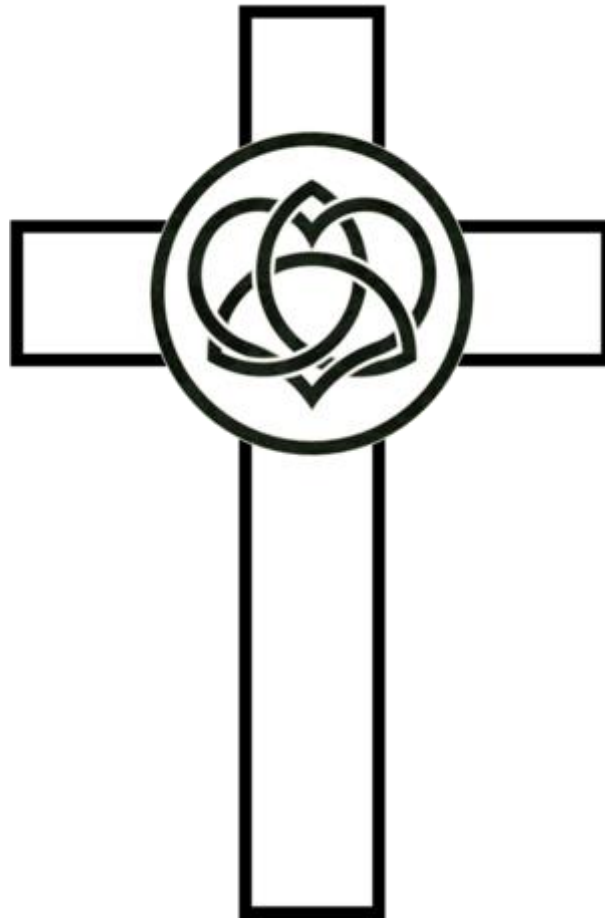


# *Grace Reformed*



*August 3, 2025*

We are a church that loves the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and through that gospel, by repentance and faith in Christ, are seeking to grow in love for our Triune God, his church, and our neighbors.

## Welcome!

We are pleased to have you with us this morning as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We believe worship is about gathering together to meet with the Triune God. During worship we believe that God:

- **Draws** near to expose our sins so that we can repent of them
- **Forgives** our sins so that we can be reconciled to him and each other
- **Pours** his love into our hearts
- **Comforts** the mourning
- **Strengthens** the weak
- **Heals** the broken
- **Encourages** the sorrowful
- **Deepens** our faith
- **Refreshes and Renews** our love and obedience to his Word.

Our worship follows a dialogue format, where God speaks to us through his Bible and reflections on his Word, and we respond to him in different ways like listening, singing, praying, repenting, confessing, etc. In this “holy conversation” Jesus tells us about himself, and about us, and about how we can grow closer to him and look more like him in our daily lives.

Therefore, so that we can focus on what God is doing and saying, we ask that you if you are not using your cellphone to read the Bible and access the liturgy to please turn off or silence them during the worship service; or if you are using them to limit yourself to those activities (airplane mode is helpful with this).

Also, meeting with God is not just for adults! Jesus welcomes all of us, including little children. If you have children, we are delighted to have them worship with us in the worship service! We encourage you to help them worship and quietly answer questions they may have during worship. If you are new to church and don't know the answers, or want help in how to encourage their participation, you are very much invited to speak with our pastor or one of the elders. We very much want you and your children to be able to understand and participate in worship as much as possible.

To help you follow along more easily, please note that ***bold italicized text*** are words that we say out loud together. Headings have an \* behind them show places where we invite you to stand with us if you are able.

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## Meditation Verse and Prelude: Revelation 21:3-4

[During the prelude ask the Triune God to help you worship him through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.]

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

## **God's Greeting\*: Isaiah 60:1**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

## **God's Call to Worship\*: Psalm 28:1-2, 8-9**

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

*Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.*

The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

*Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.*

## **Our Song and Prayer of Approach\*: #140 O Word of God Incarnate**

## **God's Call to Confession: Romans 12:14**

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

## **Our Corporate Confession of Sin:**

*Father, though we do not deserve it, in Christ you have returned our pride with your humility, our stubbornness with your gentleness, our lustful idolatry with your loving faithfulness. Every day you renew your mercies to us so that we can have the refreshing grace of your forgiveness and love poured into our lives again. And yet, we have not turned the other cheek, denying the blessings you've given to us to others. Father, for this great sin, please forgive us. And please help us to respond to our fellow sinners with the mercy of Christ, so that his kingdom would arrive in greater fullness in our lives and in the world, to the glory of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

[After this, a time of silent, personal confession follows, where we can confess our individual sins individually]

## **God's Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## **Our Corporate Response of Praise: Romans 5:3-5**

*Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

You have nothing to hide: *I am forgiven in Christ!*

You have nothing to prove: *I am righteous in Christ!*

You have nothing to fear: *I am loved in Christ!*

## **Our Song of Assurance\*: #486 God, Be Merciful to Me**

### **Offerings of Thanks, Praise and Trust: Proverbs 3:9-10**

(If you would like to give, you may do so through our online giving portal, by mail, or during Sunday worship)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

## **Sung during the offering: #585 Take My Life, And Let It Be**

## **Our Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Our Confession of Faith\*: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 43 and 44**

Q. What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

*A. By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.*

Q. Why does the creed add, “He descended to hell”?

***A. To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.***

## **God’s Word Read and Proclaimed**

Text: Mark 13:1-13

Sermon: Evangelism and Conflict

## **Our Prayer of Dedication**

## **Our Song of Response\*: #653 Jesus Is All the World to Me**

## **The Lord’s Supper**

We invite to the Lord’s Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church.

By eating the bread and drinking the cup with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to our church that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation.

If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to the pastor or one of the elders.

## **God’s Benediction\*: 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## **Our Song of Hope\*: #726 Spirit of the Living God**

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me!

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Break Me! Mold Me! Fill Me!

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me!