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 Adams Giving Tree is in the Garden Room - Grab a gift tag after service. Scan the QR to volunteer or learn more.



The children will be rehearsing today after Sunday School. It's not too late to join our Christmas choir! Email sarah@yakimagrace.com for more info.



Today is the first day of Advent. Scan the QR or stop by the Welcome Center for a free copy of our 2026 Advent Devotional.



Scan the QR code to read The Future of Grace in Yakima and learn about our vision for our church in the community.

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 - November 29, 2026



WELCOME TO GRACE

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is the time of waiting and fasting as we consider the darkness of the world that is waiting for the light of Christ. This year during Advent we're going to consider how waiting is not passive.

Waiting doesn't mean sitting around and hope doesn't just mean anticipation. Active waiting means hope-in-action. What does hope mean when put into action? For Paul in Romans 5, hope has to do with the glory of God in the future, and character in the present. Hope for glory is rooted in character. Jesus is the access and the pattern of our character.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am Contemporary

Check in PreK-5th grade for Sunday School at the Grace Kids' counter. Grace Kids & Youth will be dismissed during the worship service.

11am Traditional

Childcare is available during both services for kids 6 and under.

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Kids & Families - Sarah Huck | Youth & Young Adults - Kara Candid

Active Waiting: Shameless Hope

Romans 5:1-5

Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr

SERMON NOTES

Outline

Introduction	Shameful Hope
Foundation 1:	Justified by the Faithfulness of Christ to Access of God
Foundation 2:	Hope of Glory Produces Endurance
Foundation 3:	Character Produces Shameless Hope
Implications:	Being Shamelessly Hopeful
Application:	Character Comes through Challenges

Foundation: What?

1. What does justification mean?

2. Language can be ambiguous and translators have to make a choice. Are we justified by our faith, the strength of our ability to believe in something, or are we justified by Jesus' faithfulness? One is about our ability to believe hard enough, the other is about the assurance that Jesus did enough.

3. What is the responsibility given to us in this passage? To agree with ideas about the Trinity, or to persevere through suffering because of a sure hope?

4. What is potentially shameful about hope? How does character formation demonstrate shameless hope?

Implication: So What?

5. What if we don't suffer for Jesus? We might assume Paul is only talking about persecution. What other kinds of trials or troubles come with hopeful waiting?

Application: Now What?

6. What about you? Are you waiting with shameless hope? Are you afraid that your faith-statement is maybe not perfect, or that this or that preacher's isn't? How might you cultivate shameless hope in your life?

Prayer

Let us pray that whatever our trials and sufferings, we can endure by the strength of the body of Christ to hold us and help us grow into the kind of character that produces shameless hope that we can join in God's glory. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit would fill us with the love of God that carries us through times of seeming hopelessness.

Upcoming & Announcements

THIS WEEK AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Volunteers are standing by to answer your questions and connect you to life at Grace. This week at the Welcome Center:

- Pick up your free copy of our 2026 Advent Devotional: "Songs of Christmas"
- Sign up to "Shine His Light" on Christmas Eve! We need help at both 4pm and 7pm
- Sign the card for our friends at Yakima Foursquare Church during this time of grief
- Volunteer to be a greeter or help at the Welcome Center for Sundays in Dec & Jan

2026 ADAMS GIVING TREE - AMAZON WISH LIST

Scan the QR to view our Amazon Wish List and make shopping easy! Gifts are delivered right to church! Unwrapped gifts are due by Wed, Dec 9th. Thanks for helping us bless 250 families at Adams Elementary this year!

Sign up to help at our wrapping party, transporting gifts, and serving at the event. The QR for volunteering and donating to our Adams Giving Fund is on the back of the flyer. Thanks!

WRITE A PRAYER FOR YAKIMA FOURQUARE

Please continue to pray for our neighbors at Yakima Foursquare after the loss of Sue Edler. This week at the Welcome Center, please sign our card or write a prayer on one of the prayer papers. We will mail this to the church early next week to remind them that we are praying for peace in the midst of their mourning. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

GRAB AN EXTRA PIE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Thank you for supporting our preschool program through our Dutch Apple Pie fundraiser. We made 200 pies this year! We have a few left for purchase while supplies last. Stop by the Welcome Center today or call the church office Monday-Thursday: 509-248-7940

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