
I will be your God.

## Responding Profession

Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Daniel be baptized?

*We do.*

As members of Christ's body, the church, do you receive the teaching of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Apostle's Creed?

*We do.*

*All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
The holy catholic Church;  
The communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

Do you acknowledge Daniel's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

*We do.*

Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

*We do.*

Do you now unreservedly dedicate Daniel to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*We do.*

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting Eric and Ellie in the Christian nurture of Daniel?

*We do!*

### **Banner Verse** | *Psalm 1:1-3, ESV*

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man  
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
    and on his law he meditates day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
    planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
    and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Sacrament of Baptism** | *Daniel Courage Vidaurri*



## Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so

## Prayer of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

*People: Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Song of Response | *Mystery of Faith*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together!  
The body, oh, the body. We are the body of Christ

We are brothers and sisters through our Savior's blood.  
We are brothers and sisters through our Savior's blood.  
We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together!  
The body, oh, the body. We are the body of Christ

*Words and Music: Greg LaFollete, 2018.*

## Grapes + Peas Blessing

At this time children from Pre-K through 2nd grade may come up to the front of the sanctuary to be prayed over. After the prayer, they will meet their teachers at the door in the front right corner of the sanctuary to walk to their classroom in the Stedman Hall for a short lesson. Pre-K through Kindergarten will meet in Room S106, and 1st through 2nd grade will meet in Room S105. They will return just before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

## Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

**Gospel Reading** | *John 15:1-8, ESV (Pew Bible page 901)*

<sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

**New Testament Reading** | *Revelation 3:1-6, ESV (Pew Bible page 1029)*

<sup>1</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: “The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

<sup>2</sup>Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup>Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. <sup>4</sup>Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup>The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

Celebrant: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon Series: Revelation: Seeing and Believing****Sermon: Alive in Christ** | *Rev. John Sweet***Sermon Notes:**

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## Offertory | *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first had passed away  
I saw a new city, Jerusalem; a bride on her wedding day  
I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
"look at the dwelling place of God"  
He will dwell with them, they will be his people,  
and He will be their God

### *Refrain:*

*Wipe away every tear from our eyes  
Death will be no more*

And he who is seated on the throne,  
said "I am making all things new"  
He said "It is finished, hear these words,  
they are trustworthy and true"  
He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end  
And to the thirsty he will give water, from a river with no end

### *Refrain*

*Words and Music: Dustin Kensrue.*

*[Please pass the blue sign-in pads on the left end of the row at this time.]*

## Celebration of Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People: And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

## Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

*Arrangement: David Lutes and David Breeding.*

## Words of Institution

### Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Let us now proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*People: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.*

### Prayer of Consecration

### Table Blessing

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him by Faith, with thanksgiving.



## Table Welcome

*We welcome all baptized Christians who believe in the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to participate in the Communion meal. This includes all Christians, whether members here or not. Children who have been baptized and interviewed by the elders of this church or the ruling body of another church are also welcome to the table. If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate in the Eucharist, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

### **Prayer of Searching for Truth:**

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

### **Prayer of Believing:**

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 to 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 my savior. Amen.

### **Prayer of Struggling Against Sin:**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and 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 to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

*Note: Grape juice is provided in the center of each tray. All bread is gluten free.*

**Communion** | *May our Lips and Lives Agree*

Lord, as we Thy name profess,  
May our hearts Thy love confess;  
And in all our praise of Thee  
May our lips and lives agree.

Make us resolute to do  
What Thou showest to be true;  
All Thy callings to fulfill,  
Loyal to Thy holy will.

May Thy yoke be meekly worn,  
May Thy cross be bravely borne;  
Make us patient, gentle, kind,  
Pure in life and heart and mind.

Gracious Savior, heav'nly Friend,  
On Thy grace our souls depend;  
Let that grace our needs supply  
While we live and when we die.

*Words: Edwin P. Parker, 1890. Music: Mac Meador, 2017.*

## Communion | *Your Labor is Not in Vain*

Your labor is not in vain  
Though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained  
Your planting and reaping are never the same  
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown  
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home  
But your labor is not unknown

*Refrain:*

*I am with you, I am with you  
I am with you, I am with you  
For I have called you, called you by name  
Your labor is not in vain*

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth  
For all that is old will at last be made new  
The vineyards you plant will be bear fruit

*Refrain*

The houses you labor to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed

*Refrain*

*Words and music by Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, and Isaac Wardell 2017.*

*[Please stand to sing.]*

## **Sending Song** | *We Are the Tenants of the King*

We are the tenants of the King,  
we are the workers in his garden,  
so we will live and love and care  
for this the planet that we share.

We bear the image of our God  
and we are sharing in his mission,  
so we will follow as we serve,  
to see the healing of the Earth.

*Refrain:*

*As we wait for the dawning of the day  
when the King is coming,  
we will live for his glory  
and his praise.*

For in the victory of the cross  
we have a hope of restoration,  
all things together under Christ,  
a world of flourishing and life.

So fill us up and lead us on  
to see the coming of your kingdom,  
and we will labour as we sing  
for we're the tenants of the King.

*Refrain*

*Words and Music: Joel Payne, 2020.*

## **Benediction** | *based on Revelation 7:12*

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain upon you this day and forever. *Amen.*

## **Sending**

**Celebrant:** Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

**People:** *With God's help, we will!*

## Calendar

### This Week

2/11	9:30 am	Sunday School
2/11	10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service*
2/11	5 pm	Grace Teens Super Bowl Party @ Gym
2/12	7 am	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Central Market
2/12	7:30 pm	Men's Firepit @ Williams' house
2/13	7 pm	Women's Evening Bible Study @ S105
2/14	10 am	Women's Morning Bible Study @ Stedman Hall
2/14	12:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Service @ Sanctuary
2/14	6 pm	Ash Wednesday Service @ Sanctuary
2/15	9 am	Joy Club @ G102
2/17	9:30 am	The King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club @ Library

### February

18	4-6 pm	Safe Families Celebration @ Hope Chapel
19	12:15 pm	Lent Prayer Meetings Begin
23	7 pm	Marriage Works
23-25		High School Ranchopalooza
24-25		Women's Retreat @ Summer's Mill Retreat Center

*\*Note: Sunday morning worship services stream live on YouTube at 10:45 am*

## Announcement Highlights

### Ash Wednesday Services

Join us **this Wednesday, February 14th** in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday services. **We will have two identical services, one at 12:15pm and one at 6pm**, so please choose whichever is most convenient for you. These services are intimate gatherings that begin the liturgical season of Lent. They will be short services (30 minutes total) with a few songs, a short homily, and end with the imposition of ashes. See you there! There will be no childcare provided for either service, but children are encouraged to join.

### Lent Prayer Meetings

Lent is a time for contemplation on the life and death of Christ, for introspection, and for prayer. One of the ways we'll lean into that this season is through weekly prayer meetings. Please join us in our church library on **Mondays from 12:15-12:45pm** over the lunch hour for a brief time of singing, prayer, and silence. **We'll meet each Monday in Lent (2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25)**. A zoom link will be available, though gathering in-person is encouraged! If you have any questions reach out to Mac at [mac@graceandpeaceaustin.com](mailto:mac@graceandpeaceaustin.com)

## Announcements

**Men's Firepit Nights** | All men are invited to the Williams' home (2816 Woolridge) for an evening around the firepit. No advance notice is needed, come as you are. There will be plenty of cigars, but BYO beverages. There is no agenda. Just the men of G+P hanging out and enjoying each other's fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Matt Williams by email [matthew.e.williams@gmail.com](mailto:matthew.e.williams@gmail.com) or text him 512-879-8071. **Time: 7:30-9:30pm. Future Dates: 2/12, 3/6**

**Safe Families Partnership** | Sunday, February 18th is Safe Families Sunday. It is a day to highlight the ministry and care of Safe Families through the participation of G+P. Here are a couple of ways to get involved:

- **February 18th** - Ministry update during our worship service followed by an informational meeting in G101
- **February 18th** - Sunday Celebration Party: 4-6 pm at Hope Chapel for those who want to learn more, and meet folks who are volunteering already, and families that are being served. There will be games and crafts, food, music, and fun.
- **March 21st** - Safe Families 101 - Basic Core Training for anyone interested in volunteering. Followed by SF 201 on April 4 (Family Friend Training & Host family training); SF 301 on April 18 (Family Friend Training & Host family training).
- **April 11th** - Safe Families Fundraiser - hosted by Grace + Peace featuring Black's BBQ. Free to attend; RSVP to follow.

