



9:30 am Worship Service
January 30, 2022

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning!

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

Today's Speaker: Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas, Sr. Pastor
Worship Leader: Rev. Kevin Sheahan, Associate Pastor
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

PRELUDES

Rejoice in the Lord! D. Wolford

Partita on "Old Hundredth" D. Johnson

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 138:1-5 (NIV)

Leader: I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

People: **I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

Leader: When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted.

People: **May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 660

O God beyond All Praising

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Psalm 46:1-11 (NIV)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

People: **God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.**

Leader: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Leader: Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.

People: “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

He Will Hold Me Fast

Leader: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:5, 6 & 8 (NIV)

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Soli Deo Gloria

WELCOME TO ALL

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Abide with Me/ V. Johnson

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

SERMON

Tempted

series in Luke: Who Is This Man?

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **92**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

With Might and Majesty/ S. Scott

Song Lyrics

660 O God beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay,
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word;
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior;
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king,
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Jesus draw me ever nearer
As I labour through the storm
You have called me to this passage
And I'll follow, though I'm worn

May this journey bring a blessing
May I rise on wings of faith
And at the end of my heart's testing
With Your likeness let me wake

Jesus guide me through the tempest
Keep my spirit staid and sure
When the midnight meets the morning
Let me love You even more

Let the treasures of the trial
Form within me as I go
And at the end of this long passage
Let me leave them at Your throne

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

You're the champion in confidence of earth
In Your presence, we're reminded of our worth
We've been chosen by our King,
Feel 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 reign forever on Your throne, Soli Deo gloria

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92 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.⁷ So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.¹⁰ For it is written:

“ ‘He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a
stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.