

# *Grace* Covenant Church

**“To the  
Praise  
of  
His  
Glorious  
Grace”**

**Ephesians 1:6**

## Welcome to Grace!

May God bless you this morning as we worship Him together! We extend a special welcome to those who are with us for the first time and are glad you are here!

**Nursery service** is available for children ages 3 and under. The nursery is located on the northeast corner of the main level. Go through the double doors across from the Sanctuary into the Fellowship Hall, then through the double doors on the far side of the hall to the right.

**Restrooms** are located in the office wing on the east side of the Sanctuary (access at end of narthex).

Blue **Communication Cards** are available on the back table in the Sanctuary to help us connect with our **visitors and newcomers** and receive **updates and requests for information or prayer** from any who have need. Please place completed forms in the basket on the back table.

**Classes** for all ages to help us grow in Christ begin at **9:30 a.m.** on Sundays (**11:00 a.m. today**). Please use the east entrances or the kitchen entrance from the north lot if able to avoid distracting our hosts as they worship. After our classes and before worship, please join us for **refreshments** and catch up with everyone **in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

\*You are invited to stand as you are able for starred parts of the service.

# **The Creator**

## **January 18, 2026**

Gathering Time

Welcome

Piano Prelude (*please be seated and prepare for worship*)

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-6 Responsive Reading

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

**Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**C: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

L: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

**C: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

L: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**C: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

\*Opening Hymn

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God

That made the mountains rise,

That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies,

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;

The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with His Word,  
And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne;  
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,  
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

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### \*Hymn of Praise

### *God of All*

In the beginning You made the heavens and the earth,  
Every creature in this land displays Your matchless worth.

And with Your words You made the day  
And the moon to shine at night.

You said that it was good and pleasing to Your sight,  
And with Your mighty power You made the rolling sea.  
You are God of all creation, the God of everything.

### Chorus

You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.  
And before the dawn of time, You were reigning even then,  
The God of all the universe, the God of big and small.  
You are King and Master of my heart, You are God of all.

A perfect garden was made, for Adam and for Eve,  
But sin would change the way that God and man would meet  
Your love for us would mean that You  
Would send Your only Son, before He breathed His last,  
He said that it was done.

But death could not contain, Christ the perfect lamb.  
He rose on the third day and He sits at Your right Hand.

## Chorus

You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.  
And before the dawn of time, You were reigning even then,  
The God of all the universe, the God of big and small.  
You are King and Master of my heart, You are God of all.

Someday all we have come to know will surely pass away,  
In its place Jerusalem with pearls upon her gates.  
All things are made anew and there will be no death or pain,  
Amazing it will be, my God will wipe each tear away.  
I'll give all my praise to You, saved by Your grace alone.  
I will fall down on my knees and say as I approach Your throne...  
(Repeat Chorus)

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## Preparation for Confession

Romans 1:18-23

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all  
ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their  
unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known  
about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to  
them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power  
and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the  
creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So  
they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they  
did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they  
became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were  
darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and  
exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images  
resembling mortal man and birds and  
animals and creeping things.

## Private Confession of Sin

## Declaration of Grace

Romans 3:23-26

\*Hymn of Gratitude

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears.

The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf, appears.

Before the throne my Surety stands,

Before the throne my Surety stands; my name is written on His hands.

Chorus

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise my soul arise.

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise, arise my soul arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,

His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.

His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

(Repeat Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;

They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.

Forgive him, O forgive they cry, forgive him, O forgive they cry;

Don't let that ransomed sinner die!

(Repeat Chorus)

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear.

He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear.

With confidence I now draw nigh,

With confidence I now draw nigh and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

(Repeat Chorus)

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The Community of Grace

Offering (*see community page for electronic giving options*)

\*Offertory Response

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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\*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Series: Good News for the World

Sermon Text: Acts 17:24-34

"The Gospel for Idolators" (Part 2) - Pastor Todd Bowen

\*Hymn of Response

*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory*

God, all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim Thy might;  
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;  
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;  
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see Thy hand in Man whom Thou hast made for Thee;  
Ruler of creation's glory, image of Thy majesty.

Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,  
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled Thine image; nature, conscience only serve  
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.  
Yet Thy grace and saving mercy in Thy Word of truth revealed  
Claim the praise of all who know Thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;  
We, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill.

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\*Benediction

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## Our Mission

Grace Covenant Church exists to *glorify God*

- ✚ By **exalting Him** in true worship,
- ✚ By **equipping His people** for ministry, and
- ✚ By **extending His kingdom** in  
Central Nebraska unto the ends of the earth.

## Our Identity

***We are Evangelical*** (from *euangelion* in New Testament Greek – “good news”). We believe the Gospel, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, God’s revealed and authoritative Word. The Gospel is central among the themes of Scripture, and is to be central in the worship, life, and ministry of our church.

***We are Reformed***. We hold to the great Biblical truths that were recovered in the Protestant Reformation. Our understanding of these truths is summarized in our doctrinal standards, the *Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms*. These truths are important in the teaching and leadership of our church.

***We are Presbyterian***. Our church is governed by elders (*presbuteros* in New Testament Greek), who shepherd and lead the congregation, and deacons, who serve in the areas of finances, property, and ministries of mercy. Our understanding of these Biblical offices and other matters of church government and worship are summarized in the *Book of Church Order* of our denomination, the *Presbyterian Church in America*.