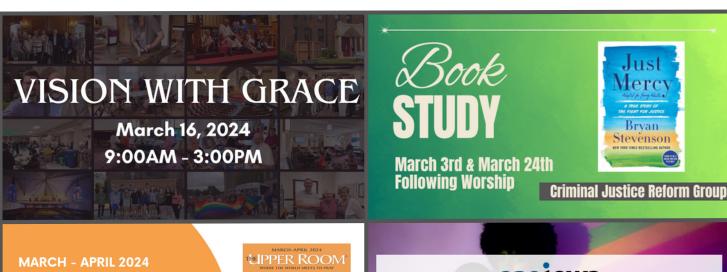
SPECIAL UPDATES



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

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TRANS & NON BINARY EDUCATION SESSION 101

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP HALL



OUR NEW CHURCH OR CODE MAKES IT EASIER THAN EVER TO WATCH OUR VIRTUAL SERVICES, ACCESS INSPIRING CONTENT, GIVE TO GRACE, AND STAY UPDATED ON UPCOMING EVENTS. SIMPLY SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE AND EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF COMMUNITY, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

GIVING TO GRACE

Give to Grace by using the offering plates, visiting gracedesmoines.org, or mailing to 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, IA 50311.

SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE

Sunday, February 18, 2024

In-Person: 112 Online: 229

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WELCOME TO GRACE

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed. We are all invited to bless this church with our love, our presence, and our participation.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE

See Bulletin Front WELCOMING STATEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Kyrie **TFWS 2127**

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie elesion. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel.

O come, let us return unto our God, Who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Let us pray: ...

HYMN "I Sing The Almighty Power of God" **UMH 152**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 22:23-31

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" **UMH 277**

HYMN "Surely the Presence" UMH 328 (twice)

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:19-25

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Pleasure of Presence" Dr. Gregory S. Neal

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version" **UMH 882**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" TFWS 2200

> O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" **TFWS 2200** **OFFERING**

ANTHEM "In This Very Room"

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN "I Am Thine O Lord" UMH 419

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Worship Leaders: Dr. Greg S. Neal, Senior Pastor; Ann Gerdom, Director of Music and Organist; Greg Sojka, Chancel Choir Director; Jane Emry Becker, Liturgist

SPECIAL UPDATES

Grace Foundation Scholorships

The Grace Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. Open to Grace members, staff, and their families, the deadline is April 3, 2024. For inquiries, contact ben.campney@gmail.com.

Since 1997, 437 scholarships totaling \$454,000 have been awarded.

ACTION ALERT EMAILS

Church & Society is creating an email list for social justice issue alerts. To join, email your name and email to Binnie LeHew at lehew27@msn.com with subject "Please add me to the Grace Action Alerts list." Topics include Climate, LGBTQ, Social Justice, Immigration, and Education.

Ron and Carol Harris

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, February 25

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship

11:15 AM Hospitality Time

11:30 AM Trans and Nonbinary Education

3:00 PM AMOS Delegate Assembly (Central Presbyterian)

3:30 PM Confirmation Class

5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, February 26

12:10 PM Visitation Ministry Team Meeting

6:00 PM Crafternoon

6:30 PM The Bible Year

Tuesday, February 27
1:30 PM The Bible You Never Knew 5:00 PM Free Community Meal

5:30 PM Free Clinic

5:30 PM Preschool Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 AM Quilters

4:00 PM The Bible Year

5:45 PM Grace Chimers

6:30 PM AMOS

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 29

6:00 PM The Open Table 7:00 PM Ad Council

Friday, March 1

4:00 PM Shelter Meal (Prepared at Shelter)

Saturday, March 2

No Activites

Sunday, March 3

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship

11:15 AM Hospitality Time

1:30 PM Criminal Justice Reform Book Study 3:00 PM Harriet Bailey Prayer Shawl Ministry

3:30 PM Confirmation Class

5:00 PM Youth Group