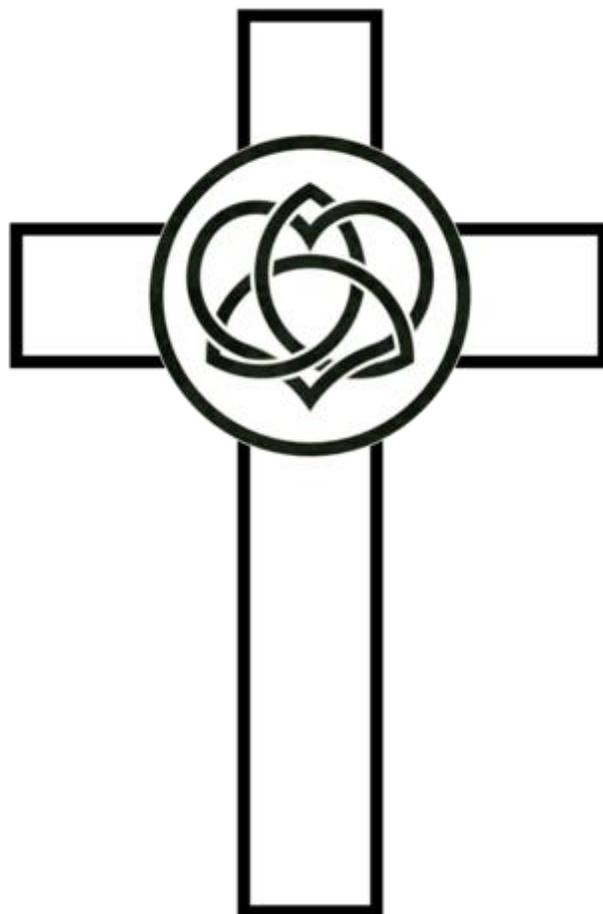


Grace Reformed



March 29, 2026

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: Luke 1:76-79

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

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

*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 27:1, 13-14**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in his temple. I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.

***Our Song and Prayer of Approach: #100 Holy, Holy, Holy**

God's Call to Confession: 1 Peter 3:16

Having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

Our Corporate Confession of Sin:

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

Almighty God, you have raised us up with Jesus Christ so that death no longer has dominion over us. Yet we have not considered ourselves as those who are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for living like slaves of sin when you have set us free through his death and resurrection. Empower us by your Spirit, so we may present ourselves to you as slaves of righteousness for your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Assurance of Pardon: Revelation 5:9-10

Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Our Corporate Response of Praise: Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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: #629 What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

Offerings of Thanks, Praise and Trust: Philippians 1:3-6

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

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Sung during the offering: #668 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

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: The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Pastor Shawn Spalti

Text: Genesis 21:22-34

Sermon: Abraham treats with Abimelech

Our Prayer of Dedication

***Our Song of Response: #170 Fairest Lord Jesus**

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: Matthew 28:20**

"Behold, I am with you every day, to the end of the age."

***Our Song of Hope: #731 Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen