

Grace Community Christian Reformed Church

OUR VISION: Grace Community Church believes we are called by God to grow His kingdom.

OUR MISSION: We strive to spread the gospel, minister to needs, help people grow their relationship with God, and foster authentic, grace-filled relationships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — APRIL 14, 2024

Printed copies of the Order of Worship are available on the tables at the back of the sanctuary or you can pull it up on your phone/tablet from the Grace Church website: www.gccrc.org.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

'JOY — no matter what'

Based on Philippians.

We invite YOU to join us in a time of prayer at the front of the sanctuary (or pray from where you are sitting) before each service! Every Sunday, at 9:45am, our concerns, thanks, and praise are lifted up to God. You don't need to pray out loud—God hears the prayers of our hearts. *What matters is that we pray!*

Offering Apr. 14 & 21—General Operating Fund: Your gift to this fund gives Grace Community Church the opportunity to offer ministry programs and it also provides the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff.

Our church budget continues to run on a deficit.

Please prayerfully consider your giving to Grace Community Church.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee & conversation. Use the main hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

The Prayer Room is open! after the Sunday service. A prayer partner will be available and happy to pray with you, or for you, or you may pray alone. The Prayer Room is on the southeast side of the foyer, look for the sign on the wall.

Join us after the service TODAY for a Pizza Lunch!

We'll also be thanking our many dedicated volunteers for all they do for Grace Community Church! *Freewill offering to help defray the cost.*

Prayer for our Church: Heavenly Father, we know that Paul proclaimed your Good News while he was in prison. We are so grateful that because Easter, we can sing that our chains are gone, and that we have been set free. We rejoice that we can proclaim Your good news right here in Oak Lawn, and in our neighborhoods. May we continue to look for ways to shine the light of Jesus Christ wherever we are. May Christ be proclaimed through us today. Amen.

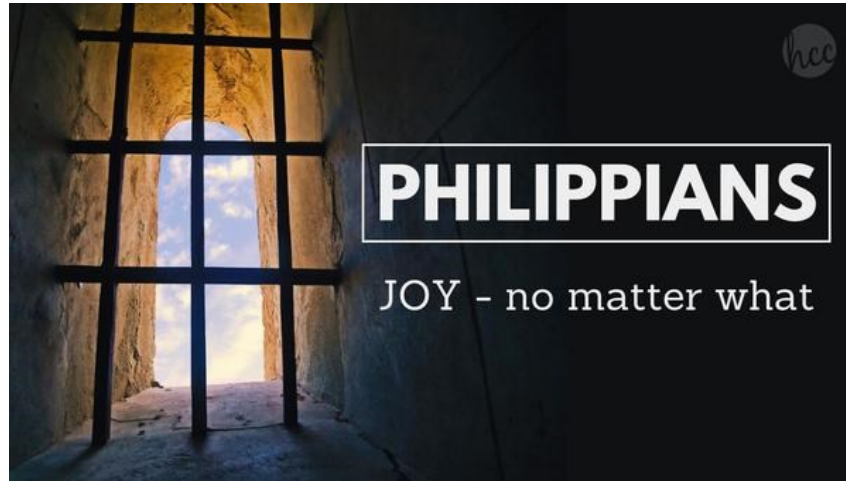


In celebration of Mother's Day, the Neighborhood Outreach Committee is hosting a **Baby Shower** to benefit Southside Pregnancy Center on **Saturday, May 4 at noon**. We're collecting new and gently used baby items. Flyers with details on what is needed were distributed and extras are on the back tables of the sanctuary.



—**Joyce Phillips** will begin a 4 week round of radiation treatments on Monday, April 22. Please pray for Joyce and Dave as she receives these treatments. May our Risen Savior grant them a measure of his peace as they go forward.

—**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR** those serving in the military and their families, health care workers, first responders, and all those in continuing care or homebound, including: Helena Creaney, Henry DeVries, Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Ann O'Connor, Ray Peterson Jr., and Jeannette Veen.



Elim 5K: Join Elim Christian Services on **May 18** for the **14th Annual Elim Eagles' Wings Run, Walk, or Roll 5K!** Register and find more information at: www.elimcs.org/5k. We hope to see you at the starting line!

The CRC Racial Reconciliation Committee invites the congregations of Classis Chicago South to the **2nd Annual Unity Service on May 19** at the Palos Heights CR Church, at 6:30pm. The speaker will be Colin Watson, the emeritus Executive Director of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. An offering will be taken for World Renew. Join us for fellowship and worship!

Southwest Chgo. Christian School: Join us for a **Night of Worship & Celebration** on **May 21 at 7pm** in the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College. You don't want to miss this. See you there!

Thrive Faith Formation Tip: Practicing celebration early in the day can help adjust our mindset and focus us on God's goodness. Consider beginning each morning by praying a Scripture passage of celebration, such as Psalm 103:1-5. Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

Groundwork—Justice and Righteousness in Amos: Amos was a shepherd until God called him to deliver a searing message to Israel. Join Groundwork as we study Amos 1-9 to hear God's message of justice and righteousness and to be reminded of the strong connection between how we live our daily lives and how God sees our worship. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.