

# *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 4 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 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. 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.

# To God Be the Glory

## February 19, 2023

Gathering Time

Welcome

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

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-4

\*Opening Hymn

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, pow'r, & love, the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills,  
The God who every sorrow stills. To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made  
His gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade  
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of His might,  
Lo, all is just and all is right.  
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed  
And kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be;  
O thank Him, thank our God with me.  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge & their rock, their peace & their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads His own, His chosen band.  
To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name,  
To God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim,  
To God give praise and glory!  
All idols underfoot be trod,  
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before His presence now  
And banish fear and sadness;  
To your Redeemer pay your vow  
And sing with joy and gladness:  
Though great distress my soul befell,  
The Lord, my God, did all things well.  
To God all praise and glory!

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\*Prayer of Praise

\*Songs of Praise

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Lord, I lift Your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life;  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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## *Glorify Thy Name*

Father I love You, I praise You, I adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus I love You, I praise You, I adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit I love You, I praise You, I adore You,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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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 1:16-17

\*Response to Grace

*O Great God*

O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power  
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my every thought and deed  
O great God of highest heaven,  
Glorify Your Name through me

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## The Community of Grace

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

\*Offertory Response

*We Give Thee But Thine Own (v. 1)*

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be:  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

\*Prayer for God's Blessing

Sermon Text: Psalm 115  
"To God Alone Be Glory" - Pastor Todd Bowen

\*Hymn of Response

*To God Be the Glory*

To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Chorus

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

(Repeat Chorus)

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

(Repeat Chorus)

\*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*.