

## Welcome to Grace

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

We welcome you to Grace Church today, where we invite you to receive God's grace. This congregation has worshipped and served the Lord in Northeast Reading since 1882. May God bless you as you join us today!

## Times and Locations

### Sunday School

**9:30-10:15 AM**

*Nursery (0-36 months)	203 - 1st Floor, South Wing
*3 & 4 Yr. Olds	204 - 1st Floor, South Wing
K - 2nd Grades	302 - 2nd Floor, South Wing
3rd - 5th Grades	303 - 2nd Floor, South Wing
6th-12th Grades	301 - Balcony

\* During Sunday School and 10:30 AM Worship Service

### Winter Mini Adult Electives (December 5 - January 16)

<i>2nd Peter</i>   Rick Paquette	Sanctuary & Facebook LIVE
<i>What God Has to Say About Our Bodies</i>   Ron Reed	Overflow
<i>Membership</i>   Pastor Grossman	Library

### Worship Service

**10:30 AM**

### Sunday Evenings (1st & 3rd Sundays)

**6:30 PM**

### Small Groups (2nd & 4th Sundays)

**Times Vary**

## Staff and Leaders

### Senior Pastor

Randall Grossman

### Assistant Pastor

Nat LeTowt

### Youth Pastor

Sandy Holbert

### Secretary

Hannah Merrick

### Music Director

Mimi Fairbanks

### Lambs

#### Preschool Director

Trisha Maples

#### Sunday School Superintendent

Bryon Kauffman

### Librarian

Carl Weston

### Elders

Greg Fairbanks

Tim Faust

Tony Iezzi

Bryon Kauffman

Charles Lavigna

Tim Makatche

Rick Paquette

Ron Reed

Glenn Ruoss

James Stapleton

Greg Tuke

### Deacons

Steve Gibson

Marty Green

Shawn Lintz

Stacy Maples

Pete Melcher

Chris Merrick

Dale Pollock

Trevor Smith

Jeff Wike



## The Week of December 12, 2021

### Sunday

- 12:00 PM Pastors Open House
- 2:00 PM Grossman Home- 1400 Oak Lane
- 6:30 PM Small Groups in various homes and fellowship hall

### Tuesday

- 7:00 PM Elders Meeting

### Wednesday

- 9:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Brunch | Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 PM Dinner |  
\$4/adult \$2/child under 11 | \$15 max./ family
- 6:00 PM KIDS Club | Balcony, enter in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 PM Rock of Grace Youth | Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 PM Adult Prayer Meeting | Library  
Topic: Church Extension | Leader: David Hottel

### Thursday

- 6:45 PM Choir | Fellowship Hall

### Saturday

- 7:30 PM SOLO Bible Study | Fellowship Hall

### Next

### Sunday

- 9:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Brunch & Music Program
- 10:30 AM Worship Service | The Legacy of John the Baptist  
Matthew 11:1-15 | Pastor Grossman
- 6:30 PM Small Groups in various homes and fellowship hall

*Directions to the Grossman's are on the back table (the bright blue paper)*

## Find Us

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[info@gracebfcreading.org](mailto:info@gracebfcreading.org)  
Facebook: GBFCReading

## Announcements

### SAVE THE DATES!

#### December

19 Sunday School Brunch & Music Program | 9:30AM  
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | 6:30 PM

#### Christmas Cards!

In either foyer you will find boxes divided by last initials in which you can place your cards. Please put both the first and last name of the recipient on the card and place them in the box that matches the first initial of the recipients last name. The cards will be available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall at the Christmas Eve Service.

#### Pastor and Mrs. Grossman will be leading a **Reformation Tour in Germany and Switzerland from May 3-12, 2022.**

For more information, speak to the Grossmans. Deposit must be received by December 31, 2021. Also, Pastor Grossman's recent lecture on "Here I Stand", is on Sermon Audio at [sermonaudio.com/sermon/1130211324542917](http://sermonaudio.com/sermon/1130211324542917)

#### **2022 Giving Envelopes** are available in the South Foyer.

Each year the church offers the opportunity to buy **Poinsettias to help decorate the front of the church!** After the Christmas Eve Service people can then take the poinsettias they purchased home. It is \$6 per plant and order forms are due to Hannah Merrick by December 19th.

## Send a note to a shut-in...

Ernie Burns  
Manor Care -Room 206  
2125 Elizabeth Avenue  
Laureldale, PA 19605

#### Financial Report:

Year To Date Need: \$461,825  
Year to Date Received: \$412,327.54  
Online Giving: [give.gracebfcreading.org/Text-to-Give](http://give.gracebfcreading.org/Text-to-Give): 84321  
Or download the Church Center App from Planning Center on your phone.

## Worship Service

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor LeTowt

#### **Worship in Praise**

#### Call to Worship

Matthew 3:13-17

Pastor Holbert

#### Hymn #104

*O Worship The King*

#### Chorus

*Here I Am To Worship*

#### Hymn #259

*Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

#### Hymn #539

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

*(Children's Church for grades Kindergarten - 2nd Grades is dismissed)*

#### **Worship in Giving**

#### Tithes & Offering

#### Offertory

*We Are The Reason and Silent Night*

Barb Weston

#### **Worship in Prayer**

#### Minute for Missions

Stephen & Ali Merrick

#### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Grossman

#### **Worship in the Word**

#### Scripture Reading

John 1:19-36

Bryon Kauffman

(Pew Bible p. 886)

#### Message "The Message of John the Baptist" Pastor Grossman

#### Hymn #256

*Love Has Come*

#### Benediction

I Timothy 6:15-16

Pastor Grossman

#### **Reminders**

- The balcony is reserved for those who desire to wear masks and social distance.
- The Mary Melcher Mothers Room is available off the South Foyer for mothers who need a quiet space. Ask the volunteer at the Check-Ins table for directions.
- The Sunday messages from our pastor and a Sunday School elective each week are posted on [sermonaudio.com](http://sermonaudio.com). Spread the word concerning this means of sharing the gospel!

#### **This Week - 12/12**

##### **Nursery:**

SS: H Faust, J Lengel & P Miller

C: M Beaver, H Faust & V Lavigna

#### **Next Week - 12/19**

##### **Nursery:**

SS: Sunday School Brunch

C: D Gundrum, N Hottel & A Maples