



## **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**October 23, 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. Dr. Timothy Witmer

Worship Leader: Rev. Kevin Sheahan, Associate Pastor

Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

### **PRELUDES**

*Trumpet Voluntary/ S. Stublely*  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah/ arr. M. Kellner*

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 100 (ESV)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Serve the LORD with gladness!**  
**Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!

**People: It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts  
with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures  
forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 30

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

**Unison: Holy Lord,**

**We have sinned times without number, and  
been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to  
mind your Word, of neglect to seek you in our  
daily life. Our transgressions and shortcomings  
present us with a list of accusations, but we  
thank you that they will not stand against us,  
for all have been laid on Christ.**

**Purge us from every false desire, every wrong  
aspiration, everything contrary to your rule.  
We thank you for your wisdom and love, for all  
the acts of discipline to which we are subject,  
for refining our gold and removing our dross.  
Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that  
dims the light of your grace in us, everything  
that prevents us from taking delight in you.**

**We bless you, O God, for helping us to  
be upright.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Christ Our Glory*

*Made Me Glad*

*Turn Your Eyes*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING /OFFERTORY

*His Eye Is on The Sparrow*

Barb Witmer, vocals

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-18 (ESV)

SERMON

*Don't Give Up*

Rev. Tim Witmer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Lord I Need You / I Need Thee Every Hour*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Christ, Our Strength/ E. Broughton*

**Today's Speaker: Rev. Dr. Timothy Witmer:** Tim Witmer grew up in New Holland and served in pastoral ministry in the PCA for 42 years, most recently at St. Stephen Reformed in New Holland. He also served on the faculty at Westminster Seminary for 20 years. He is the author of three books including *The Shepherd Leader*. Tim and Barb live in Terre Hill and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

## Song Lyrics

### **30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by your flood,  
and lost in foll'wing years

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.

## ***Christ, Our Glory***

### **Verse 1**

| Our rest is in heaven; our rest is not here  
Then why should we tremble when trials draw near?  
Be still and remember Christ carries our pain  
He shares in our suffering -through Him hope will reign

### **Chorus 1**

Christ our glory, Christ our hope  
Christ our King forevermore  
Our Savior's in heaven; He rules from His throne,  
And cares for the people He chose as His own

### **Verse 2**

No hours should be wasted on seeking our joy  
And placing our hope in what will be destroyed  
We look for a city that hands have not raised  
We long for a country that sin has not stained

### **Chorus 2**

Christ our glory, Christ our hope  
Christ our King forevermore  
We look for a city that hands have not raised  
We long for a country that sin has not stained

### **Verse 3**

Though trouble and anguish increase all the more  
They cannot compare to the glory in store  
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls  
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

### **Chorus 3**

Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore  
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore  
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore  
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls  
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

***Made Me Glad***

I will bless the Lord forever.  
I will trust him at all times.  
He has delivered me from all fear.  
He has set my feet upon a rock,

And I will not be moved. And I'll say of the Lord:  
You are my shield,  
My strength, my portion, Deliverer,  
My shelter, strong tower,  
My very present help in time of need.

I will bless the Lord forever.  
I will trust him at all times.  
Whom have I in heaven but you?  
There's none I desire beside you,  
And you have made me glad.  
And I'll say of the Lord:  
You are my shield,  
My strength, my portion, Deliverer,  
My shelter, strong tower,  
My very present help. You are my shield,  
My strength, my portion, Deliverer,  
My shelter, strong tower,  
My very present help in time of need.

## ***Turn Your Eyes***

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside  
Where justice and mercy embrace  
There the Son of God gave His life for us  
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize  
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning  
And see Christ the lion awake  
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone  
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize  
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heavens  
Our King will return for His own  
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout  
All glory to Jesus alone

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize  
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true  
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

## **Lord I Need You**

Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
And without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Where You are Lord I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

My one defense my righteousness  
Oh God how I need You

I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord.  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford

I need Thee, O I need Thee  
Every hour I need Thee  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee



## Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-18 (ESV)

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>15</sup> Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”