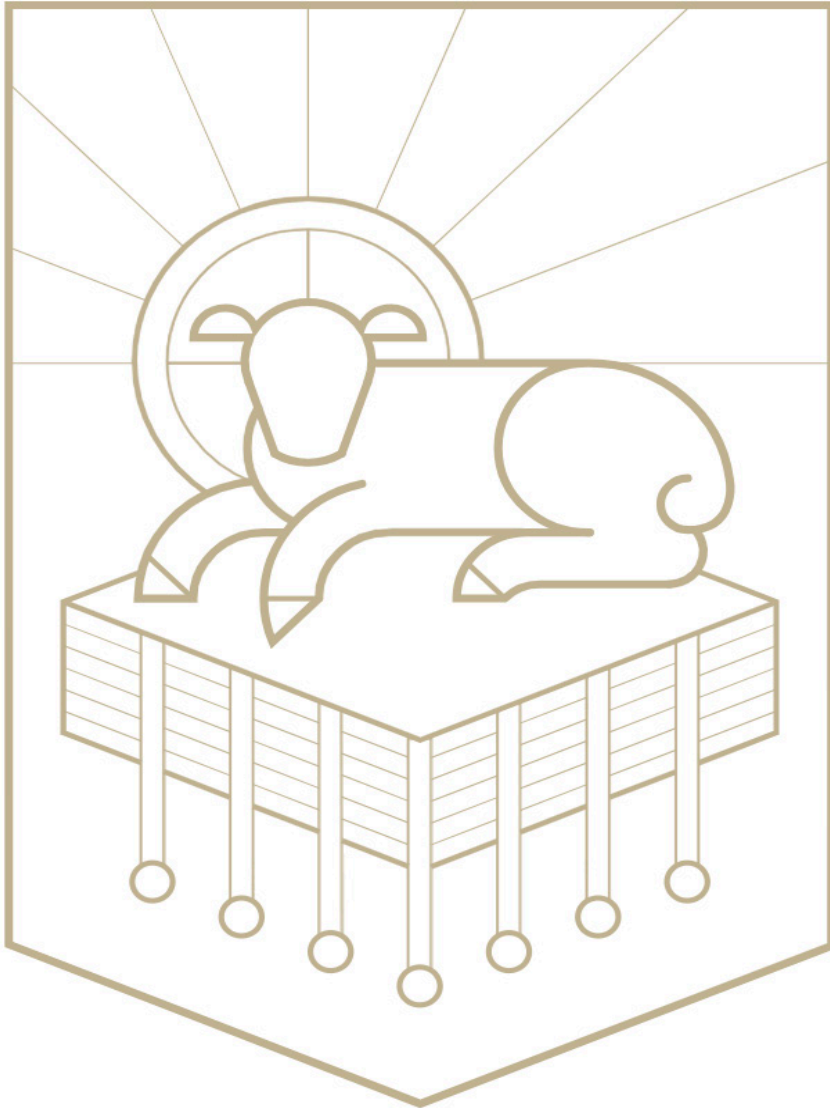




GRACE + PEACE
A U S T I N



Second Sunday in Eastertide
April 7, 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 | *Christ is Our Spring*

Text: E.A.W. Washburn, 1879. Music: Andy Bast, 2024.

Welcome

Call to Worship | *Psalm 24:1-4, NRSV*

Celebrant: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world,
and those who live in it;

People: for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Celebrant: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?

*People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.*

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Worship | *Come People of the Risen King*

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Refrain:

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Refrain

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”!

Refrain

Keith and Kristyn Getty, 2009.

Song of Worship | *Fix My Eyes*

When my heart is weary, when my soul is weak
 When it seems I can't traverse the trail before me
 I survey the glory of your agony
 And I find the will to fight for what's before me
 Cause you ran the race enduring for your glory

Refrain:

*I fix my eyes on you, the founder and the finisher of our faith
 I fix my eyes on you, the solace in your suffering is my strength*

As I fight to follow, you're my righteous guide
 And you train me to delight in all that's holy
 Heal my broken body, cure my crooked stride
 Throw off every weight and sin that clings so closely
 I will run the race enduring for your glory

Refrain

Words and Music: Chad Gardner & Brian Eichelberger, 2014.

Confession of Sin | *Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV*

Celebrant: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
 according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

Celebrant: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
 so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass
 judgment.

People: *You desire truth in the inward being;
 therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*

Celebrant: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a
 clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: *Do not cast me from your presence,
 and do not take your holy spirit from me.*

[Silence for self-examination and personal confession.]

Assurance of Pardon | *1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24, NRSV*

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

Song of Response | *Alpha and Omega*

You are Alpha and Omega
We worship You our Lord
You are worthy to be praised.

We give You all the glory
We worship You our Lord
You are worthy to be praised.

