

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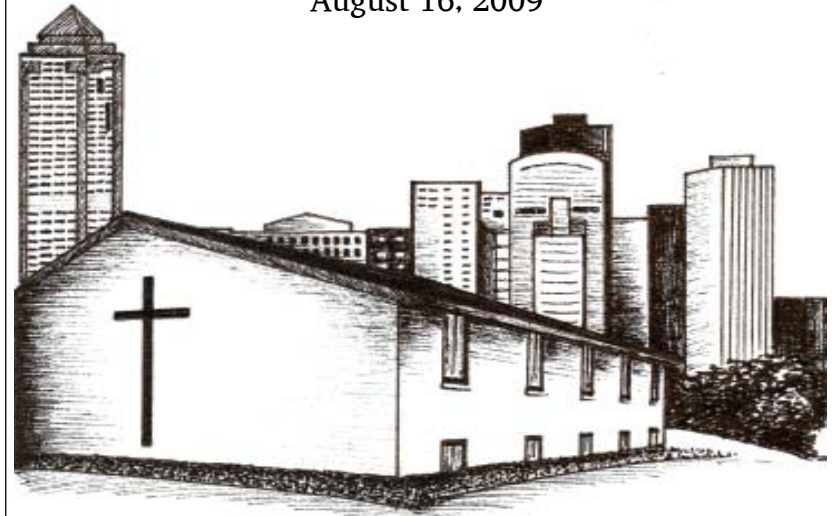
Worship: 10:15 AM
Bible Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM

Our Officers:

Rev. Rodney T. King, Pastor 276-5439
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GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2009



Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Psalm 46:8-11

Morning Worship

August 16, 2009

God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 46:8-11

We Bring Our Hearts to Him in Prayer

God Greets us with Blessing

We Sing Praise to God

Hymn 2 *God, my King, thy might confessing*

God Calls us to Confess our Sins

Lamentations 3:40-45

Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the Lord!

Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven:

“We have transgressed and rebelled,
and you have not forgiven.

“You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us,
killing without pity;

you have wrapped yourself with a cloud so that
no prayer can pass through.

You have made us scum and garbage among the peoples

We Confess Our Sin in Prayer

God Gives Assurance of Grace

Lamentations 3:20-26

My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

It is still not too late to work on your Summer Memorization! Congratulations to Victor Nop for his completion of the June section, and to Gavin Nop upon his completion of the WHOLE THING!

Upcoming Events:

August 19 The Ladies' Bible Study will meet at the home of Sarah L. at 7:30 pm to continue their study of “The Communion of the Saints.”

August 23 We will have the persons mentioned earlier taking their vows of membership during our morning worship, and two baptisms.

August 30 The Rev. Ken Golden will be with us to preach.

September 2 The Ladies' Bible Study will meet again. See the information above.

September 6 Jolene N. will take her public vows of membership.

September 13 Sunday School Classes resume!

September 15 The Outreach Committee will meet at the church at 7:00.

September 18-19 The Presbytery of the Midwest will meet in Oostburg, WI. Pray for this meeting; among the items before it will be voting upon the proposed Directory for Worship.

September 20 Pastors King and Muether plan to exchange pulpits for the morning services.

September 27 The Rev. Ken Golden will be with us to preach.

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.

At the Stated Session Meeting of this past week, the Session examined for membership seven persons and are satisfied that they are qualified for membership. Our Directory for Worship states (V:3): *“When the session is satisfied that any one is qualified to make public profession of faith in Christ, his name shall be publicly announced to the church at least one week before the day chosen for this solemn event, in order that the members of the church may have opportunity to acquaint the session with such facts concerning him as may appear to be irreconcilable with a sincere profession.”*

Accordingly, the Session announces that John and Jodee W. and Kristen P. will take their vows next Lord’s Day in our morning worship as they join upon profession of faith. Kristen will also be baptized at that time.

Brian P. and Rob and Lauren B. will be received upon reaffirmation of faith. Braelyn B. will be baptized as a covenant child.

Jolene N. was also examined and approved, and will take her vows on September 6.

Let us rejoice as God continues to grow His Church.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly for the
salvation of the Lord.

We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 188 *There is a fountain*

Tithe and Our Offerings

Psalm 13:6

I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

We Sing in Gratitude to God

Hymn 427 *Jesus, Lover of my soul*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Isaiah 45:14-25

We Go to God in Corporate Prayer

God Speaks to Us through Proclamation

Romans 14 “The Kingdom of Righteousness”

We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 239 *The might God, the Lord*

Benediction

The Kingdom of Righteousness

Romans 14:5-23

Despite the large number of years since these questions were asked, and the clear answer of God to them, they continue to be asked.

I. The Spirituality of God

A. Stated

“There is but one only, living, and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; WCF II:1

B. The Carnalization of God

C. Corrected and Explained

“When questions of food and drink become our chief concern, then it is apparent how far removed from the interests of God’s kingdom our thinking and conduct have strayed.” John Murray

“Scrupulosity is no friend to grace. When men are ready to lay an undue stress upon things indifferent, making some things sinful, which God has pronounced lawful, and some thing obligatory concerning which God has not expressed his will, they are in a condition peculiarly favorable to the devices of the wicked one.” William Plumer

II. Doctrinal Derivatives

A. God doesn’t care about your diet.

B. God DOES care about His people.

1. Both Individually and Corporately

2. Conscience

“By nature nothing is unclean, but it becomes so by the spirit in which a man uses it.” Chrysostom

C. God has joined us all together.

III. Applications

A. Instruct your conscience by the Word.

B. Keep your conscience clear before God.

C. Guard the conscience of your brother.

Evening Service

Hymn 40 *Ye righteous in the Lord rejoice*

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hym Selection

Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Message:

Luke 8:40-56 “Two for One”

Hymn 431 *Just as I am*