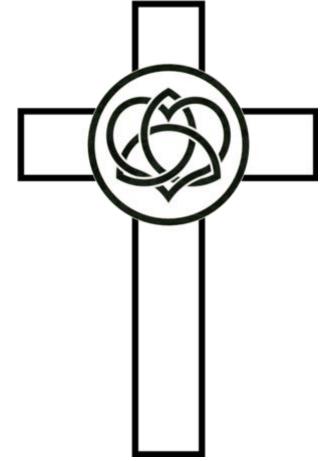
Grace Reformed



October 26, 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: Psalm 46:1-3

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

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

*God's Greeting: Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

*God's Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Our Song and Prayer of Approach: #92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God's Call to Confession: Exodus 20:15

You shall not steal.

Our Corporate Confession of Sin:

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

Almighty God, your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and holy law. Grant us your Spirit to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon: John 6:37-40

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Our Corporate Response of Praise: Isaiah 63:7-8

I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became [our] Savior.

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: I Am Not My Own

The One who made the heavens made my heart and soul, before I drew a breath, I was loved and known. I am his creation, the Maker's masterpiece, and all that he designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God, I'll worship in this house that his blood has bought. As I bear his image, oh, may I not profane the holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

I belong to the Lord; oh, I am not my own. I belong to the Lord; I am not my own. I will honor him, for this I know: I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

And if he has redeemed me, I am not my own; the measure of my worth is his love alone. He declares my standing and he declares my state. So I will know myself by the name he gave. I belong to the Lord; oh, I am not my own. I belong to the Lord; I am not my own. I will honor him, for this I know: I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

I am not my own, and now my heart is free; oh, Maker, come and make what you will of me. There is nothing broken that you cannot repair, so Lord, I leave my life in your loving care.

I belong to the Lord; oh, I am not my own. I belong to the Lord; I am not my own. I will honor him, for this I know: I belong to the Lord; I am not my own.

Offerings of Thanks, Praise and Trust: Psalm 146:3-7

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

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When this breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Sung during the offering: #168 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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 49

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Pastor/Speaker: Shawn Spalti Text: Genessis 12:10-20

Sermon: Abram and Sarai in Egypt

Our Prayer of Dedication

*Our Song of Response: #649 More Love to Thee, O Christ

*God's Benediction: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

*Our Song of Hope: #384 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing, v1

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.