

## Connect Card

We're glad you are here. It is our joy to welcome and love those who need grace just like we do. Please scan the QR code to fill out our Connect Card. We will send you more information about all of our classes, groups, and activities.



## 2023 Ministry Calendar

Explore our year-at-a glance calendar to find information and dates for fellowship events, men's and women's Grace Academy, Church Luncheons, Retreats and Grace Groups.

## App

Access and share our teaching content, find groups to connect with, keep tabs on what is going on, give, chat with your church family, and more. Just search "Grace Reformed Church" in your app store.

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## Giving

We give so that we can offer the hope and rest found in Jesus to those around us. Thank you for joining with us and investing in this important work! You can scan the code to give online anytime or drop a donation in the box on the communion table.



**Giving Goal: \$22,500**

Monthly Budget: \$18,000

July Giving: \$13,055.46

August Giving MTD: \$10,538.05

Media Ministry Fundraiser Goal: \$100/\$4,000

## Church Planting & Network

Continue to pray for our current church plant and network  
Covenant Grace Columbia in Columbia, TN  
[covgracechurch.org](http://covgracechurch.org)  
Grace Reformed Network [gracereformednetwork.org](http://gracereformednetwork.org)



*Where Everyone is in Equal Need of Grace*

**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

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### Today's Ministry of Music:

- Caleb Condon
- Heidi Smith
- Hannah Wages

### Announcements:

- August 24 - Youth Grace Group
- August 27 - Quarterly Business Meeting 9:15-10 am
- September 3 - Home Prayer Meeting
- September 29 - Parenting Seminar
- October 3-5 - GRN Charter Meeting
- November 10-11 - Men's Retreat

### Volunteer positions needed:

- Children's Ministry
- Set Up
- Welcome Team

## Call to Worship

**Prelude:** Doxology

## Hear the Word of the Lord

**Scripture Reading: Eric Lokker- Elder**

Psalm 110:1-4

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Prayer of Blessing: Eric Lokker- Elder**

## Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart  
from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace  
and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves  
that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death  
will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

## Lord's Supper Visitor Participation Guide

We welcome you to Grace Reformed Church. We trust that you will be blessed by the preaching of the Gospel and the worship of God.

We are celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you desire to partake of this sacrament, we ask that you honor our practice for visitor participation. If you are able to affirm the following three statements, please feel free to partake.

1. ***I have publicly professed my faith in Christ alone for salvation*** in agreement with the articles of the Christian faith as outlined in the Nicene Creed.
2. ***I have been baptized in a local church*** into the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. ***I am not presently under church discipline***; wherein governing elders have removed you from the receiving of the table and the fellowship of the saints because of unrepentant sin.

***If you believe in Jesus, but are not connected to His church in the above ways; or if you are not sure whether you have been saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone; then please refrain from partaking of the elements.*** If you have questions about our communion practice or about your relationship to Christ's church, please speak with the elders after worship.

## Our Weekly Edification

### London Baptist Confession 6.2

#### 2. First Cause and Secondary Causes

Regarding the foreknowledge and decree of God, who is the first cause, everything happens unchangeably and infallibly— <sup>4</sup> Nothing happens by chance, or apart from his providence. <sup>5</sup> At the same time, by the same providence, he decreed things to happen through secondary causes, either necessarily, freely, or conditionally. <sup>6</sup>

4. Acts 2:23
5. Proverbs 16:33
6. Genesis 8:22

## Benediction/ Closing Prayer

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> 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.

## 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 Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

\*Universal

## Receiving Grace and Mercy

### Prayer of Confession

**Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! <sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy. <sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; <sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. Psalm 130:1-6**

### Assurance of Pardon

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>1</sup> Peter 1:3-4

### Lord Have Mercy

Heb. 4:16

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.

For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on Your countless mercies  
For sins that are known  
and those unknown  
We call on Your name so holy  
For envy and pride for closing our eyes  
For scorning our very neighbor  
In thought word and deed  
we've failed You our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

*Lord have mercy Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us  
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy on us*

For what You have done Your life of love  
You perfectly lived we praise You  
Though tempted and tried  
You fixed Your eyes  
You finished the work God gave You  
And there on the tree  
A King among thieves  
You bled for a world's betrayal  
You loved to the end  
Our merciful friend  
How pure and forever faithful  
For hearts that are cold  
for seizing control  
For scorning our very Maker  
In thought word and deed  
we've failed You our King  
How deeply we need a Savior

**Prayer of Praise: Marcus Deleon**

(Please remain standing)

**His Mercy Is More**

Hebrews 8:12  
For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing,  
He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins, they are many—  
His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness,  
new every morn;  
Our sins, they are many—  
His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins, they are many—  
His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment;  
His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins, they are many—  
His mercy is more.

**Prayer for Giving: Eric Lokker- Elder**

**Means of Grace**

**Preaching of the Word: Jon Moffitt**

**Receiving of the Lord's Table: Eric Lokker- Elder**

**Lord's Table Preparation**

*"For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things" (Titus 3:3-8a).*

Take this bread, and as you take it into your body, remember that you are one with Christ.

Take this cup, and as you drink it, remember that his blood forever covers all your past, present, and future sins.

**There Is Hope**

There is hope in grace unceasing  
You withhold your wrath from me  
Poured it out upon my Saviour  
On the cross of Calvary

There is hope for sons and daughters  
Who have wandered on their own  
Hear the songs of joy from heaven  
As the lost are welcomed home

There is hope now for the hopeless  
There is victory all can know  
For the tomb lies bare and broken  
And death's power is overthrown

Hallelujah hope of heaven  
Precious treasure of my life  
All my joy is in your presence  
I am yours and you are mine

*Jesus Christ my hope forever  
Hope unlike the world can bring  
Your steadfast love beyond all measure  
There is hope in Christ my King*

I will wait until I see him  
Though the twilight turns to night  
For my hope is not defeated  
It will greet His dawning light