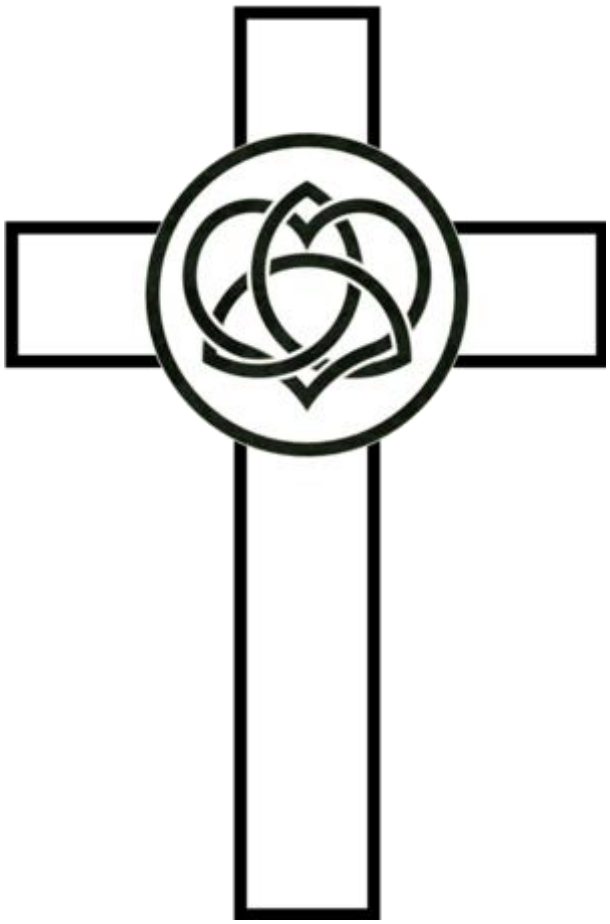
Grace Reformed



November 8, 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. Any songs not in the public domain are covered by our CCLI. License No. 11554939.

Meditation Verse and Prelude: James 1:19-21

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

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

***God's Greeting: Ephesians 1:2**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***God's Call to Worship: Jeremiah 10:14b-16**

Every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false,
and there is no breath in them.
They are worthless, a work of delusion;
at the time of their punishment they shall perish.
Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob,
for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the Lord of hosts is his name.

***Our Song and Prayer of Approach: Before The Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
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When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God

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God's Call to Confession: Deuteronomy 5:6-7

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

Our Corporate Confession of Sin: #713 - Great King of Nations

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

God's Assurance of Pardon: Ephesians 1:7-8

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

Our Corporate Response of Praise: Ephesians 1:3-4
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him in love.

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: #689 - Be Still, My Soul**

God's Call for 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.

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

Our Song of Offering: #525 - A Child Of The King

Our Prayer of Intercession:
[We pray the Lord's Prayer at the end together]
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 116 - 118**
Q. Why do Christians need to pray?

A. Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And, because God gives his grace and Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

Q. What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

A. First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

Q. What did God command us to pray for?

A. Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ our Lord himself taught us.

God's Word Read and Proclaimed
Pastor Shawn Spalti
Text: Genesis 32:22-32
Sermon: God Changes Jacob Before Letting Him Enter the Promised Land

Our Prayer of Dedication

***Our Song of Response: #688 - Have Thine Own Way, Lord!**

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: 2 Corinthians 13:14**
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***Our Song of Hope: #731 Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.