**Women's Prayer Group** | Hello Ladies! Please join us in praying through the Psalms, Friday mornings at 7:00 am on Zoom. We spend 30 minutes praying through the Psalms of the day and individual prayers and petitions. It is a delightful and refreshing way to start your Friday! Reach out to Jeanette Sands at [jeanette.sands@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.sands@gmail.com) to RSVP and get the Zoom link.

**Women's Firepit Nights** | Ladies, join us for a fire pit night at the McMahan's . Byob and byo-chair. Contact Mary Carlisle ([mccrehore@gmail.com](mailto:mccrehore@gmail.com)) for more information. **Future Dates: 3/21, 4/29**



## Announcements

**Sunday School** | We would love for you to join us for Sunday School at 9:30 AM each Sunday. We look forward to having you join us in further study of God's Word this spring! *Childcare will be available for children 1st grade and younger*

Adult 1/HS | **Intro to the Reformed Faith** with Matthew Brownfield in G101.

Adult 2 | **Brentwood Legacy Class** with Jimmy Shackelford in Stedman Hall.

6th - 8th Grade | **New City Catechism** - Room G204. Contact: Joey Perez

2nd - 5th Grade | **Telling Others** - Room S104. Contact: Laura Perez

**The King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club** | Join us for fellowship and crafting on the third Saturday of every month in the Library. All skill levels welcome, whether you're an expert or have never picked up a needle or hook in your life! Contact Alisha Ligon for more information. **This month's meeting: February 17th at 9:30am**

**Women's Bible Study** | Women's Bible Study begins this week, **January 30th and 31st**, and will run through April 9th and 10th, taking a week off for Spring Break. Please join us either **Tuesday evenings at 7pm** (Contact: marthaglowe@gmail.com) or **Wednesday mornings at 10am** (Contact: lauren.buescher@gmail.com) as we learn from Paul's letters to the Colossians and Philemon. Childcare is provided for the morning study only, with an rsvp to Laura Perez.

**Men's Morning Bible Study** | Guys, we'd love for you to join us **Monday mornings at 7AM** as we apply the gospel to our lives using the sermon discussion questions and pray for one another. We meet every week at Central Market (North Lamar) in the upstairs cafe area! For more info email Eric Buescher (edbuescher@hotmail.com).

## Sermon Series Scripture Readings

2/11/2024 Revelation 3:1-6

2/18/2024 Revelation 3:7-13

2/25/2024 Revelation 3:14-22

3/3/2024 Revelation 4-5

3/10/2024 Revelation 8-11

3/17/2024 Revelation 12-14

4/7/2024 Revelation 15-16

4/14/2024 Revelation 17-19

4/21/2024 Revelation 20:1-15

4/28/2024 Revelation 21:1-15

5/5/2024 Revelation 21:6-22:5

5/12/2024 Revelation 22:6

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### **Giving to Grace + Peace**

You can give in several ways, including online through our secure website, [graceandpeaceaustin.com/give](http://graceandpeaceaustin.com/give). If you choose to give online, paying by bank versus credit/debit is preferred to avoid fees coming out of your tithe.

### **Connect on a Deeper Level**

Our Parish Groups are a great way to get to know people in the church.

To get connected with one of these groups, reach out to

Avery Kelly: [avery@graceandpeaceaustin.com](mailto:avery@graceandpeaceaustin.com)

### **Grace + Peace Prayer List**

If you have a prayer need and/or would like to be added to the Prayer List, please

contact Laura Perez: [laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com](mailto:laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com)

### **Women's Care**

Please reach out to: [womenscare@graceandpeaceaustin.com](mailto:womenscare@graceandpeaceaustin.com)

### **Facility Requests**

If you would like to rent any of our rooms, please go to: [graceandpeaceaustin.com/facilityrequest](http://graceandpeaceaustin.com/facilityrequest)

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## **Discussion Questions**

1. True life and vitality come from a relationship where our outward ministry or life is informed and empowered by the inward reality of the gospel. Where are we most tempted to maintain only a reputation of life rather than true life (v1)? Individually? As a body of believers?
2. One call of the text is to “wake up, and strengthen what remains” (v2). How can we motivate one another to greater reliance on the power of the Spirit we have now, to experience true life more fully?
3. When we live out true vitality, motivated by the love of Christ and empowered by His Spirit, we live to show off Christ and bring Him glory and renown. What would it look like to show off Christ in your family life? How can we bring Him glory and renown in our community? In everyday conversation?



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