

## What is Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church?

Grace Reformed 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.

Grace Reformed is a *Reformed* Church. Our heritage traces back to the practice and teaching of the churches of the Sixteenth Century Protestant Reformation.

Grace Reformed is a *confessional* Church. We hold to the system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

Grace Reformed 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.



Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church  
4601 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50310

Worship: 10:15 AM and 6:00 PM    Sunday School: 9:15 AM  
Youth Night 7:00 PM (every other Wednesday)

### Our Elders:

Rev. Rodney T. King, Pastor/Moderator  
Rev. Charles A. Muether, Pastor/Clerk  
Mitchell Mahan  
Michael Nop, Sunday School Superintendent  
Tom Deatsch (inactive)

### Our Deacons:

Don Frye, Chairman  
Bill Smith, Secretary  
John Bockert, Treas.

Church website: [gracereformed.org](http://gracereformed.org)  
Denominational: [www.opc.org](http://www.opc.org)

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September 27, 2009



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*Psalms 103:1-4*

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Morning Worship • September 27, 2009 • 10:15 a.m.



We welcome you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church is a member of the  
Presbytery of the Midwest.

Guest pastor, Rev. Ken Golden, brings us the Word this morning.

## Convocation

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!” Psalm 100:4*

God calls us to worship

Psalm 103:1-4

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bless his holy name! <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and  
forget not all his benefits, <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from  
the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

We bring our hearts to him in prayer

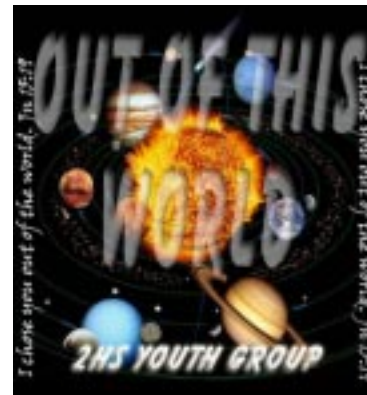
God greets us with his blessing

We sing praise to God

*“O bless the Lord, my soul” Hymn 72*



Rev. Ken Golden, a pastor in the Presbytery of the Midwest, will be filling the pulpit this morning and evening while Pastor Rodney King is away.



The next meeting of 2HS will be October 7. The theme of the year is “Out of this World.” If you are a young person between the ages of 9 and 19 years old, join us for food, fun, and fellowship every other Wednesday. Pastor Chuck Muether of Hope Reformed and Mike Burkey lead the group.

As the Church Extension Committee (CHEX) of the Presbytery of the Midwest and the denomination’s Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension (CHMCE) have approved another year of support for our daughter church Hope Reformed (year 2 out of 4 years of committed support), the saints attending HRPC would like to thank the brothers and sisters of Grace Reformed for their prayers and support. The church plant is steadily growing and feeder Bible studies are being planned in Newton and Oskaloosa for this fall. Please continue to pray for your daughter church!

We respond in song to God

*“O for a thousand tongues to sing” Hymn 133*

We bring God’s tithe and our offerings

We sing in gratitude to God

*“The man who once has found abode” Hymn 74*

## Consecration

*“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” Hebrews 4:7*

God speaks to us through the reading of his  
Word

Luke 7:36-50

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, <sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.

<sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.” <sup>41</sup> “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” <sup>48</sup> And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” <sup>49</sup> Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

We go to God in corporate prayer

God speaks to us through proclamation

“The Scornful Banquet”

## Communion

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

We close in song to God

“Jesus! what a friend for sinners” Hymn 432

## Commission

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only.” James 1:22

God grants us his parting blessing

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## Evening Service

Opening hymn: “God is our Refuge” Hymn 432

Congregational hymn selection

Prayer requests and prayer of intercession

Scripture reading: Psalm 46

Message: “A Fortress for All Circumstances”

Closing hymn: “A mighty fortress is our God” Hymn 81

## Confirmation

“Give me life according to your word!” Psalm 119:25

God calls us to confess our sins Leviticus 18:1-5

<sup>1</sup> And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God.

<sup>3</sup> You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. <sup>4</sup> You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. <sup>5</sup> You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

Galatians 3:10

<sup>10</sup> For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”

We confess our sin in prayer

God give assurance of grace Galatians 3:13

<sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”