



## **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**November 27, 2022**

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

**TODAY'S SPEAKER:** Dr. Michael Rogers  
Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder  
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie  
Choir Director: Rachel Klein

### **PRELUDES**

*Give Thanks/* arr. B. Wolaver  
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come/* arr. M. White  
◇ A time of quiet preparation Kathleen Golias, piano

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Philippians 2:4-11 (ESV)

**Leader:** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**People:** **Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,**

**Leader:** But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**People:** **Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

IN PRAYER

**WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST**

THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Prophet's Candle  
Zaya Fogie

HYMN OF RESPONSE **162**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1

**Leader:** What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**People:** **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me  
Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)  
Immanuel/ O Come Let Us Adore Him*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*I Sing the Mighty Power/arr. J. Gehman*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

SERMON

*The Invisible God Made Visible*

Rev. Dr. Michael Rogers

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **196**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel/ 13th century plainsong/ arr. T. Smith*

## Song Lyrics

### **162 *Of the Father's Love Begotten***

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore!

Oh, that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face  
evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord,  
whom the Scriptures of the prophets, promised in their faithful word.  
Now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing,  
all dominions bow before him, and extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,  
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore!

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*, Words Trad. by John Mason Neale, Henry M. Baker, Music  
arr. by Charles Winfred Douglas ©Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

### **Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
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***Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)***

Be still, my soul, The Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God, to order and provide  
In every change, He faithful will remain  
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still, my soul, the waves and wind still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

In You I rest, in You I found my hope  
In You I trust, You never let me go  
I place my life within Your hands alone  
Be still, my soul

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last

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In You I trust, You never let me go  
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***Immanuel/ O Come Let Us Adore Him***

Immanuel  
Our God is with us  
And if God is with us  
Who could stand against us?  
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O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

For You alone are worthy  
For You alone are worthy  
For You alone are worthy  
Christ the Lord

We'll give You all the glory  
We'll give You all the glory  
We'll give You all the glory  
Christ the Lord

***196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringing,  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
he whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.



## **Scripture Reading**

Colossians 1:15-20 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.