

Connect with Grace

Special events, ongoing programs, Connect Card, and more can be found on our website: yakimagrace.com or on the Yakima Grace App.



We are back on Tuesdays! All women are invited to attend and bring a friend. WOW is about fellowship, Bible Study, and connection to God and Grace of Christ.



Host a Koinonia lunch at church! We need hosts on Jan 26, Feb 18, and Feb 23. Follow the QR code above to volunteer!



Scan the QR code to RSVP for lite meal and learn about this poignant service as we begin the season of Lent.



Sign up and stay up-to-date on all the events happening at Grace! View our calendars: yakimagrace.com/events



New to QR Codes? Give it a try!

1. Open the camera on your smartphone.
2. Point at the QR Code and hold your phone steady so the code fits on the screen.
3. Tap the message or link that appears to open. You will be directed to the website.
4. You do NOT need to take a picture or download an app.



Grace of Christ Church

To Love Jesus, Love our City, Together in Community - January 25, 2026



WELCOME TO GRACE!

This year we're going to discover how the "Embassy" of God's people takes life throughout the Bible as we consider how Grace of Christ can be an Embassy of the Kingdom of God, and can even lead the way in becoming the future of what church can look like going forward.

In the last couple of weeks we saw how Jonah went down in many ways as he ran from God's call to be an ambassador and how he was disciplined and repented.

This week Jonah rises and goes on the original mission God called him to: going to his arch enemies and giving them the Word of God. To his surprise, they repent and God relents.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am - Contemporary Worship
9:15am - Kids & Youth dismissed to their classes
11am - Traditional Worship - Choir & Organ

CONNECT WITH US

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Lead Pastor - Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr
Kids & Families - Sarah Huck | Youth & Young Adults - Kara Candid

Portraits of Ambassadors: Jonah Rises and Goes

Scriptures: Matthew 12:38-42, 2 Peter 3:8-10, Jonah 3

Outline

Introduction

Foundation 1: Jonah's vs. Nineveh's Repentance

Foundation 2: Discipline is not for Punishment but Growth

Foundation 3: God's Desire is Not Destruction

Implication: History is the realm of God's patience

Application: God's Patience Creates Space and Time for Mission

Study Questions

1. What's the link between 2 Peter 3 and Jonah 3? What do these passages read together show about the heart of God?
2. What is the difference between Jonah's repentance in chapter 2 and that of the people of Nineveh?
3. What's the importance of all the sackcloth, ashes, and fasting? What does it show?

Implications: So What?

4. There are many thoughts about how God is active in the world on a spectrum from pulling all the strings, to working behind the scenes, to totally uninvolved. What picture of God's work in the world do we get from the book of Jonah?

Applications: Now What?

5. The people of Nineveh didn't know or obey God's law, yet they repented. Are there people in your life like this?
6. Patience is not permission. How does the idea of God being patient with evil make you feel?

Prayer

The story of Jonah is complex and reaches down to the heart of the "problem of evil" and the particular biblical answer to it in the space of God's patience to answer the call to be ambassadors of God. We can be honest with God in the challenges we face, the experience of evil, the feeling that God is doing nothing, that the evildoers win, etc. God isn't afraid of our hard feelings. We can also pray for those who persecute, as Jesus commands. We can pray for people like those of Nineveh, that they would truly repent.

UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHOTO DIRECTORY - LAST CALL FOR PICS!

Please **text or email** a selfie or a family photo with the spelling of your name(s) and the phone number you want printed in the directory to **pic@yakimagrace.com**. Make sure your photo is full-sized with no sunglasses/hats/shadows on faces. Thanks!

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ANN FRALEY

We pray for the family of Ann Fraley who passed away in December. Her Celebration of Life service will be this Saturday, Jan 31 at 11am in the Sanctuary.

PYRIAM MINI SCROLLS AVAILABLE

These decorative scrolls are created using the same process and materials as papyrus 5,000 years ago. Stop by the Welcome Center to find out more about how this simple scroll is spreading the gospel to people in the world! Scrolls available for a donation of \$15.

ONE SERVICE & ANNUAL MEETING - FEB 15

Mark your calendars! We will have one service at 10am on Sunday Feb 15. Our Annual Meeting will follow immediately after the service.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION COMING IN FEB

Now is the perfect time of year to take a tour, talk to teachers, and pick up an enrollment packet in the office. Share our preschool with your friends: yakimagrace.com/preschool

DID YOU KNOW?

NEED WIFI?

Network: Guest Wifi PW: JesusLovesMe!

VISITING TODAY?



Follow the QR Code to find out more about what to expect on a Sunday morning.

You will also find info about our Sunday programs for children and teens, as well as how to connect to who we are as a church.

CONNECT CARD



We are glad you're here! Help us connect with you. Scan the code or fill out a card in the pew racks.

NEED PRAYER?

Our team is available after each service by the piano to pray and connect with you.

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Drop your offering in the offering plate or the secure box after the service.

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