

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

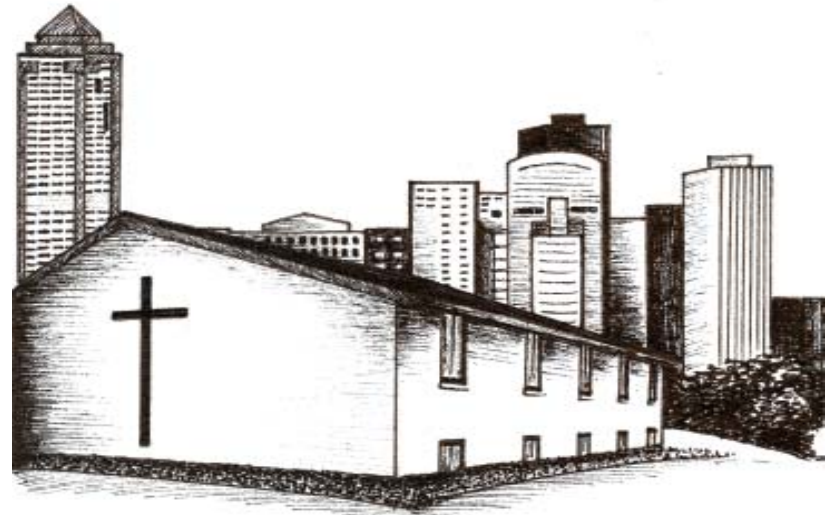
Our Officers:

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GRACE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 15, 2009



God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
Psalm 47:5-7

Morning Worship

February 15, 2009

God Calls Us to Worship

Psalm 47:5-7

We Bring Our Hearts to Him in Prayer

God Greets us with Blessing

We Sing Praise to God

Hymn 78 *Under the care of my God*

God Calls us to Confess our Sins

Zephaniah 1:14-18

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against
the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall
walk like the blind,
because they have sinned against the Lord;
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able
to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord.

mercies. Yesterday Brian had an accident while turning into the theological college driveway. A motorcycle with passenger, which he had not seen behind other traffic, slammed into the van. There were injuries but none life-threatening. As Philip and Meredith Proctor and others have helped us deal with getting medical help for those injured (including arranging transport to another town where there is an orthopedic surgeon), arranging for motorcycle repair, waiting with us in the police station, and such details as removing our two spare tires from the van roof (so they won't be stolen while the vehicle is impounded by the police), we have been very aware of the Lord's gracious care.

The biggest relief for Brian was learning that he had not killed anyone. As many may know, motor accidents in Africa are the biggest threat to a missionary's life, so it was a great relief to his wife that he also was not killed (nor injured).

Additionally Philip observed the marked lack of hostility that we have thus far experienced, which in part may be due to the good will that the college has created in the area. Many causes for thanksgiving!

The persecution of the Church in Eritrea continues, as does the growth of that Church. Continue to pray for God's blessings and protection; recently, two sisters who had been attending were arrested while in military training when they were discovered reading the Bible.

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 Wednesday at 7:00 our 2HS Youth Group will again meet at the church. Don't forget: all from ages 9 to 19 are encouraged to come.

For those doing the Westminster Shorter Catechism, let's review 46-48 and be prepared to individually show how much our students have retained at the next recitation!

For the upper First Catechism kids: 79-81.

For beginners, let's try to push toward #8.

The women's Bible study group that meets on every other Tuesday evening is planning to start a new series on the minor prophets. We're starting with Hosea. It might be good to read the first six or seven chapters of it. The next time that we're meeting is February 24th at 7:30, at Sarah L's house,

We received the following news from Uganda this week:

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...." How blessed are those who know the reality of the bonds of lovingkindness in Christ Jesus. He made us newly aware of the bounty of His

In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed;
for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

We Confess Our Sin in Prayer

God Gives Assurance of Grace

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter
of Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The Lord your God is in your midst,

a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

We Respond in Song to God

Hymn 424 *I am trusting thee, Lord Jesus*

We Present God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Psalm 50:14-15

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform
your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day
of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

We Sing in Gratitude to God

Hymn 82 *Unto the Hills*

God Speaks to Us through His Word
I Kings 19:1-18

We Go to God in Corporate Prayer

God Speaks to Us through Proclamation
Romans 11:1-10
“Utterly Rejected?”

We Respond in Song to God
Hymn 62 *Before Jehovah’s awful throne*

Benediction

Evening Service

Hymn 147 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hym Selection

Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Message: Luke 1:57-80

“The Birth Announcement”

Hymn 168 *Hark! The herald angels sing*

Utterly Rejected?

Romans 11:1-10

Has God utterly rejected the Jews?

I. The Context

II. The Question - Has God “rejected” His people?

III. The Answer - “God forbid!”

Grounds:

A. Paul is Jewish

B. The Question Refined

C. The Same as in Jewish Rebellion

D. The Same as in Jewish Prime

E. The Conclusion

IV. Application

A. This passage is fearful.

B. This passage is comforting.