

Grace Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2026

9:30 am

Reformation Sunday

WELCOME AND VISION STATEMENT

We are an open and affirming congregation.

**We genuinely welcome people of all ages,
races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, beliefs,
and those who are cognitively
and or physically challenged.**

Our vision is to be a community of love and purpose,
**each one engaged in ministry,
seeking to know Christ, growing in discipleship,
and embodying God's love for the world.**



"A living sacrifice" Romans 12:1

We Gather

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

Call to worship (read responsively)

If it had not been God who was on our side,
**the troubles of our world
would have swallowed us whole.**

If it had not been God who was on our side,
**the sorrows of our times
would have swept us away.**

Are any among us suffering?

Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?

Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?

Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,

the One who made heaven and earth.

Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

God is on our side.

~ posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website.

Hymn #275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Call to Confession

Seeking to follow Jesus, we often wander down the wrong roads. Impatient with God's schedule, we rush off to do things our way. Let us confess our foolishness, that we might receive God's hope for our lives.

Prayer of Confession (unison prayer)

**Your words are given to us, Author of Life,
so we might be reformed, but we are intent on
changing others.**

**Your words are offered to us so we might be
transformed, but we are focused on conforming to
our culture.**

**Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but
we hold our old ways tight to our chests.**

Forgive us, God of Wonder.

**Do not remember our sins,
but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.
Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith,
even as you were so tenacious in offering us your
grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Silence is kept for personal confession

Words of Assurance

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

We are forgiven people.

**May we live as siblings in Christ,
God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Submitted by Rev. Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies.

Sung response #449 "Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love" (stay seated and sing verse 1)

We Reflect

Prayer for Understanding

Holy and Mysterious God, open our eyes to see you in our midst, open our ears to hear your word afresh, open our hearts to know your grace. Give us understanding minds and willing spirits, that we might be continually made new by your love. In the name of the living Word we pray. Amen.

Submitted by Rev. Teri Peterson,
Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church, Crystal Lake IL.

A Reading from Romans 2:1-3

Time with Young Disciples

A Reading from Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon

*Hymn #321 "the Church's One Foundation"

We Respond

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is **to Know, Love, and Serve God**

Invitation to Share (offering our thanks)

Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, your truth endures from age to age,
and you provide for your people's needs
far beyond what we can imagine.

Bless this offering we make in your name
as a portion of our full-hearted devotion.

Send your Spirit upon those who will guide its use

for the healing of this world you love.

We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

by Rev. Nathan Williams,
Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, IA

(Many thanks to all who contribute to the mission and ministry of our church in offering plates during worship and by electronic giving throughout the month).

Prayers of God's People (sharing of Joys and Concerns)

Lord, in your mercy/with thanksgiving

People's response: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

We Are Sent

Hymn #320 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

*Charge and Benediction

As we continue to follow the call to be your church,
the body of Christ, in this time and place,
may we seek to be reformed and always reforming,
in response to a changing world,
according to your Holy Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!

And also with you.

(We invite you to offer a sign of peace to those around you and as you gather for fellowship. We remind you to ask what folks feel comfortable with...a verbal greeting, a handshake or fist bump, etc. Do not assume.)

***Indicates, please stand in body or spirit.**

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