

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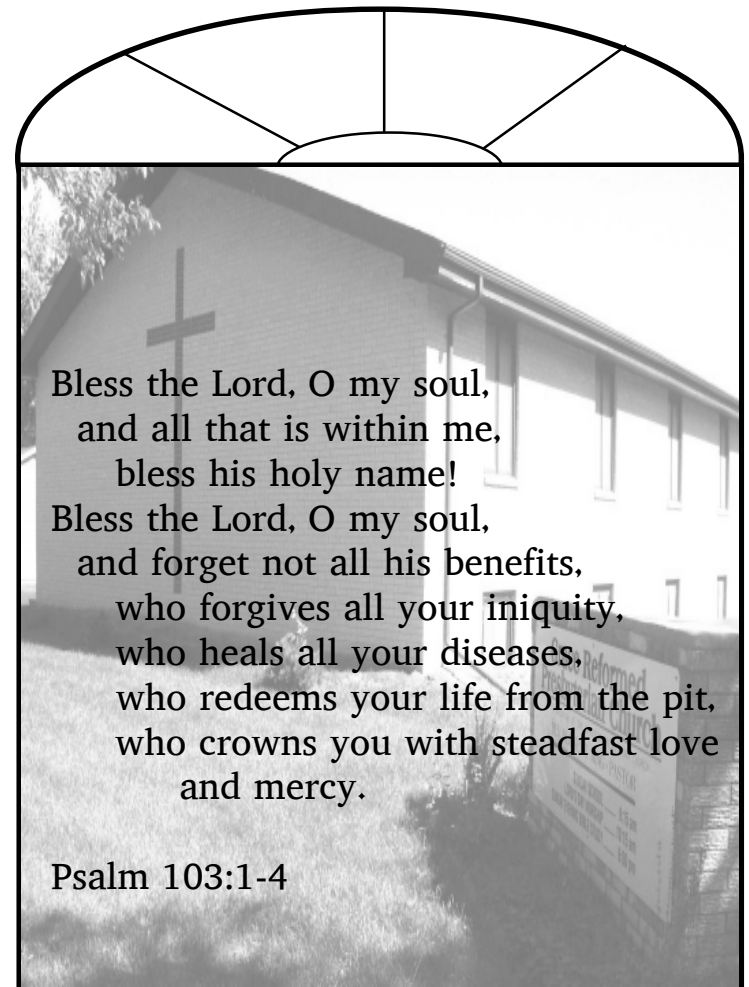
Worship: 10:15 AM
Bible Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM

Our Officers:

Rev. Rodney T. King, Pastor 276-5439
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Church website: Gracereformed.org
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GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 21, 2008



Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy.

Psalms 103:1-4

Announcements

Morning Worship

December 21, 2008

God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 103:1-4

We Bring Our Hearts to Him in Prayer

God Greets us with Blessing

We Sing Praise to God

Hymn 72 *O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

God Calls us to Confess our Sins

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

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.

We welcome back to our pulpit today the Rev. Ken Golden. Pastor King is in Pella today, preaching for the vacationing Pastor Muether.

Catechism questions for December:

◆ L'il ones: Children's Catechism 1-6

◆ Bigger l'il ones: Children's Catechism 42-43

◆ Grizzled veteran catechumens: WSC 77-79

You can see there is some overlap here and a little slowdown. It is intentional, based on feedback and the busy season. If you wish to do more, one option would be to review other questions from the past.

Evening Service

Hymn 173 *All glory, laud, and honor*

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn Selection

Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Message: Ruth 4:1-10 “The Redeemer's Price”

Hymn 147 *O come, O come Emmanuel*

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

We Confess Our Sin in Prayer

God Gives Assurance of Grace

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We Sing Praise to God

Hymn 415 *God be merciful to me*

We Bring God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

Psalm 104:24

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

We Sing in Gratitude to God

Hymn 535 *How good it is to thank the Lord*

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Ruth 3

We Go to God in Corporate Prayer

God Speaks to Us through Proclamation

“Midnight on the Threshing Floor”

We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 135 *I greet thee*

Benediction