

God's Presence, Our Peace

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The Garden (Gen. 1-3)
The Tabernacle (Ex. 29:42-46, Lev. 9:22-24)
The Jordan River (Josh. 1:9)
Now What?





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Welcome! Thanks for joining us today.



New to WL?

We'd love to meet you! **Stop by the Connections Desk in The Commons** (right across from the café). We're here to answer any questions you have about WL—and we have a welcome gift just for you.

Got Kids?

Kids from infants to 6th grade have classes available during all three services. Students in grades 7-12 meet in The Hub at 10am.

Ways To Connect



Connect Card

If you're new today, have recently moved, changed your email, or just want to connect, please scan the QR code or stop by the Connections Desk across from The Café. We want to help you connect at WL.



Thank you for your generosity!

There are three ways to give: On our website at wlgrace.com/give,, through the Church Center app, using the QR code, or in person using one of the black giving boxes throughout the building.

Other Ways to Connect...

You can find more information about us and ways to connect at wlgrace.com, Winona Lake Grace Church on Facebook, and wlgracechurch on Instagram.



Upcoming Events



The Gathering

The Gathering is WL Grace's young adult ministry for ages 18-28. **Tonight**, join us for a come-and-go Christmas party from 6:30-8:30pm. Stop by The Hub to decorate a Christmas ornament, enjoy hot cocoa and Christmas cookies, play games, and take part in a

variety of activities. Come for a few minutes or stay the whole time—we want to celebrate the season with you! Stay connected and get updates by following us on Instagram: @thegatheringwl



Side-by-Side

Join us on **December 12** from 1–3pm or 6–8pm, or on **December 13** side by side from 9am-noon for Side-by-Side. Spend meaningful time with your children or grandchildren as you explore the story of Jesus' birth together. Enjoy conversation, laughter, and hands-on activities at a

variety of stations designed for kids ages 0–12. We'll be in the WL Kids Elementary Wing-come and make special Christmas memories as a family!



Kids Chorale Concert

Join us on **December 14** at 6pm for A Quizzical Christmas! Our Kids Chorale will present a joyful Christmas concert, featuring prelude music performed by our kids. After the concert, everyone is invited to enjoy a yummy cookie reception. Come celebrate the season.



First Sunday Prayer Group is invited to join a "Christmas Carol Hymnsing" to be held in the chapel of Grace Village in Winona Lake at 6 p.m. tonight. The piano/organ prelude will begin at 5:45 pm.



Cocoa & Carols

Students and parents, we'd love for you to join us for one of our favorite traditions of the year! On Sunday, **December 21**, we'll gather to celebrate the season with classic Christmas carols, hot chocolate, delicious snacks, and reading the timeless story of

Jesus' birth. Come at 7pm for a cozy evening of music, friendship, and reflection on the heart of Christmas.

Financial Update

WL MINISTRY FUND				
Month End	FY Giving To Date	FY To Date Budget	Difference	
November	\$852,787	\$904,043	-\$51,256	



Before the hustle and bustle, the food, and the presents, take a moment to pause and reflect on the story and songs of Christmas. Our Christmas Eve services offer a chance to slow down and remember the incredible aift of Jesus. We'll end the evening with "Silent Night" by candlelight—a favorite WL tradition. Who could you invite to join you for this meaningful celebration?



We're Hiring!

WL is looking for a Part-Time Graphic Assistant to join our team. If you're creative, detail-oriented, and passionate about design-or know someone who is-visit wlgrace.com/jobs for the full job description and application details.



Winter is here, and we need your help!

Join our Snow Team and make a big difference. WL is looking for volunteers who can help salt and clear sidewalks on Sunday mornings after snowy weather. If you can help, please contact Cindy at cyocum@wlgrace.com.

- 1- Where do you turn to find peace? How can you make a habit of turning to God?
- 2 Christ has given us Himself. Have you given Him yourself? What areas of your life do you need to surrender to Him?
- 3 How can we grow in our affection for Christ this Christmas? Commit to practicing one of the things you list for the rest of the month.