Erasmus Mutanbira

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

Commissioning and Installation of Deaconess

Candidates:

Charlie Brown | *Office of Deacon*
Robert Douglass | *Office of Deacon*
Casey McMahan | *Office of Deacon*
Margaret Brown | *Role of Deaconess*
Susan Olasky | *Role of Deaconess*

Presentation of the Candidates

Questions to the Session

Session: On behalf of Grace + Peace Austin, we present Charlie Brown, Robert Douglass and Casey MacMahan to be ordained to the office of deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church and Margaret Brown and Susan Olasky to be commissioned as deaconesses in Christ's holy catholic Church.

Minister: Have they been selected in accordance with the standards of this Church and do you believe their manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

Session: We certify that they have satisfied the requirements of the standards, and we believe them to be qualified.

Questions to the Candidates

Minister: Charlie, Robert, and Casey, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the office of deacon? Margaret and Susan, do you believe that you are truly called by God and his Church to the role of deaconess?

Candidates: I believe I am so called.

Minister: Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Candidates: I do.

Charge and Vows

Minister: Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Candidates: I do.

Minister: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of these vows?

Candidates: I do and will.

Minister: Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

Candidates: I do.

Minister: Charlie, Robert and Casey, do you accept the office of deacon, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you a deacon?

Candidates: I do.

Minister: Margaret and Susan, do you accept the role of deaconess, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you a deaconess?

Candidates: I do.

Minister: Do you promise subjection to your brothers and sisters in the Lord?

Candidates: I do.

Minister: Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

Candidates: I do.

Minister: Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your family in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

Candidates: I will.

Minister: Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

Candidates: I will.

Minister: Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

Candidates: I will.

Questions to the Congregation

Minister: Do you, the members of Grace + Peace Austin, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their office, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this church, entitles them?

People: We do.

Minister: And do you acknowledge and receive these sisters as deaconesses, and do you promise to yield them all that honor and encouragement in the Lord to which their role, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this church, entitles them?

People: We do.

Minister: My brothers and sisters, may the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

People: Amen.

Prayer

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.*

The Pronouncement

Minister: I now pronounce and declare that Charlie Brown, Robert Douglass and Casey MacMahan have been regularly elected, ordained and installed as deacons in this church, and Margaret Brown and Susan Olasky have been regularly elected, commissioned, and installed as deaconesses in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement and honor in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

People: *Amen.*

Song of Response | *The Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

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.*

NT Reading | *Revelation 8:6-13; 9:1-13; 20-21; 11:15-19, ESV (Pew Bible pg. 1032)*

⁸ ⁶ Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

⁷ The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

⁸ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹ A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰ The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

¹² The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

¹³ Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

⁹ ¹ And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. ² He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ³ Then from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. ⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, but only those people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ They were allowed to torment them for five months, but not to kill them, and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings someone. ⁶ And in those days people will seek death and will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them.

⁷ In appearance the locusts were like horses prepared for battle: on their heads were what looked like crowns of gold; their faces were like human faces, ⁸ their hair like women's hair, and their teeth like lions' teeth; ⁹ they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the noise of their wings was like the noise of many chariots with horses rushing into battle. ¹⁰ They have tails and stings like scorpions, and their power to hurt people for five months is in their tails. ¹¹ They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.

¹² The first woe has passed; behold, two woes are still to come.

¹³ Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

²⁰ The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, ²¹ nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

11 ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying,

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was,
for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

¹⁸ The nations raged but your wrath came and the time for the dead to be judged,

and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,
and those who fear your name,
both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.”

¹⁹ Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Celebrant: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon Series | Revelation: Seeing is Believing
Sermon: Danger, Will Robinson | *Rev. John Sweet*
Sermon Notes:

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

Offertory | *Christ is Our Spring*

Christ has arisen and Death is no more!
Lo! The white robed ones sitting by the door
Dawn, golden morning! Scatter the night!
Haste, you disciples glad, first with the light

Break forth in singing, O, the world newborn
Sing the great Eastertide, Christ's holy morn
Sing Him, young sunbeams, Dancing in mirth!
Sing, all you winds of God, coursing the earth
Coursing the earth

Sing Him, you laughing flow'rs fresh from the sod!
Sing Him, wild leaping streams, Praising your God!
Break from your winter, sad heart and sing!
Bud with your blossoms fair, Christ is your Spring
Christ is your Spring

Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Christ is your Spring!

Text: E.A.W. Washburn, 1879. Music: Andy Bast, 2024.

Profession of Faith | *Apostle's Creed*

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.*

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.

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

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.

Communion | *Psalm 126*

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

Refrain:

*Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy*

The nations will say, “He has done great things!”
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord
Restore us, O Lord

Refrain

Words and Music: Isaac Wardell, 2013.

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.

