



Colorado Springs, Colorado
CHURCH PROFILE



THE MISSION

Grace + Peace seeks the renewal of Colorado Springs by connecting with God, caring for others, and cultivating in the city for the glory of Jesus Christ.



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HISTORY

Although our church is young, our history runs deep. We belong to the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) denomination, as well as being a member of The Acts 29 Church Planting Network, and The Gospel Coalition. (Do we want to say 9Marks? We are listed there also...). The PCA was started in 1973 with the values of being “faithful to the Scriptures, true to the reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission.” On these strong principles, Grace + Peace was planted in 2019 by Village Seven Presbyterian Church to extend the reach of the gospel through historic reformation theology into the “buzzing hub” of downtown Colorado Springs.

Pastor Vincent Hoppe planted Grace + Peace along with a group of committed members and provisional elders. By the grace of God, the church continues to grow and attract new members, growing to a membership of 164 (?), with a regular attendance of nearly 200.

In March 2022, Grace + Peace was particularized and now has an incredible team, consisting of two worship leaders, an executive assistant, six elders, two deacons, and a women’s leadership council.

SETTING

Settled at the foot of the Colorado Rockies, with awe-inspiring Pikes Peak in view, Colorado Springs is a western city that in many ways exemplifies mountain culture.

Outdoor culture reigns and the mountain access roads bustle with activity every weekend. Hikers, mountain bikers, four-wheelers, rock climbers, and the like set out to relieve the stress that piles up during the week. In the evenings they find themselves sitting down to a meal with friends or family - maybe on the suburban east side, perhaps up north, which is growing fast, but most likely in one of our bustling downtown neighborhoods.

In stereotypical mountain-culture style, Colorado Springs boasts an individualistic lifestyle. Weekends filled with activity often camouflage loneliness, a longing for community and a hunger for deeper spirituality. As people flock to this beautiful mountain city, the Grace + Peace community will be there to meet them. Colorado Springs has a high military presence with many military installations as well as the U.S. Air Force Academy in the north of the city, all of which provide unique relationships, opportunities to serve, and also contribute to a high feeling of transience. Despite sometimes being called the “Evangelical Vatican” due to the over 80 Christian nonprofits based in this city, recent pollings revealed that ~60% of Colorado Springs residents consider themselves unchurched. The divisions and feeling of polarization within our country can be easily felt even just driving around the city, from one neighborhood to the next.



We are a church that desires to grow in humble relationships with all people, especially seeking to respect their *imago Dei* as we serve, dialogue, disagree, and grow together.

CHURCH

Grace + Peace Church is a community who seeks to worship God authentically, grow together in Christ, and extend His grace and mercy to Colorado Springs, the west, and the world.



VISION

Following Jesus in the renewal of all things.

VALUES

THE GOSPEL

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” Romans 1:16-17

Everyone is made in God’s image and possess unique value and dignity, yet our sin has broken us. Thankfully, Jesus died for us, conquered the grave, and reigns over sin and death.

AUTHENTIC UNITY

“For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.” Ephesians 2:14

Jesus overcomes our differences by reconciling a holy God and sinful humanity. Therefore, we can have unity in Jesus regardless of politics, race, culture, or generation.

DISCIPLESHIP WITH MONDAY IN MIND

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Jesus saves us, for not only church on Sunday, but also life on Monday. Christian life is holistic: bringing his kingdom of love and justice into every facet of everyday.

CITY ENGAGEMENT

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you... and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” -Jeremiah 29:7

Jesus is renewing everything, thus we seek downtown’s renewal by contributing our time and resources to existing organizations who make our city a place where everyone can flourish as God intends.



HUMILITY ON THE JOURNEY

“Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24

While God’s truth is knowable in this life, we sometimes have doubts and questions. We don’t have all the answers. Yet, we seek to willingly and humbly trust Jesus’ leading and position as the ultimate answer.



SUNDAY MORNINGS

We meet Sundays at 10am in an art gallery and meeting space we rent from The Warehouse Restaurant. Sunday mornings at Grace + Peace are vibrant, confessional, liturgical and modern as we worship our Lord in song, sacrament and preaching. It's not a rock show or a TED talk... we preach expositionally from the Bible and sing songs together that help grow our faith. The communion table is front and center and we feast on it every week. Uniting with the church in all times and places, we embrace the historic Christian faith expressed in the ecumenical creeds (e.g., the [Apostles'](#) and [Nicene Creeds](#)), and are especially grounded in the historic reformation theology of the [Westminster Confession of Faith](#) and the Westminster Larger [\(part 1, part 2\)](#) and [Shorter Catechisms](#). Additionally, we often use the [Heidelberg Catechism](#), and the recent [New City Catechism](#) in our worship services.

The Grace + Peace congregation comprises a predominantly young demographic. Many young families attend the church; pre-school and school-aged children fill our seats. Since we have so many young families, children's ministries are a strong focus for us on Sunday mornings; the children's church serves approximately XX children ages XX to XX every week. We also draw many young professionals and others who appreciate Grace + Peace's solid teaching and heart-felt community.

MINISTRIES & INVOLVEMENT

Biking and Running Clubs

Career Fellowship*

Children's Ministries (nursery and children's church)

City Groups (4): pursuing community together across the city through fellowship and discussion

Cohort Groups (Some past topics: Men and Women's Sexual Wholeness (each), Covenant Theology, Parenting, Together for the World, How to Study the Bible).

Crossword College Ministry

Missions and Outreach: Missions work locally, nationally, internationally. Partnering service with organizations such as Springs Rescue Mission, Life Network, Embrace Grace.

Men's and Women's Bible Studies

Men's Ministry*

Women's Park Days

Youth Ministry (Jr. and Sr. High)



* budding ministries

To apply please send a resume, two sermons (video is preferred) and philosophy of ministry or a ministerial data form from the PCA Admin Committee.



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