

A large, ancient tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage against a blue sky. The tree's trunk is dark brown and textured, with many roots extending from the base. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the sky is a clear, bright blue.

ESTABLISHED

A Study in Colossians

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

["O Church Arise"](#)

Welcome & Announcements

[Isaiah 60:1-3](#)

Tomlin, Getty, Townend

Pastor Mike Matheson

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

["What Love Is"](#)

["Speak O Lord"](#)

Offering

Prayer for the Persecuted Church

1 John 4:9-11

Lindsey

Getty, Townend

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word [Colossians 3:12-17](#)

Karen Sytsma

Reader: *This is God's Word for us today.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

Communion

["The Stand"](#)

Benediction

Houston

Josh Poore

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Throughout Colossians Paul has shown us that in Christ we have become new creations; just as Christ died and was raised to life, so we died to our old selves and have been raised to new spiritual life in the here and now ([Col 1:13-14; 1:21-22; 2:13-14; 3:4-5](#)). Last week Paul's focus was "putting off" the old reality (3:5-11). Here in this passage Paul repeats the theme but focuses on "putting on" the new reality of our life in Christ, by demonstrating his character in our lives (3:12-14), by living under His peaceful rule (3:15), by being at home with His word (3:16) and doing everything for the sake of His great name (3:16).

Discussion Questions

1. In what sense is putting on Christ similar to changing your fashion style? How different do you seem since you put on Christ? What are specific ways you have seen change?
2. Compassion, kindness, humility, etc. are godly attributes discussed throughout Scripture. Where else (outside of Colossians) can we read about them? Reflecting on the last few weeks, which of these attributes need to grow in your life? What practical steps can you take to pursue growth in these areas?
3. Why is forgiveness so important to be displayed within the church? How can unforgiveness hurt a church's overall health? How does the gospel link forgiveness and peace together? How does forgiveness differ from simply "moving past" or overlooking an offense against us? Why is true forgiveness so hard for us to offer?
4. What does it mean to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly? How do we all benefit when the word dwells within each of us? What role does singing play in our growth in Christ?
5. In what ways does Colossians 3:17 summarize Paul's instruction for this section (3:12-17)? How much of what you say and do could proudly bear the name of Jesus?

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes available in the commons

Return boxes: November 24th

Suggested items to include:

- A “Wow” Item
- Personal Care Items
- Clothing & Accessories
- Crafts & Activities
- Toys
- A Personal Note



Thanksgiving Meal & Prayer Gathering

Sunday, November 24, 5:05pm

Join us for a service of praise, prayer, and giving thanks!

Prayer gatherings are a time where we come together as a church body. We begin the evening with a meal together in the commons and then move to the sanctuary for a time of prayer.

We'll be having a Thanksgiving style meal, Grace will provide the meat.

If you'll be contributing to the meal, please bring:

Last names beginning with: A-I dessert

Last names beginning with: J-Q starch (ie: potato, corn, bread, stuffing)

Last names beginning with: R-Z veggie dish (ie: green beans, salad, broccoli)

[Childcare will be available, register on Realm.](#)

Men's Gathering

Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Topic: The Only Life Worth Living
Men's Gatherings are a time for men to connect, be taught from God's word and spur one another in our faith. All men are welcome!

Like to Bake?

Join the Blaze Baking team! Share your baked goods with the students of Blaze on a weekly/bi-weekly/monthly basis! Contact Chris Amundson:

camundson@graceinracine.com

Caring for our Grace Church Family:

If your family is experiencing financial challenges and would be blessed by assistance with a Thanksgiving dinner, fill out a Connection Card found in the seat back in front of you. Be sure to write “Thanksgiving” and your name, address and phone number on the card and drop it in the offering plate. Questions? Contact Lynn at 262.977.6532 or

email lnewlun@graceinracine.com.

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Raynah Bickle

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Cindy & Bill Richter on the passing of Cindy's father, Donald Huggins.

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com. We would love to encourage you and pray.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 585 Children's Ministry Attendance: 115

Giving: Last Week: \$21,949 YTD: \$1,324,045 +/- Budget: -\$45,813

Board Game Fellowship!

Saturday, November 9, Noon - 6 pm

Come for a time of fun and fellowship with board games. Open to both novice and experienced gamers; games for all skill levels, ages 14+. Please note: childcare not available.

Willing Wheels

If you are someone who is willing to provide transportation if a need arises in your neighborhood please join the Willing Wheels group in Realm. We will post needs as they arise and information on how to connect with the individual(s) who have a need.

To join simply:

1. Log into Realm.
2. Community > Groups > Find Groups
3. Click on Service
4. Select Willing Wheels.
5. Click Join Group, then click Send Request.