



**Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**May 28, 2023**

**Reformed Presbyterian Church** exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

**Today's speaker:** Mr. Anthony Martin

Worship Leader: Phil Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

**PRELUDES**

*Serving Him/ M. Dillon*

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation/ arr. R. Parks*

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8 (NIV)

Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy.

People: **How awesome is the LORD Most High,  
the great King over all the earth!**

Leader: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.

People: **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his  
holy throne at the works of your hands I sing for  
joy.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 441

*Jesus Shall Reign*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: Father of mercies, we confess that we have  
sinned against you. By your Holy Spirit, come  
and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to  
see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a  
loving heart, and power to save. Help us to see  
Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow him  
more faithfully. As we have received him, so  
strengthen us to walk in him, depend on him,  
commune with him, and be conformed to him.  
Give us an experience of your grace that makes  
us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our  
friends and neighbors of your saving mercy.  
Amen

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Soli Deo Gloria  
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God  
New Doxology*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ HYMNAL CHOIR OFFERTORY

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

Acts 2:1-36 (ESV)  
*Every Nation Under Heaven*  
Anthony Martin

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **295**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Our church is currently searching for a new Pastor. In the meantime, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Tim Witmer as our interim pastor and Moderator of Session. He is serving us part-time. Pastor Tim's email is: [tim@ephratarpc.com](mailto:tim@ephratarpc.com), and his phone number is 610-733-1659.

Today's speaker: Anthony Martin, a Ruling Elder, completed an internship at RPC in 2022.

## This week

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for a detailed listing and complete schedule



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|-----------|----------|---|
| Today     | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                               |
| Monday    |          | Church office closed on Monday                |
| Tuesday   | 11:00 am | Mom's Summer Park series, meet at Fox Meadows |
|           | 6:30 pm  | Youth at Nick Klein's house, until 8:30 pm    |
| Wednesday | 6:30 pm  | ESL Meeting                                   |
| Sat.      | 10:00 am | Choir Brunch at Rachel Klein's house          |
| Next Sun. | 9:30 am  | Worship Service                               |
|           |          | Summer Fellowship Hour                        |
|           |          | Breeze photos taken                           |

## Family Matters for Prayer and Praise

**Tashina Horne's** father, Rich Forney died last week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Alex and Becky High** on the birth of Titus Gabriel on May 14. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 21 inches long. There is a meal sign-up at <https://takethemameal.com/NHAH2412>. Only one meal left on the sign-up—*thank you for signing up so quickly!!*

**Ed & Kathy Martin** wish to thank everyone for the prayers and cards following the recent death of Ed's brother Frank.

**Angie Henderson** had surgery recently and is recovering.

**Marie Eidemiller** is recuperating from an infection. Prayers for the antibiotics to be completely effective are appreciated.

**Ray Weigand's** infection seems to be under control, He will see a doctor this week. Please pray for a "clean bill of health."

**David Vos** is following an extended physical therapy treatment program.

**Jeanne Reiff's** brother, Jason Berger, is continuing to show improvement and is now able to be home with assistance. God has been answering the prayers for his recovery!

**Matt Hildebrand** has finished testing. Prayers are appreciated.

**Emmanuel Mulondo** is in Uganda and Kenya for a short term mission trip (April 27-June 19). Please be in prayer for him as he travels, preaches and teaches there.

## Announcements

**A Summer Fellowship Hour starts next Sunday, June 4.** Summer Fellowship hour replaces our Sunday school hour over the summer months. Small groups and ministry teams please consider signing up to provide refreshments on a Sunday this summer. See Emily Rudy for more details or view the sign up here: <http://bitly.ws/ETuz>

**Flourish Update- Church Health Assessment:** Thank you for your help working through this process. The interviews with Flourish are finished, this completes the survey portion of the CHA. We should have results to share by end of June or early July. Please continue to pray for the church, the leaders, and the congregation as we journey through this process.

**ESL:** Meeting May 31, 6:30 pm. Several people are needed for the fall launch of ESL. Contact Rick Bernarduci, [rickmb@ptd.net](mailto:rickmb@ptd.net) to volunteer or with questions.

**Kingdom Kids All Volunteer Meeting:** Sunday, June 11, 11:00 am

**Women's Summer Fun Fellowship Evenings:** June 15, July 6, and Aug. 17 at 7:00 pm. Join us for an opportunity to spend a summer evening playing bocce ball, corn hole, croquet, or just talking around the fire pit in Patty Coiner's backyard. We will have a short devotional while we munch on some snacks. Bring your favorite snack to share (please NO nuts). No need to sign up; come and enjoy time getting to know your sisters in Christ.

