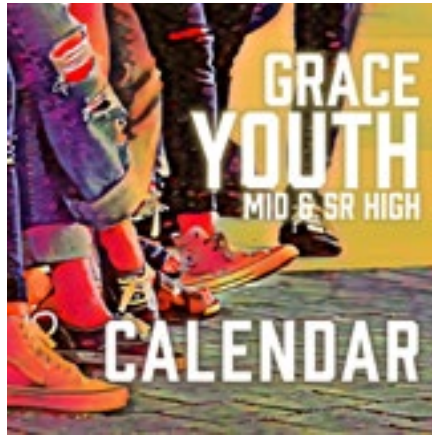


Connect with Grace

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



YOU are invited to use your gifts in our community: Greeters, Welcome Center, Tech Team, Grace Kids, Choir, Band, Bells, Prayer, & more! Scan the QR to get started.



- 9/15 - Taco Tues Begins
- 9/18 - Cider Press
- 9/25 - HS Bible Study
- 9/29 - Fair Outing



Come to the North Lawn TODAY between services and enjoy food & fun as we Kick Off a great new year of learning in Grace Kids and Youth Sunday Clubs!



Grace Kids will be dismissed at the 9am service to class. After service, families are invited upstairs to meet teachers and learn more about our classrooms.

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 - September 13, 2026



WELCOME TO GRACE!

Greetings Friends in Christ!

In this series, we're talking practically about how we can start moving strategically toward becoming an embassy of the kingdom of God. We've talked about becoming a community that worships rather than a worshipping community, and we've seen how central food is to the gospel and to Jesus-shaped community. Now we're going to think about another crucial aspect of what makes a home: safety. We tend to think about a safe house and a safehouse as two vastly different things... one for children and families, the other for spies. But perhaps the two aren't so far apart. In a world full of mistrust of authority, what would make a local church community safe and trustworthy?

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am Contemporary Service

Sunday School & Youth Clubs start today... Listen for your dismissal during the Meet & Greet!

11am Traditional Service

Activity bags for kids are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

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

CONNECT WITH US

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Lead Pastor - Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr

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

BECOMING THE EMBASSY: A SAFE HOUSE

Psalm 31:1-5; 1 Corinthians 6:1-7
Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

STUDY QUESTIONS

Introduction: Church in a "Post-Truth" World

FOUNDATIONS (WHAT?)

God's Protection... Necessary in a Hostile World

What do you make of some of the Psalms which ascribe to God the power of great protection, with the historical reality that God's people are not immune to injustice?

A Safe House is Built on Trust and Truth

What's the link between truth and trust (note the verbal similarity)? Is there a difference between speaking truth and being trustworthy? How does safety come from the integration of the two?

Judging the World

Paul has a seemingly quite radical belief that Christians are the ones who are going to judge the world and the angels with God or on his behalf on the Day of the Lord. What do you make of this idea? How does it fit in with Adam and Eve, and Jesus' teaching on not judging (Mt 7:1-2)?

IMPLICATION (SO WHAT?)

An Embassy is a Safe House, Made Safe by Truth

There are a few ways of thinking about a safehouse or a safe house... One is safe from the threats of outsiders. The other is safety from each other. We expect the police to take care of the former, but not all churches are equally trusting of police or government forces. How does being a safe house aid in making us a safehouse?

APPLICATION (NOW WHAT?)

We Must Tell the Truth about Ourselves to be Authentic Truth-Tellers

Our Ambassadors of Reconciliation Focus Groups are a simple way to begin the process of developing truthful trust in one another. Discipline and discipleship come from a place of trust and love, not from a place of judgment. What's holding you back (if anything) from being truthful about yourself with others and so developing trust?

PRAYER

Let us pray that God would grant us the courage to be truth-tellers, first about ourselves, so that we could be trustworthy truth-tellers in the world. And let us pray that God would protect us from the temptation to use his truth as a weapon, or to hide behind the label of truth to conceal things that make us untrustworthy.

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.

SEPT 15 - WOW FALL STUDY BEGINS

Our Women of the Word Bible study resumes on Tues, Sept 15 at 9:45a in the Lounge. All women are welcome to join us this fall as we study several different women of God, including Mary, Deborah, Abigail, Ruth, and Naomi.

SEPT 24 - SISTERS IN FAITH STARTS A NEW BOOK

Sisters in Faith will continue through the fall with a *New Book* It's All Under Control: A Journey of Letting Go, Hanging On, and Finding a Peace You Almost Forgot Was Possible by Jennifer Dukes Lee. Thursdays in the Lounge: 5:30p Social Time | 6-8p Lesson.

OCT 3 - CAMP GHORMLEY FALL FUNDRAISER

You are invited to join us at West Valley Church on Sat, Oct 3 for a wonderful evening of fun and support! RSVP and purchase tickets online: campghormley.com.

COOKIES FOR NEXT 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.

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 and how to connect with our ministry.

GRACE ALIVE

Read the latest Grace Alive edition to learn who we are as the people of God on the mission of God.



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.

YAKIMA GRACE APP

Watch services online, submit a Connect Card, view event calendars, and stay connected with our Grace App:



OR



NEED PRAYER?

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

WAYS TO GIVE

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

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

