

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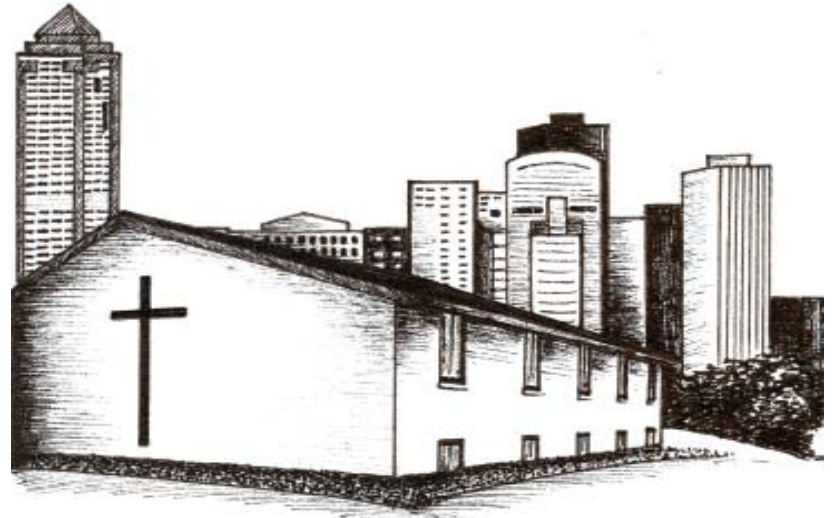
Worship: 10:15 AM
Bible Study 6:00 PM
Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM

Our Officers:

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Church website: Gracereformed.org
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Denominational website: opc.org

GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 28, 2008



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-3

Morning Worship

December 28, 2008

God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 136:1-3

We Bring Our Hearts to Him in Prayer

God Greets us with Blessing

We Sing Praise to God

Hymn 70 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

God Calls us to Confess our Sins

Ezekiel 18:25-32

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is not just." O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.

Evening Service

Hymn 321 O day of rest and gladness

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn Selection

Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Message: "The Truth "

Hymn 27 *Great is thy faithfulness*

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.

As we approach the new year, we are also coming into the most severe weather months of the year. When the roads look potentially hazardous for driving to church, check your email! Any changes in scheduling will be announced that way. If, for any reason, you prefer a phone call, please speak to an elder.

Our new website is now up and running, even as we continue to chase down bugs.

God Speaks to Us through His Word

Malachi 1:1-9

We Go to God in Corporate Prayer

God Speaks to Us through Proclamation

Romans 9:6-13

“Children”

We Close in Song to God

Hymn 397 *I sought the Lord*

Benediction

Children

Romans 9:6-13

If God's will is fulfilled, why is the nation of Israel lost? And who cares?

The answer:

1. Concerns salvation
2. Affirms the distinction of the visible and invisible church
3. Instructs in Soteriology and eschatology

The Question has False premise.

The Distinction at Israel's Inception

First Proof: The promise to Sarah

Second Proof: Jacob, not Essau

Particularly noted points:

1. same father and mother
2. twins
3. unborn, with no deeds in view
4. included both acceptance and rejection

Conclusion: God always limited His promise to part of the visible.

Ground: God's purpose of election continues of grace.

Unbeliever: Abandon your pride.

Christian: rejoice in the sovereignty of mercy.

We Confess Our Sin in Prayer

God Gives Assurance of Grace

Luke 4:14-21

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 223 *Arise, my soul, arise*

Tithe and Our Offerings

Psalm 124:8

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

We Sing in Gratitude to God

Hymn 271 *How sweet and awful*