

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal Suggestions – for the month of March, Van Pelts will continue to bring dessert and drinks. Armitsteads will bring paper goods and utensils. All others can bring main dishes or salads.

Children in Worship – Children's ministry is important to us. Currently, child care is available for children ages 4 and under during the service. As our church grows and we have more volunteers, we will plan to have a children's church for the older kids.

GRC Information – Our web address is www.gracereformedms.com. Our phone number is 601-790-0530. If you are new to the church, please fill out an information form located on the back table and place it in the box marked "Giving."

Giving – If you would like to financially support this church, there is a box for donations located on the back table in the worship meeting room. All money received will be used for the ministry of the gospel or for the care of those in need.

Dinner at Newk's! – Sunday Evenings at 5:30 PM

Anyone interested in gathering together for dinner on Sunday evenings is invited to Newk's. Come, hang out, eat, and get to know one another. **Address** – 1065 Highland Colony Parkway Suite A, Ridgeland MS 39157.

On the Gospel and Life

If you are not feeding your soul on the realities of the presence, promises, and provisions of Christ, you will ask the people, situations, and things around you to be the messiah that they can never be. If you are not attaching your identity to the unshakable love of your Savior, you will ask the things in your life to be your Savior, and it will never happen. If you are not requiring yourself to get your deepest sense of well-being vertically, you will shop for it horizontally, and you will always come up empty. If you are not resting in the one true gospel, preaching it to yourself over and over again, you will look to another gospel to meet the needs of your unsettled heart.

Paul David Tripp, *Dangerous Calling*, page 36

BELONGING

If you are a Christian, you are a member of Christ's church. If you are seeking to associate with a local church body, Grace Reformed Church would love to have you come under the care of its leadership. For more information about coming under the care of this local church, speak with a deacon or elder, or contact us at contact@gracereformedms.org.

EATING

Each week, after worship, we hang around and eat a meal together. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. During this time, we will discuss the sermon for that evening in a question-and-answer format. Meal assignments are listed in the announcement section of this church bulletin. Please note that you do not need to bring any food in order to attend the meal. Just come!

GIVING

Grace Reformed Church is supported by the generosity of those who gather together for worship and community. If you would like to financially support this church, there is a box for donations located on the back table in the worship meeting room.

COMMUNING

Each week during worship, we take the Lord's supper together toward the end of the service. The Lord's table is for all those who profess faith in Christ, repenting of their sins and resting in the finished work of Christ. For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship Psalm 89:1–4

I will sing of the LORD’S great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, ‘I will establish your line forever and make your *throne* firm through all generations.’”

Song of Praise Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith Colossians 2:6-11

We confess that Jesus, “though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Song of Praise Creed

Scripture Reading from Psalm 89

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness too, in the *assembly* of the holy ones. For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD? Who is like the LORD among the heavenly beings? In the *council* of the holy ones God is greatly feared; he is more awesome than all who surround him. O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

You rule over the surging sea; when its waves mount up, you still them. You crushed Rahab like one of the slain; with your strong arm you scattered your enemies. The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth; you founded the world and all that is in it. You created the north and the south; Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name. Your arm is endued with power; your hand is strong, your right hand exalted. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your *throne*; love and faithfulness go before you.

The LORD said, “I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered. Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness —and I will not lie to David— that his line will continue forever and his *throne* endure before me like the sun; it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky.”

Song of Thanksgiving Better In One Day

Scripture Reading Revelation 4:1–11

1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. 3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. 4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. 6 Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. 8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: 11 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Sermon “Around the Throne”

Song of Response All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper 1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Song of Response The Doxology

Closing Prayer

SERMON NOTES AND QUESTIONS