

A WORSHIP SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

*Preparation for Worship – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#196)*

Lighting the First Advent Candle: Prophecy

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

*Call to Worship – *1 Peter 1.3-9*

*Hymns of Praise – *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (#203)*
Away in a Manger (#205)

Prayer of Praise & Petition – *Tom Luttio*

Reciting Scripture – *James 4.7-8*

Call to Confession – *1 John 2.1-6*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Repentance

*Declaration of Grace – *1 John 5.11-13*

Giving of Tithes & Offerings *(during hymn)*

*Hymn of Preparation – *May the Mind of Christ My Savior (#644)*

Sermon – *Rev. John Frese*
James (Series Conclusion) | Word inDeed *(p1011 in pew Bible)*

The Lord’s Table

The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn of Response – *His Mercy Is More*

*Commission

*Benediction

(*) calls for the congregation to stand
We welcome your children in the service. Our nursery is also available for infants-3yrs and family seats are provided in back.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE COVENANT

Sun Dec 1

9:30a Worship Service – Lord’s Table
12:30p Music Team Practice

Growth Groups

Meet throughout the week

Thu Dec 5

6:00p Session Meeting

Sat Dec 7

7:00a Session Retreat
2:30p Children’s Discipleship Class

Sun Dec 8

9:10a Mercy Team Meeting
9:30a Worship Service
11:15a Christian Formation
12:30p Music Team Practice

SERVING TODAY

Nursery: Jayne Heupel, Matt Gerfin, &
Sophie Gerfin
Greeter: Teresa VerMeer
Fellowship: Norma Birr
Slides: Bryan Peterson
Sound: Andrew Frese

NEXT WEEK

Nursery: Joanne Johnson, Joe Saladin, &
Joseph Frese
Greeter: Matt & Jenn Gerfin
Fellowship: Angie Formo
Slides: Norene Corder
Sound: Andrew Frese

WiFi – GCGuest; Password – Psalms150

TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sermon Text: Romans 15.14-33
Memory Work: James 4.9-10

SERMON NOTES JAMES: WORD INDEED

James (Series Conclusion)
Word inDeed

Bookends: Persevere and Restore, 1.2-8; 5.19-20

Control Your Tongue

Love Your Neighbor

Live Unstained

Commission:

WELCOME TO GRACECOV
If you're visiting today, we're so glad you're here!
Please grab a mug out in the foyer and let us know you're here by filling out the card in the pew in front of you – put it in the Connection Card box in back when you're done. Please stick around after the service for coffee and fellowship (to the right as you exit) – we'd love to get to know you better!

REV. BRENNAN MCCAFFERTY
Next week, **Dec 8**, Rev. Brennan McCafferty will be preaching at Grace Covenant. Brennan serves with Mission to the World as a missionary to Cambodia. He completed his M.Div. at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained in the Siouxlands Presbytery in 2020. He currently serves the Cambodian church through preaching, pastoral training and discipleship of college students. He and his wife Becca (along with their kids) live in Phnom Penh and are currently on home assignment.

NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION
There will be no Christian Formation today due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume next week, **Dec 8**.

MERCY NEEDS
Grace Covenant Family, with the winter season approaching, the Deacons want to remind you that they are here to assist you if you need extra help in any way. Please speak with Bryan Peterson or Randy Wahlstrom, or send an email to: deacons@gracecovmn.org
Your requests will be kept confidential.

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Bryan Peterson, Randy Wahlstrom

Elder Emeritus
John Willems

STAFF & MINISTRY TEAMS
Pastor: Rev. John Frese
Assistant Pastor/Director of Counseling:
Rev. Dr. Luke Wynja
Ministry Admin: Teresa VerMeer

Worship Team Lead Elder: Tom Luttio
Music Team: Nickolas Frese
Nursery Coordinator: Tara Oldfield
Child Protection Team: Tom Luttio
Discipleship Team Lead Elder: Rev. John Frese
Growth Groups: Dan Roach
Men of Grace: --
Women of Grace: Rachel O'Banion
Carolyn Urbanski
CovenantKIDS: Angie Formo
Library: Patrick O'Banion
Mission Team Lead Elder: Patrick O'Banion
Team Leader: Carolyn Urbanski
Service Team
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Diaconate
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Mercy Team: Randy Wahlstrom

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The Lord's Day | Dec 1, 2024



However much one may need
to step back and to stand aside,
to discuss and to consider,
to appraise and to explain,
the point is to see oneself in the mirror
and not to forget.
- Richard Bauckham, *James*, 10.