

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.



Where Everyone is in Equal Need of Grace

May 5th



2024 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.



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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.



Giving Goal: \$25,000
Monthly Budget: \$19,000
March Giving: \$20,137.86
April Giving MTD: \$53,100.81
Building Fund: \$9,326.55

Today's Ministry of Music:

- Anthony Brooks
- Becca Smith

Announcements:

May 12 - Baptism
May 18 - Women's Grace Academy
May 19 - Quarterly Members Meeting
May 26 - All Church Picnic
June 24-28 - Youth Summer Camp - Registration Closes May 24
July 30-Aug 1 - GRN General Assembly

Volunteer positions needed:

- Children's Ministry
- Set Up Team

Find more details online or on the GRC app!

Church Planting & Network

Continue to pray for our current church plant and network
Covenant Grace Columbia in Columbia, TN
covgracechurch.org
Grace Reformed Network - gracereformednetwork.org

Prayer for Missions Eric Lokker - Elder -
Covenant Grace Columbia - covgracechurch.org

Call to Worship

Hear the Word of the Lord

Call to Worship: Eric Lokker - Elder

Psalms 138:1-5 - I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD for great is the glory of the LORD.

Prayer of Blessing: Eric Lokker - Elder

How Firm A Foundation

Isaiah 43:2 - When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

How firm a foundation,
you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith
in His excellent word!
What more can He say
than to you He has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus
have fled?

Fear not, I am with you,
O be not dismayed
For I am your God,
and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters
I calls you to go
The rivers of Sorrow
shall not overflow
For I will be with you,
your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you
your deepest distress

When through fiery trials your
pathway shall lie
My grace, all sufficient,
shall be your supply
The flames shall not hurt you,
I only design
Thy dross to consume
and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus
has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert
to His foes
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never,
no never forsake

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 10.4

4. The Non-Elect Will Not Come to Christ or Be Saved

Those who are not elected may be called by the ministry of the Word and may experience some common working of the Spirit. ¹² However, since they have not been effectually drawn by the Father, they will not and cannot truly come to Christ or be saved. ¹³ It is even more impossible for people who do not hear the Christian religion to be saved, no matter how diligent they are to orient their lives according to the light of nature and the teachings of the religion that they profess. ¹⁴

¹² Matthew 22:14, 13:20-21; Hebrews 6:4-5

¹³ John 6:44-45, 65; 1 John 2:24-25

¹⁴ Acts 4:12; John 4:22, 17:3

Lord's Table Preparation

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

1 Corinthians. 15:1-4 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

As we hold this piece of bread, we are reminded that Christ is our source of life and hope by grace alone through faith alone.

As we hold this cup, we are reminded that Christ's blood is sufficient to cover all of our past, present, and future sins.

Praise be to our God and Father who keeps his promises and graciously draws his children near to love, feed, and care for their every need. Amen.

Benediction - 1 Timothy 1:17 - To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Receiving Grace and Mercy

Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:7–11 - “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Time of Personal Reflection

Prayer of Confession

Lord, we are not like you. Our lips may confess our devotion to you, but our hearts are slow to follow our words, and we are reluctant to obey you with our lives. We confess to you our adulterous and idolatrous hearts. We cherish many things far more than we love you, and we spend hours each day worshiping at the feet of other gods. Meanwhile, we are content to give you the leftovers of our attention. O God, have mercy on us and forgive us for our persistent blindness and false worship. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7 - But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Ephesians 2:4-5 - But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar
the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Prayer of Praise: Brandy Moore

(Please remain standing)

Blessed Assurance

Romans 8:38–39 - For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

*This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst
on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Means of Grace

Preaching of the Word: Jon Moffitt

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 3:10-17 - ¹⁰ For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” ¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23 - The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me*

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee

Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside