

## What is Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church?

GRPC is a *Bible-believing* Church. We hold that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant Word of God. We hold to the truths that God's Word teaches us: that God created man, that man fell into sin, that Jesus Christ came to save those whom God has called His own, and that one day He will return again.

GRPC is a *Reformed* Church. Our heritage traces back to the practice and teaching of the churches of the Sixteenth Century Protestant Reformation.

GRPC is a *confessional* Church. We hold to the system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

GRPC is an *Orthodox Presbyterian* Church. "Ortho" comes from the Greek language and means "straight." "Dox" is also a Greek term and means "thinking." "Presbyterian" is derived from another Greek word, "Presbuteros," meaning elder. GRPC is governed by a Session of Elders, whose primary task is to care for the spiritual well-being of her members.



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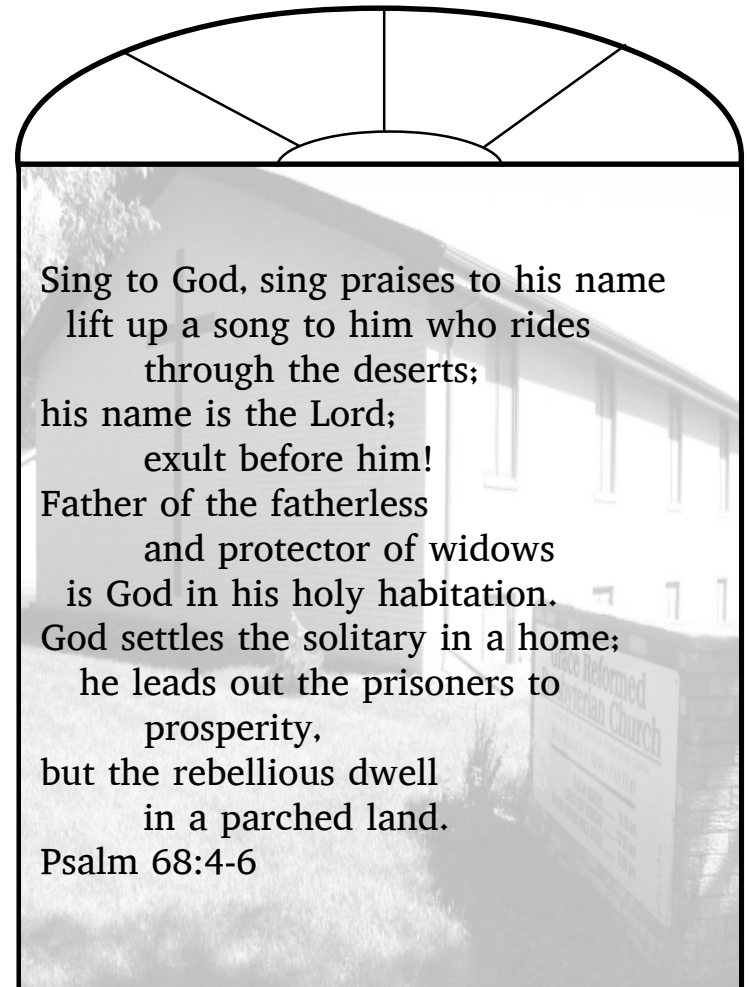
Worship: 10:15 AM  
Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM

### Our Officers:

Rev. Rodney T. King, Pastor 276-5439  
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Elder Tom Deatsch  
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# GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 21, 2008



Sing to God, sing praises to his name  
lift up a song to him who rides  
through the deserts;  
his name is the Lord;  
exult before him!  
Father of the fatherless  
and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.  
God settles the solitary in a home;  
he leads out the prisoners to  
prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell  
in a parched land.  
Psalm 68:4-6

# Morning Worship

September 21, 2008

God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 68:4-6

We Bring Our Hearts to Him in Prayer

God Greets us with Blessing

We Sing Praise to God

Hymn 1 *All people that on earth*

God Calls us to Confess our Sins

Isaiah 47:8-11

Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures,  
who sit securely, who say in your heart,  
“I am, and there is no one besides me;  
I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children”:  
These two things shall come to you in a moment,  
in one day;  
the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you  
in full measure,  
in spite of your many sorceries  
and the great power of your enchantments.  
You felt secure in your wickedness,  
you said, “No one sees me”;  
your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray,  
and you said in your heart,  
“I am, and there is no one besides me.”  
But evil shall come upon you,  
which you will not know how to charm away;

# Announcements

We welcome all who join us today in the worship of our Lord. May the God of All Grace bless you with the knowledge of His Presence.

Next Lord’s Day, we will have the Rev. Jeff DeBoer, ministerial member of the RCUS, to preach for us. (Pastor King has more grandchildren to play with, you know.)

Young People - Don’t forget to work on your catechism! Either 67-9 of the Shorter Catechism, or 33-35 of the First Catechism.

A sign up list will soon be posted for the Harvest Dinner, scheduled for October 25. Plan now!

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# Evening Service

Hymn 243 *O quickly come*

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hym Selection

Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Message: “God is Spirit”

Hymn 567 *If thou but suffer*

disaster shall fall upon you,  
for which you will not be able to atone;  
and ruin shall come upon you suddenly,  
of which you know nothing.

## We Confess Our Sin in Prayer

## God Gives Assurance of Grace

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

## We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 462 *How blest is he*

## Tithe and Our Offerings

Psalm Psalm 135:6

Whatever the Lord pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

## We Sing in Gratitude to God

Hymn 439 *Jesus, thy blood and righteousness*

## God Speaks to Us through His Word

Psalm 25

## We Go to God in Corporate Prayer

## God Speaks to Us through Proclamation

Romans 8:28 "We Know"

## We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 579 *Be still, my soul*

## Benediction

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We Know

Romans 8:28

We cannot lightly pass by the opening words of  
this great promise.

### I. The Relation of the Promise to Life

#### A. Negatively

1. Not appearances
2. Not wishful thinking
3. Not determination

#### B. Positively

1. The power of God
2. The purpose of God
3. The declaration of God

### II. The Comfort Provided

- A. God is Personally directing events.
- B. My Father is directing events.
- C. This is true for all believers.