

Today's Sermon

Divine Presence

PASTOR MIKE YODER

COME, THOU
LONG EXPECTED
JESUS

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:23

God _____ us to long for His presence,
and He wants us to be present with Him.

God _____ us from our separation from Him
by becoming like us in Jesus Christ.

The _____ of Jesus Christ enables us
to be in _____ - _____ relationship with God.

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

DIG DEEPER

What has COVID-19 taught you about the importance of others' *physical presence* in your life?

What are some ways God gains "credibility" in our eyes because He experienced human life "in the flesh" (John 1:14)?

God could have made His flesh-and-blood introduction to us in any time, setting, and manner, yet He chose to do so as a baby in a manger in a small village. What does that say about His heart and intentions?

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Welcome to Grace

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

*Thursday, December 24
at 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. in the
WC Auditorium & Online*

*Mark your calendar
for this unique event
featuring carols,
a special message,
and more!*

*Invite your
friends and family
to join in-person
or to tune in
live online.*



Grace Polaris Church exists to honor God by multiplying devoted followers of Jesus through worship, community, training, and witness.

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This Week

TODAY

Worship Services 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • WC Auditorium

Sunday Morning Groups 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • MC 1-9 • GracePolaris.org/Groups

Grace Kids 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • ECC & WC • Birth-Grade 4 • GracePolaris.org/Kids

Grace Students Grades 5-6 10:45 a.m. • MC 5-6 • GracePolaris.org/Students

MONDAY

Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. • MC 3-4 • Featuring Pastor Jim Custer

Right Start Bible Hour 7:00 p.m. • WC Auditorium • GracePolaris.org/RightStart

TUESDAY

Women for Missions 10:00 a.m. • MC 8 • This month our global worker Cindy Walker will join us via Zoom. Cindy and her husband, Jerry, are currently in the U.S. while they wait for clearance to return to their work in Bible translation in Papua New Guinea. For more information or to register for childcare, contact Gretchen Horstman (GHorstman@SBCGlobal.net; 614-888-4367).

Grace Students Wildlights Stuff the Truck Night 7:00 p.m. • Columbus Zoo & Aquarium (4850 West Powell Road in Powell) • Students, join us for the Wildlights Stuff the Truck Food Drive benefiting the Mid-Ohio Foodbank! Bring six non-perishable canned items to receive free parking and admission. We'll meet as small groups near the main entrance before enjoying the Wildlights together. To RSVP by December 7, visit GracePolaris.org/Zoo or text "Zoo" to 614-888-7733.

WEDNESDAY

Awana Gathering Night 6:45 p.m. • MC • GracePolaris.org/Awana

GriefShare 7:00 p.m. • AO Conference Room & Online • GracePolaris.org/Grief

THURSDAY

Red Cross Blood Drive 12:00-6:00 p.m. • MC Multipurpose Room • Someone needs a unit of blood every three seconds, and that need can only be met by volunteer donors like you! Join us in partnering with the American Red Cross as we meet this urgent need in our community. Learn more and make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code "GracePolaris") or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Coming Soon

Christmas Eve Offering Benefitting the Château de Saint Albain

Located in the small village of Saint Albain in France, the Château is a retreat center that plays a critical role in connecting with French people and sharing the hope of the Gospel with them. The Château has been greatly affected by COVID-19; revenue has fallen far below projections due to group gathering restrictions, and many reservations have been cancelled. The Château needs financial assistance to minister, and we are proud to support them with this year's Christmas Eve Offering! Please consider making a donation on or before December 24, and join with us in praying for Gospel fruit to continue through this valued ministry partner.



Visit GracePolaris.org/Give to see all your giving options.

Keenagers Christmas Party

Thursday, December 17
at 12:00 p.m. in MC 3-4



Seniors, you're invited to join us for a special Christmas lunch! We'll have a brief message from Pastor Mike, a traditional Christmas music singalong with Robert Nugent, and thought-provoking games. Water, coffee, and a boxed lunch will be provided. Register by 5:00 p.m. on December 14 for \$5 at GracePolaris.org/Keenagers or by texting "Keenagers" to 614-888-7733. Plans are subject to change based on public health directives.



Conference Livestream

Tues, Dec 29 4:30-9:30 p.m. & Wed, Dec 30 1:00-9:30 p.m.

We all have a part to play in God's global story, and CROSS exists to help you find yours! All students and young adults 17-25 years old are invited to join us in the Youth Center for a livestream of this year's conference. Registration is just \$20 and includes food and a notebook.



Register by December 13 at GracePolaris.org/CROSS or text "CROSS" to 614-888-7733.