

Connect with Grace

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



THE Lion Chef
Gilbert Kalombo

A Taste of Africa
Kids Camp July 27-30
8-45-12:30 . KINDER-5TH GRADE

Volunteer at this event and be part of something new! Use the same QR to register kids or volunteer:




YOUTH SUMMER SWIM DAYS
JULY 7, 14, 28 * 6-8P * 2551 MAPLEWAY RD
SNACKS & DRINKS PROVIDED
POOL PARTIES: AUG 4 & 11

Mark your calendars for the upcoming youth swim days! Beat the heat with food, friends, and fun. Bring a friend. For more info, contact kara@yakimagrace.com.



SUMMER SUNDAZE
Worship as a family this month!
AUG 9 THRU AUG 30
10AM
ONE SERVICE ONLY

We will have one service at 10am during the month of August. Worship as a family! Grace Kids and Youth Clubs are on a break until Sept 13. Childcare available!



2027 OFFICERS
ELDERS . DEACONS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION FORM

We are praying for 2027 elders, deacons, and nominating committee members. Submit recommendations online:



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 do NOT need to take a picture.



Grace of Christ Church

To Love Jesus, Love our City, Together in Community - July 12, 2026



Peter - Portrait of an
AMBASSADOR

PETER REPLACED?
(THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL)
LEVITICUS 17:10-11 & ACTS 15:1-19

WELCOME TO GRACE!

This week we see Peter's final act of leadership, a passing of the torch in a non-descript manner. After this passage, Peter is not heard from again. Yet this crucial event in Acts 15, the Council of Jerusalem, sees the first formal act of the church conclude with a brotherly letter of encouragement that ensures Christianity will now diverge from its Jewish heritage. The leaders, James (the brother of Jesus), Peter, and Paul are all in the same room, wrestling with a major decision... what are the lines of Christianity? We might be surprised when we see their lines land in very different places than have been drawn in the intervening millennia.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am - Contemporary Worship

9:15am - Kids & Youth dismissed to their classes

11am - Traditional Worship - Choir & Organ

Childcare available on the main floor across from the office

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

“Peter Replaced? (The Jerusalem Council)”

Leviticus 17:10-11, Acts 15:1-19

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STUDY GUIDE

Introduction: Types of Fences

Foundation 1: Peter Defends Paul: God is visiting the Gentiles and giving them the Holy Spirit

Foundation 2: Peter Defers to James: Leadership has Transitioned

Foundation 3: Things Forbidden to All: The Signs of Death

Implication (So what?): Transitions of leadership and of culture are challenging to negotiate and require careful consideration.

Application (Now What?): What kind of fences do we build?

Foundation (What?):

1. It's understandable why there was a party demanding that any Gentile converts become Jews first before following the Jewish Messiah. The first followers were almost all Jews doing a Jewish thing. What threats do you think that first generation felt?

2. It's clear that Peter has been spending time in Antioch, which is perhaps by James has started to assume more of a leadership role in Jerusalem. Why do you think James chairs the council?

3. What's the linkage between idolatry, sexual immorality, strangled meat, and eating blood? What's the logic behind why these are forbidden? And why do you think the first church council, headed by Jesus' own brother has little to no enduring effect on churches of today?

Implication (So what?):

4. What challenges of cultural change do you feel in our time in Christianity? Where do you see promises? Where do you see threats?

Application (Now What?):

5. What kind of fences do we build in Christianity? Are they boundary markers, chain-link fences, or border walls? Are we living something people aspire to, but need guidance in maintaining the essence of? Or are we trying to keep outsiders from polluting our sense of purity?

PRAYER

Let's pray that God would purify our own hearts, that we could see where the Holy Spirit is at work, where the power of God is breaking down walls of hostility, even as wise council sets up new guidelines for maintaining the heart of the work. Let's pray that God would inspire us to expand our community.

UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY YAKIMA 24/7 - TODAY

The PY24/7 team chooses scriptures and prayers for each church to use each month as we lift up our city. For this month's prayers visit: YakimaGrace.com/PrayYakima.

CALLED TO GRACE BOOK AVAILABLE AT WELCOME CENTER

Celebrate *Called to Grace* - a vibrant look back at the history of our church over the past 50 years. Experience the stories, memories, milestones, and most importantly, the people who shaped our journey. Purchase your copy at the Welcome Center after service today.

COOKIES FOR SUNDAY

If your last name starts with A-F, please bring cookies to the Fireside Kitchen before the 9am or 11am service, or drop them off during the week to the main office.

If you would like to get an email reminder to bring Sunday goodies on your scheduled week, please write the word "COOKIES!" on the front of your Connect Card .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - A TASTE OF AFRICA

Our summer cooking camp is coming up fast! We're looking for people with all kinds of skills to make this happen. If you have a few hours to help, either setting up or during the week, email Sarah@yakimagrace.com or sign up using the QR on the back of the flyer.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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.

YAKIMA GRACE APP

VIEW the church calendar

WATCH Sunday services

SIGN-UP for events

SUBMIT your Connect Card

GIVE Online



OR



WAYS TO GIVE

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

Click on "Give" in the Yakima Grace App.

Give safely on our website: Scan the QR or go to yakimagrace.com/give

