

NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We're so glad you've joined us today. If this is your first visit, please check out our Welcome Center and grab a few brochures to learn more about us.

We would love to connect with you! Please fill out a **blue Connect Card** and drop it off in an Offering Box so we have a record of your visit, we can thank you for coming, and give you some next steps. We sincerely hope you will come back to visit us again next Sunday. Relax and enjoy the service.

OUR VISION

We strive to be...

Together, living with purpose, by:

- Building a community that loves everyone deeply;
- Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus and;
- Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers.

KIDZ ON SUNDAY

Please check in your kids BEFORE the service starts.

Check-in stations are located in the Foyer, the Nursery and at the KidZone Check-In Desk. You may check in all your kids at any of the stations. Kids are dismissed from the service to Pathfinders after worship music ends. Brick starts promptly at 10:30 am.

9:00 am Service

- Nursery** (0-36 months)
- Pathfinders 1.0** (Age 3-Grade 5)
 - Preschool A** - Room 103
 - Preschool B** - Room 101B
 - Grades K/1** - Room 106
 - Grade 2** - Room 104
 - Grade 3** - Room 102
 - Grade 4** - Youth Room
 - Grade 5** - Pine Room

10:30 am Service

- Nursery** (0-36 months)
- Pathfinders 2.0** (PreK & K)
 - Preschool** - Room 101B
- BRICK Bible Foundations (Grades 6&7)** - Youth Room
 - * *BRICK students do not need to check in at a station.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements & Prayer - Elder Larry Curtiss

Worship Music

Advent Candle Lighting

Kids Dismissed

Message - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

Worship Music

Benediction

COMING SOON!



Because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, we are offering three opportunities to attend services on Christmas weekend. We'll offer two candlelight services on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm & 5:00 pm. And we'll have just one service on Christmas morning at 10:30 am. We hope you'll join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior!

For more details on any event, visit grefc.org/events/

THIS WEEK

TODAY

Kids Christmas Craft Sale/ After Services/ Foyer
Christmas Photo Station//After Services/ Community Room
Women's Ministry Leader's Meeting // 6:00 pm/ Pine Room

TUESDAY

Discover GREFC Membership Class// 5:30-8:30 pm/ Youth Room

WEDNESDAY

Young Adult Leader's Meeting// 6:00-8:00 pm/ Trisha Ranso's Home

EACH WEEK

- SUNDAYS:** Infuse Sr. High Youth Group: 6:00 pm/ Youth Room
- TUESDAYS:** Young Adult Indoor Volleyball: 6:30 pm/ Worship Center
- WEDNESDAYS:** MidWeek Meal: 5:15-6:15 pm/ Community Room
- WEDNESDAYS:** Immerse Jr. High Youth Group: 6:00-7:15 pm/ Worship Center
- WEDNESDAYS:** Kid Groups: 6:15-7:00 pm/ Various Rooms
- THURSDAYS:** Women's Bible Study Fellowship: 6:00 pm/ Rooms 102/104/106



Most of our ministries take a break around Christmas, including Pathfinders and BRICK classes on Sunday mornings. Nursery will be unavailable on Christmas morning. The church office will be closed the week after Christmas. Any last minute giving can be left in the drop box in the vestibule or given online.

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COMMUNITY

Pray With Us For...

Family: Mark & Cheryl Jo Scharnott

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LAST WEEK @ GREFC

Giving

Last Week Actual	Weekly Budget
\$10,196.00	\$9,592.99
YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$396,848.51	\$450,807.53

Attendance

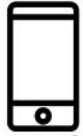
9:00 am - 214 **10:30 am** - 77

Online - 14 **Total** - 305

4 WAYS TO GIVE



Online at
grefc.org



Text to Give
218-376-7072



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Mail to
GREFC

FIND US ONLINE

Online Events Calendar



Go online to find events for everyone in the family, with more details than what we can give in the bulletin.

Go to the Online Events Calendar

Weekly Round Up

The Round Up is our online bulletin where we can share more about the life of our church. Find church news, serving opportunities, photos of ministry events, and helpful links. Every Friday in your email inbox!



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MESSAGE NOTES

Series: The Invitation of Advent #3

Message: The Attendees: How the Shepherds Typify the Person of Jesus

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

The Shepherds' joy and witness at Jesus' birth (Luke 2:8-20)

Biblical History cries out for the True Divine Shepherd to come

Genesis 1:28, 4:1-2, 46:31-34, 48:14-16; 49:22-24

Exodus 3:1-2; Numbers 27:12-17

2 Samuel 5:1-2; 7:8-13

Psalms 23, Ecclesiastes 12:1

2 Samuel 7:14-20

Ezekiel 34:2-16; Jeremiah 23:3-8

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd we have been waiting for

John 10:11-18, 24-30

Jesus Christ will always be the Chief Shepherd for His people

Ephesians 4:11

1 Peter 5:1-4

Revelation 7:14-17

Weekly Memory Verse: Luke 2:15-16

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

December 11, 2022





The Invitation of

Advent

- The Announcement, Nov. 27
- The Venue, Dec. 4
- The Attendees, Dec. 11
- The Entourage, Dec. 18
- The Arrival, Dec. 24
- The After Party, Jan. 1

9:00 am & 10:30 am

In Person or Online on  & 

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