

February 15, 2026 • Last Sunday's Attendance: 244

Today at Grace: February 15

Operation Deluge: Sunday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Atrium)

Stop by to enjoy a treat, sign a card, and send a word of prayer or encouragement to a Grace member.

Harmony Food Drive

This month Grace's Social Ministry Committee will be collecting soup for The Harmony Community Cares Food Pantry in North Lawndale. Please place unopened and unexpired cans of soup in the bin in the Atrium. Thank you for your generosity!

Grace's Library is Open

The current feature is our books for Lent. The book list can be found on Grace Links, and the books are on display in the Library and Atrium display case. To check out any book, please write your name on the card in the back of the book and leave it in the card holder on the table. Books are available for a four-week checkout.

Lent at Grace

Ash Wednesday Worship: February 18 (Sanctuary)

With Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

8:25 (with Grace Students), 11:30 a.m. (with Cornerstones), and 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: February 25 - March 25

6:00 p.m. Supper (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service (Sanctuary and Online)

Devotionals

This year Lent devotional is *Love Outpouring*. Copies are currently available at the front desk, by the Division Street door, and in the magazine racks in the Narthex.

Book Study: Sundays, February 22 - March 22, at 9 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join Pastor Lyle this Lent for a journey through *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life* by Mark Powell. Please RSVP using Grace Links so we know how many people to expect. More copies of the book will be coming soon and can be picked up at the front desk.

Compline Prayer: Thursdays, February 26 - March 26, at 9 p.m. ([Zoom](#))

This short liturgy (15-20 minutes) gives us words and space to entrust our waking and our sleeping into God's good care so we might rest well and be renewed for the days ahead. We will meet on Zoom, and the meeting ID is 833 7569 7350 and the passcode is 279091. If you have questions, let Pastor Troy know (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org).

What's Happening: February 16 - 22

Ready to build deeper friendships and connections at Grace? Now is the perfect time to jump in! We have several groups meeting this week, and you're invited to stop by even if you've never attended before. All are welcome and no RSVP required. Come connect with your church family!

Building Closed: Monday, February 16 (Presidents' Day)

Knitting Group: Tuesday, February 17, at 1 p.m. (Church Library)

Looking for a cozy community to share your love of yarn? Whether you're a beginner or an experienced knitter, you'll find a warm welcome here! Bring your current project and enjoy some relaxed crafting time and good conversation. We will also show you how to contribute to our prayer shawl ministry.

Cornerstones: Wednesday, February 18, at 10 a.m. (Church Library)

Join us for fellowship before worship at 11:30 a.m.

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Handbell Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m. (Bell Room)

Parish Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, February 18, at 8:15 p.m. (Music Room)

GriefShare: Thursday, February 19, at 10 a.m. (Church Library)

Session Topic: Fearful & Overwhelmed

For more information, including upcoming sessions, go to Grace Links.

Yoga Class: Thursday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Bring a yoga mat, a yoga block if you have one, and a large towel or a blanket. Fee for the class is a free will offering which goes to the church. If you have questions about class or yoga in general, please call Ackli at 708-516-2701.

Moms of Littles: Thursday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m. (Youth Center)

We are group for moms of children ages infant - 8th grade. Our intention is to build and maintain a faith-based community that supports each other as we navigate the journey of parenthood. All moms are welcome in this group regardless of church or school affiliation. If you are in need of child care, please let Elyssa know by the Monday before each meeting (elyssa.salinas@gmail.com).

4th Grade Communion Retreat: Friday, February 20, at 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Religion in Literature: Friday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. (Off-site)

Foster and *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan One is about a man's moral dilemma as he discovers the abuse of young women in a local convent. The other is about a child who discovers love with foster parents. Karen Clapp will lead the discussion at Jill and Martin Baumgaertner home (841 W. Monroe St., #5PH, Chicago.

Confirmation: Sunday, February 22, at 9 a.m. (Youth Center)

Session: Worship

Sunday School: Sunday, February 22, at 9 a.m. (Nursery and 3rd Floor Commons)

Session: Tempted (Matthew 4:1-11)

Bach Cantata Vespers: Sunday, February 22, at 3:45 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Tue Rechnung! Donnerwort, BWV 168 (Settle the account! Word of thunder)

Based on the parable in Luke 16 about a dishonest manager, the dramatic music of the opening aria shows an all-powerful God who demands accountability from the people. The later movements of the cantata, however, bring resolution as text and music remind listeners that Jesus' sacrificial death has paid their debt. This marks the first performance of this cantata in our series at Grace

Confirmation Mentor Session: Sunday, February 22, at 11:15 a.m. (Youth Center)

Other Information

Graceful Evening Wine and Whiskey Donations Needed

We're getting ready for Graceful Evening, and we're looking for a few more bottles to make our fundraiser a success! If you have a favorite wine (valued at \$30+) or whiskey (valued at \$50+) you'd like to donate, please give it to the front desk during building hours. During the event, guests will donate for the opportunity to randomly select one of these bottles to enjoy. Your contribution adds so much excitement to the night — thank you for your support!

For more information about Graceful Evening, including how to purchase tickets, visit Grace Links or check out the February issue of Grace Notes, which can be found under the "What's Happening" menu tab.

Grace Links



