

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.

KIDS & STUDENTS @ 9:00 AM

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.

Nursery (0-36 months)	Room 108
Preschool A	Room 103
Preschool B	Room 101B
Kindergarten	Room 106
1st/2nd Grade	Room 104
3rd Grade	Room 102
4th/5th Grade	Youth Room
BRICK Bible Foundations (Grades 6 & 7)	Pine Room

Preschoolers through Grade 5 attend worship time with their families in the worship center, then are dismissed to class. BRICK students start promptly at 9:00 am.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements & Prayer - Elder Larry Curtiss

Advent Reading - Mike & Kim Hake

Worship Music

Message - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

Communion

Worship Music

Benediction

COMING SOON!



Newer people and families are encouraged to join us for lunch to get to know Elders, Pastor Micah and church staff and learn a little bit more about our church. It's a great time to meet other newer people, too! Please sign up at the Welcome Center or at grefc.org/register/.

For more details on any event, visit grefc.org/events/
Register for events at the Welcome Center or at grefc.org/register/

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

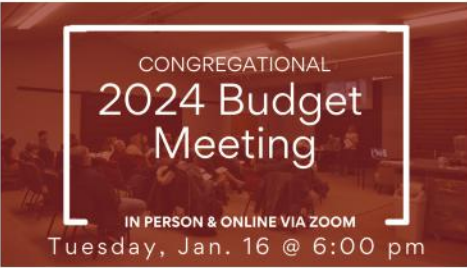
Jr. High Christmas Party// 5:45 -7:30 pm/ Worship Center
Sr. High Christmas Party// 5:45-7:30 pm/ Youth Room

TUESDAY

AM Stepping Stones Preschool Christmas Program// 10:30 am/ Community Room
PM Stepping Stones Preschool Christmas Program// 1:30 pm/ Community Room
Young Adult Gathering Christmas Party// 6:30 pm/ Community Room

EACH WEEK

SUNDAYS Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Groups// 5:45 pm/ Youth Room
TUESDAYS: Young Adult Volleyball// 6:30 pm/ Worship Center
WEDNESDAYS: MidWeek Meal// 5:15 pm/ Community Room
WEDNESDAYS: Kid Groups// 6:15 pm/ Various Rooms
THURSDAYS: Women's Bible Study Fellowship// 6:00 pm/ Rooms 102, 104, 106
THURSDAYS: Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



We invite the entire congregation to come hear about the proposed 2024 budget and have a chance to ask questions. The proposed budget will be emailed a few days prior to the meeting to give you a chance to look through it prior to the meeting.

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Pray With Us For...

Family: Anders Borgman

Missions: Andy & Jen Abramson - Elementum

Ministry: Sam Nikkel - Sr. High Student Ministries

LAST WEEK @ GREFC

Giving

Last Week Actual	Weekly Budget
\$6,818.00	\$8,365.38
YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$428,328.49	\$418,269.23

Attendance

9:00 am - 197	10:30 am - 87
Online - 16	Total - 300

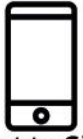
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Go to the Online
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The Weekly Round Up is our online bulletin. Find church news, serving opportunities, photos of ministry events, and helpful links. Every Friday in your email inbox!



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MESSAGE NOTES

Christmas Songs: The Scriptures Sing of the Son #4

Sermon: The Song of Mary

Scripture: Luke 1:26-56

Think about it:

The God of the Impossible (1:26-38)

The God of Blessing (1:39-49)

The God of Mercy (1:50-56)

Weekly Memory Verse: Luke 1:46-49 (ESV)

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me Blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."



Christmas Songs



THE SCRIPTURES SING OF THE SON

December 17, 2023

Join Us Sundays!

Services at

9:00 am & 10:30 am

In Person or Online on  & 



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