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A Brief History of Grace Covenant Church

Grace Covenant Church began as Grace Free Presbyterian Church in 1985, a church plant of the Free Presbyterian Church of North America, under the leadership of the founding minister, Pastor David Brame. The church was constituted in 1987, and property was purchased in Litchfield, NH, that year on which to construct a church building. The congregation met in those early days in rented spaces and in the homes of founding congregants. Soon construction was begun and the congregation moved into that church building in 1993. We grew slowly but steadily in numbers, but grew much in God's grace and unity in the succeeding years.

In 2001, Pastor Brame was called away within the denomination to a teaching position in the denomination's seminary, Geneva Reformed Seminary, in Greenville, SC, as well as a pastoral role in the local Greenville church. As a result of Pastor Brame's departure, the church called Rev. David McClelland to assume the role of Pastor. Under his ministry the church continued its growth and a new and larger sanctuary was added to the church building in 2013. The church grew in number and in grace for 16 years under the leadership of Pastor McClelland.

In 2016, as a result of some doctrinal differences with the FPCNA, the church seceded from the denomination and became an independent congregation. Shortly after that, David Brame was asked by the Session to return to help facilitate a much-needed sabbatical for Pastor McClelland. However, at the end of the sabbatical, Pastor McClelland felt he needed to give full attention to his family commitments, could not return to active ministry, and resigned as Pastor. Shortly thereafter, the church chartered anew as Grace Covenant Church. Pastor Brame has continued to minister within the congregation as the church has begun a pastoral search process, looking to the Lord to provide its minister for the future.