

# 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 Quintin Legler

**Worship Music**

**Kids Dismissed**

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Message** - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

**Worship Music**

**Benediction**

## COMING SOON!



Our Young Adult Community Ministry hosts a monthly event called The Gathering. It is open to all young adults and involves a meal and connection time at someone's home. On Dec. 9, all young adults are invited to The Gathering Christmas Party. No sign up, just show up with a dollar store gift to exchange.

*For more details on any event, visit [grefc.org/events/](http://grefc.org/events/)*



The Dominican Republic short-term mission trip is a go! Those interested in being on the team for the March 2023 house building trip are encouraged to attend the Information Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 18 during the second service in the Pine Room.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY

Kids Christmas Craft Sale/ After Services/ Foyer  
Christmas Photo Station//After Services/ Community Room

### MONDAY

Women's Evening Bible Study - Jude // 6:30 pm/ Pine Room  
Men's Study - The Search for Significance// 6:30 pm/ Youth Room

### TUESDAY

Facility Care Team // 9:30 am/ Community Room

### FRIDAY

Young Adult Gathering Christmas Party // 6:00 pm/ 35534 Allen St., Cohasset

### SATURDAY

Legacy Builders Brunch & Equipping/ 9:30 am/ Youth Room  
Worship in the Pines Christmas Concert/ 7:00 pm/ Worship Center

## 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

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## COMMUNITY

### Pray With Us For...

**Family:** Dan & Alissa Sandeen  
**Missions:** Mike & Emilie Gibbons - France and Middle East  
**Ministry:** Jason Green - Worship Team

## LAST WEEK @ GREFC

### Giving

**Last Week Actual**    **Weekly Budget**

\$7,421.00                      \$9,592.99

**YTD Actual**                      **YTD Budget**

\$386,652.51                      \$441,214.54

### Attendance

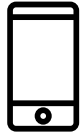
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**Online** - 16                      **Total** - 295

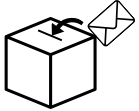
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Online at  
grefc.org



Text to Give  
218-376-7072



Offering Box



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

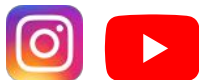
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## MESSAGE NOTES

**Series:** The Invitation of Advent #2

**Message:** The Venue: Bethlehem

**Scripture:** Luke 1:26-38

December 4, 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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