

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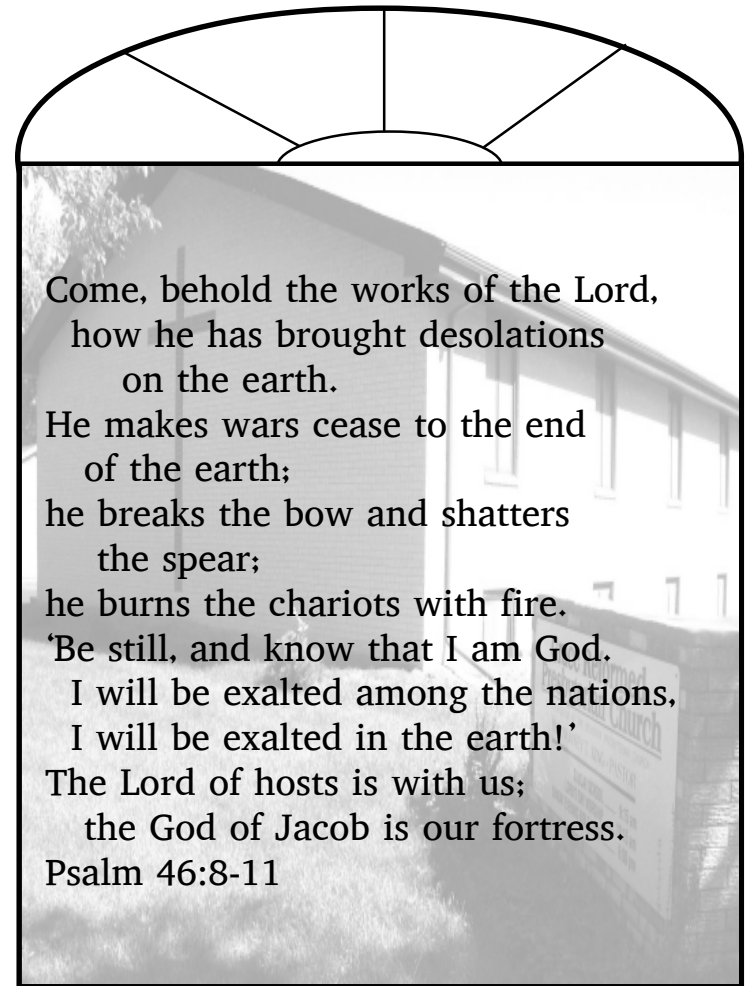
Worship: 10:15 AM
Bible Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM

Our Officers:

Rev. Rodney T. King, Pastor 276-5439
Rev. Chuck Muether, Church Planter 641-295-9264
Elder Mitchell Mahan
Elder Tom Deatsch
Elder Mike Nop
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Deacon Bill Smith, Secretary
Deacon John Bockert, Treasurer
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GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7, 2008



Morning Worship

December 7, 2008

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 40 *Ye righteous, in the Lord rejoice*

God Calls us to Confess our Sins

Isaiah 24:17-21

Terror and the pit and the snare
are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth!
He who flees at the sound of the terror
shall fall into the pit,
and he who climbs out of the pit
shall be caught in the snare.
For the windows of heaven are opened,
and the foundations of the earth tremble.
The earth is utterly broken, the earth is split apart,
the earth is violently shaken.
The earth staggers like a drunken man;
it sways like a hut; its transgression lies heavy upon it,
and it falls, and will not rise again.
On that day the Lord will punish the host of heaven,
in heaven,
and the kings of the earth, on the earth.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting for 2:00 p.m. on December 14, 2008, for the following purposes:

1. To hear the annual report of the Trustees regarding the state of the denomination.
2. To hear the annual financial report from the deacons.
3. To vote upon proposed changes in the Pastors' terms of call.
4. To vote on amending the bylaws.
5. To consider any other items germane.

(Note: The financial report of the Deacons, together with their proposal for the changes in the calls, is available on the bulletin table.)

On the Lord's Day of December 21, Pastor King will be preaching in Pella to provide some vacation time for Pastor Muether. Here in Des Moines, the Rev. Ken Golden will be preaching.

Though the offering plates are not being passed for the "Thank Offering," it is not too late to give. Please give your offering directly to our treasurer, John Bockert. Materials explaining this OPC tradition are available on the bulletin table.

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.

This morning during Sunday School we will have the time for the monthly Sunday School recitation of the *Westminster Shorter Catechism*. So it is now time to start working on the December Questions and Answers. Please use this tool to clearly and concisely plant the truth of God's Word in your covenant children. Remember the vow taken at baptism: "Do you promise, with the help of God, to raise this child in the nurture and discipline of the Lord . . .?"

We are in the final steps of re-building the church website. As a part of that renovation, we want to include some "candid" (casual shots of our body in fellowship). If you have objection to having your image displayed on the church website, please let us know. The only person whose photo will be identified with a name will be the pastor's.

In next week, on December 14, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in our morning worship. Following that worship, we will have a fellowship dinner, after which we will have our annual Congregational Meeting.

We Confess Our Sin in Prayer

God Gives Assurance of Grace

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make
for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich
food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away
from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'

We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 501 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Tithe and Our Offerings

Psalm 66:20

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

We Sing in Gratitude to God

Hymn 239 *The mighty God*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Psalm 44

We Go to God in Corporate Prayer

God Speaks to Us through Proclamation

Romans 8:35-39 “No Separation”

We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 10 *O come, my soul*

Benediction

Evening Service

Hymn 157 *It came upon the midnight clear*

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hym Selection

Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Message: “Good God!”

Hymn 53 *Hallelujah, praise Jehovah*

No Separation **Romans 8:35-39**

- I. The Significance of God’s Love
 - A. All Benefits Flow from that Love
 - B. All the Love is in Christ Jesus
 - C. The Comfort of that Love
- II. The Dilemma of Christian Suffering
 - A. The Fact of Suffering
 - B. The Victory in Suffering
 - 1. The Mark of Sonship
 - 2. The Promotion of Holiness
 - 3. The Promotion of Affection
- III. The Assurance of His Love
 - A. A List of all Possible Hazards
 - B. The Clear Declaration of Victory
 - C. The Grounds of That Declaration