Sending Song | *The Lamb Has Overcome*

The Lamb has overcome, the Lamb has overcome
The battle's done and the victory is won
The Lamb has overcome.
No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound
No grave could hold him down

Refrain:

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Glory be unto his name (2x)*

At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he
Our Perfect Plea as he lives to intercede
At God's right hand is he.
The table now is spread, the table now is spread
This wine and bread, broken body and blood shed
The table now is spread

Refrain

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear
The day is drawing near

Refrain

Words and Music: Luke Morton 2011.

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

People: *He is risen indeed; Alleluia!*

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

4/7	9:30 am	Sunday School
4/7	10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service
4/7	3 pm	Grace Teens Student Ministry Meeting @ Gym
4/8	7 am	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Central Market
4/9	7 pm	Last Women's Evening Bible Study @ Stedman S105
4/10	10 am	Last Women's Morning Bible Study @ Stedman Hall
4/11	9 am	Joy Club @ G102
4/11	7 pm	Safe Families Fundraiser Dinner @ Gym

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20	9:30 am	King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club @ Office Library
20	10 am	Men's Brunch
26	7 pm	Marriage Works
28	12:15 pm	Ananias House Update from Becca Coley @ G101
29	7:30 pm	Women's Firepit @ McMahan's house

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

Announcement Highlights

Safe Families Fundraiser

Our church has the privilege of partnering with Safe Families for Children, who seeks to bring the church and community together to keep children safe and families together. Join us **this Thursday, April 11th from 7-9pm** for the annual Safe Families Fundraiser. Enjoy eating The Original Black's BBQ and hearing testimony of how the Lord has used Safe Families in Austin. This event is free to attend and will take place in our very own gym! You can RSVP using the QR code below.



Volunteer Need: Hospitality Team

Hospitality team is an opportunity to serve the Grace + Peace family and visitors by helping to set up a welcoming and enjoyable environment for our hospitality hour after the Sunday service. It mainly requires a commitment to help break down and clean up our space after the hospitality hour, but will occasionally ask for help setting up coffee, donuts, etc. in the morning before service. If you're interested in helping with this team, check the box on the connection pad or reach out to Avery Kelly (avery@graceandpeaceaustin.com)

Announcements

Men's Brunch | Men, join us for our quarterly Saturday Morning Brunch on Saturday, **April 20th from 10:00-11:30 am**. The goal is to enjoy one another and participate in a guided, topical spiritual conversation as one small way to assist one another in our growth toward spiritual maturity. Please RSVP using the QR code below.



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) for more information.
Future Date: 4/29

Hymn Sing | Join us the evening of **Friday, May 3rd** in the sanctuary for a Hymn Sing from from **6-7pm!** We'll sing old hymns, new hymns and everything in between. While not a formal service, it'll be a great time lifting up the Lord's praise in song together. Let Mac (mac@graceandpeaceaustin.com) know if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School | Registration is open for VBS, happening **June 24-27 from 9am-12pm**. This is for all rising Kinder-5th graders, Youth Helpers (6th-12th grade), and Adult Volunteers! RSVP by scanning the QR code below and reach out to Laura Perez (laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com) with any questions. We can't wait to welcome you to a fun week of VBS this June!



Announcements

Men's Morning Bible Study | Guys, we'd love for you to join us **Monday mornings at 7:00am** 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).

Women's Prayer Group | Hello Ladies! Please join us in praying through the Psalms, **Friday mornings at 7:00am** 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 to RSVP and get the Zoom link.

Contemplative Prayer Meeting | Please join us at **8pm the first Monday of each month** for a short time (30-45 min) to intentionally pause from the busyness and anxiety of our weeks, and make time to be still, quiet our thoughts, and open ourselves to God's presence and action within. All are welcome!

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: April 20th at 9:30am**

Sermon Series Scripture Readings

4/7/2024 Revelation 8-11

4/14/2024 Revelation 12-14

4/21/2024 Revelation 15-16

4/28/2024 Revelation 17-19

5/5/2024 Revelation 20:1-15

5/12/2024 Revelation 21

5/19/2024 Revelation 22

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Giving to Grace + Peace

You can give in several ways, including online through our secure website, 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

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

Women's Care

Please reach out to: womenscare@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Facility Requests

If you would like to rent any of our rooms, please go to: graceandpeaceaustin.com/facilityrequest

Discussion Questions

1. The graphic imagery of the passages acts as a wakeup call to the importance of repentance. It can be difficult to talk about, but it is vitally important for the Christian life. What are some areas you feel the most need for repentance in your life now? What hope does this passage provide to encourage our repentance?
2. One way we can live a Christian life marked by repentance is encouraging others to confess sin and turn to God. How could we make it easier to confess and talk about repentance with one another?
3. Another element made clear by the imagery of this passage is that there is a true, yet unseen, reality of our world that has meaning and affects our lives. How might we bear witness to that reality in talking about Jesus with others? How would these conversations look different with a colleague? A neighbor? A classmate?



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