

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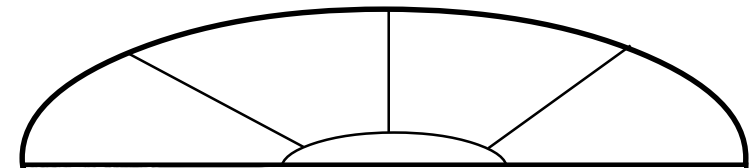
Worship: 10:15 AM  
Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM

### Our Officers:

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Deacon Bill Smith, Secretary  
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# GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 23, 2008



Praise the Lord!  
Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and forevermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!  
The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!  
Who is like the Lord our God, who is  
seated on high,  
who looks far down on the heavens  
and the earth?  
He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.  
He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the Lord!  
Psalm 113

## Morning Worship

November 23, 2008

### God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 113

### We Bring Our Hearts to Him in Prayer

### God Greets us with Blessing

### We Sing Praise to God

Hymn 133 *O for a thousand tongues*

### God Calls us to Confess our Sins

Isaiah 51:4-6

Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.  
My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth  
will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

### We Confess Our Sin in Prayer

### God Gives Assurance of Grace

Isaiah 54:4-8

Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;  
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;

## Evening Service

Hymn 302 *Lord of the worlds above*

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn Selection

Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Message:

“The Holy God”

Hymn 87 Holy, Holy, Holy

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## Announcements

We welcome all who come with us today to worship our God. May this service be pleasing to God and spiritually profitable to us all.

Are you getting ready for the Catechism recital in 2 weeks?

L'il ones: Children's Catechism 1-6

Bigger l'il ones: Children's Catechism 39-41

Grizzled veteran catechumens: WSC 74-77

## We Close in Song to God

Hymn 205 *Christ the Lord is risen today*

### Benediction

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Christ is Risen!

Romans 8:34

Who can blame us for our sins?

#### I. The Death

A. The Brute Fact

B. The Obvious Ground

C. Never Forgotten by Him

“And if He who died for them can never condemn them for the very sins which his blood covers to all who believe in him; since Christ and the Father are one, and there is a perfect harmony in their purposes and decisions, the same conclusion follows as before: there is no existing authority that can set aside the virtue of the Saviour’s atonement, and by condemning those who believe in him, pronounce him to have ‘died in vain.’”

Thomas Wardlaw

#### II. The Risen One

A. Our salvation is in the hands of a Living Lord.

B. The Resurrection is the vindication of all that He claimed.

C. The Resurrection of Jesus was just the beginning.

D. The Resurrection was God’s confirmation that Jesus work was accepted.

Conclusion:

If any Christian would be required to pay a debt,  
Jesus must return to tomb.

If Jesus did not die for you, He will condemn you!

for you will forget the shame of your youth,  
and the reproach of your widowhood you will  
remember no more.

For your Maker is your husband,

the Lord of hosts is his name;

and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.

For the Lord has called you like a wife deserted  
and grieved in spirit,

like a wife of youth when she is cast off,  
says your God.

For a brief moment I deserted you,

but with great compassion I will gather you.

In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face  
from you,

but with everlasting love I will have compassion  
on you,” says the Lord, your Redeemer.

## We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 223 *Arise, my soul, arise*

### Tithe and Our Offerings

Psalm 34:9

Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him have no lack!

## We Sing in Gratitude to God

Hymn 198 *Jesus Christ is risen today*

### God Speaks to Us through His Word

John 10:22-39

## We Go to God in Corporate Prayer

### God Speaks to Us through Proclamation

Romans 8:34 “Christ is Risen!”