**2023 Directory:** Please check the RPC directory draft in the narthex. Place a check over your name if everything is complete and up to date, or write in any corrections and additions or email the office.



**Breeze Photo Updates:** If you are a new attendee or your family make-up has changed since the last photo in Breeze, consider having your photo taken so we can recognize you better. Our first Sunday for taking photos for our Breeze directory will be after the service on June 4. We will have additional photo dates announced soon. Contact the office at 717-733-0462 or [office@ephrtarpc.com](mailto:office@ephrtarpc.com) if you'd like access to our Breeze directory.

**Mark Your Calendar: RPC Children's Ministry Volunteer Conference:** August 4-5, Friday evening and Saturday morning. If you currently volunteer with our children's ministry or work with kids in other areas of life. Join us for food, fellowship, and learning!

2023 Summer Sermon series starts next Sunday: ***"Growing Together"*** *What the Bible Says about Getting Along*; based on selected "One Another" texts of the New Testament.



## *The King Is Coming!*

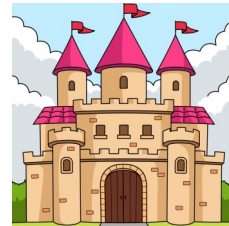
This summer, Kingdom Kids is celebrating the King of kings! Wednesdays, 5:45-8:30 pm, June 21, 28, July 12, 19, & 26 with dinner for volunteers and children. Kingdom Kids requires a wide variety of volunteers and ways to help.

*We need your help to prepare the way for the gospel to go forth!*

**Volunteer:** There are ways for everyone to be involved in some way. **Positions still needed:** 1. Gold Girl helpers (no prep, just show up and guide the group through their stations), 2. Nursery (for volunteers' children), 3. Games, and 4. Registration. *Please sign up on the board in the narthex today.* **Packets with simple things to cut out are also available in the narthex today. Take a packet home and cut out at your leisure, then return items by date listed.**

**Donate:** Again this year, we will serve dinner before each Kingdom Kids' program to both the RPC children and the children from our community who attend. Donation tags will be available in the coming weeks to help provide foods for these meals.

**Contact:** Want to know more? Contact one of our Kingdom Kids core leaders: Alycia Weaver, Kelly Interrante, Tammy Bernarduci, Jordan Muriithi, or Steph Hubach.



**Mom's Summer Park series** meets on Tuesdays, 10 am-12 pm, at various parks throughout the summer to fellowship while we watch our children play. All members and friends of RPC are welcome to join us. Bring a lunch, balls, scooters, bikes, etc. (Please call/text Rachel Klein at 215-431-9316 for possible weather-related change of plans.) This fellowship time begins on May 30, 11:00 am (*note special time*) at Fox Meadows.

## Song Lyrics

### **441 *Jesus Shall Reign***

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;  
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen!

*Jesus Shall Reign*, Words by Isaac Watts, Music by John Hatton ©Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

### *Soli Deo Gloria*

Let the mountain maker come and take His place  
Let the ocean in our hearts be still and wait  
For the coming of our King, For the wonders that He brings  
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do  
but stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other  
When You speak, all power is released  
We stand in awe and wonder, There is no other

Glory to our God alone, Soli Deo gloria  
You'll reign forever on Your throne, Soli Deo gloria

You're the champion and confidence of earth  
In Your presence, we're reminded of our worth

We've been chosen by our King, See the wonders that He brings  
Let His majesty shine, And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do  
but stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other

When You speak, all power is released  
We stand in awe and wonder, There is no other  
Glory to our God alone, Soli Deo gloria  
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***Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God***

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
Give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; May Your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace.  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, Giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth;  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see.

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There's nothing worth more, that will ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your Presence, Lord  
I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of Loves  
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your Glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

### *New Doxology*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim  
The pow'r and might of His great Name  
Let us exalt on bended knee  
Praise God, the Holy Trinity

Praise God, praise God  
Praise God Who saved my soul  
Praise God, praise God  
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise to the King - His throne transcends  
His crown and Kingdom never end  
Now and throughout eternity  
I'll praise the One Who died for me

Praise God, praise God  
Praise God Who saved my soul  
Praise God, praise God  
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

**295 *Crown Him with Many Crowns***

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends  
his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose pow'r a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise;  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-36 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup> And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.<sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.<sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”<sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?<sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,<sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”<sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”<sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.<sup>15</sup> For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.<sup>16</sup> But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>““And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams;

<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the

Lord shall be saved.’

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.<sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

“‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.<sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,<sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.<sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.<sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“‘Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”’

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”