

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 28, 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. 28—Christian Education Fund: Your gift helps provide our church families with the assistance they may need to provide a Christ-centered education for their children when it would cause a financial hardship to meet the cost on their own.

Offering May 5—General Operating Fund: Your gift gives Grace Church the opportunity to offer ministry programs and provides the means to maintain our church property and compensate staff. As our church budget continues to run on a deficit, we ask that you 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.



In celebration of Mother's Day, our Neighborhood Outreach Committee is hosting a **Baby Shower** benefiting the Southside Pregnancy Center on **Saturday, May 4, 9am-noon**. Flyers with details were distributed, extras are on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

The Grace Church Council encourages you to **pray for our nation** on **Thursday, May 2nd** in coordination with the National Day of Prayer. Suggestions for prayer in seven categories are available on the back tables in the sanctuary. You may also use the May Prayer Calendar and pray for these seven categories throughout the next week. 1 Timothy 2:1-3



LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73RD ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

You are
encouraged to take
some time on May 2nd
to *pray*
for our nation.



WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

The Prayer Room is open after the Sunday service. A prayer partner will be available and happy to pray with you, 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.



—**We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Helena Creaney** who went to be with her Savior this past week. We pray for those who mourn this loss.

—**Joyce Phillips** will begin radiation treatments on April 29. Pray for Joyce and Dave as they go through these treatments and the follow-up care. May our Risen Savior grant Joyce healing.

—**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: Henry DeVries, Ray Ismail, Pam Johnson, Ann O'Connor, Ray Peterson Jr., and Jeannette Veen.

Graduation Time! If you have a family member graduating this year, let the office know so we can honor them on a page of graduates that will be included in the June/July issue of the church newsletter. Provide your name, name of graduate(s), their relationship to you, school, grade, and a picture (if you have one). Information can be left in the newsletter box outside the office or emailed to: gracechurch@gccrc.org.



Summer Reading Program! Children & adults are invited to read 10 or more books from May-July. If you read at least 10 books, you'll get a "prize" at the end of summer! Enter the books you read on the Book Log in the church library. Books can be from libraries, purchased, or borrowed from a friend. *Happy Reading!*

Prayer for our Church: *Gracious God, thank you for sending us Jesus. He is our perfect example on how to live. Help all of us to be open, loving and humble to each other, our families, neighbors, friends, and those in our community. Help us to be humble, obedient, good servants. May all that we say and do glorify you. We ask this, in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

Little Free Library: Our little library outside continues to be used by our neighbors! If you have books you'd like to donate for the community's use, please put them in the box marked "Little Free Library" inside our church library.

Community News

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. Speaker is Colin Watson, the emeritus Executive Director of the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Offering will be taken for World Renew. Join us for fellowship and worship!

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