



## **REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**August 10, 2025**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

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

**Today's Speaker:** Rev. Stephen Jones

**Worship Leader:** Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

**Guest Pianist:** Janelle Labs

*Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible.*

*Faith begins where man's power ends.*

George Müller (1805-1898), Bristol evangelist, famous for caring for orphans

### **PRELUDE**

Kingdom Kids video  
*God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall* (Hymn 135)  
Janelle Labs, guest pianist

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Isaiah 55:1 (ESV)

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money  
and without price.

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 708

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was  
buried; he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He  
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there  
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection  
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but  
where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,

Romans 5:20 (ESV)

**CONFESSION OF 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.**

**MISSION MOMENT**

Stephen & Charity Jones

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*To God Be the Glory  
Holy Forever*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**KINGDOM KIDS**

**WE SEEK GOD’S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:13-17 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

SERMON

*Reverse Hospitality in the Wilderness*  
**The Gospel of Mark series**  
Rev. Stephen Jones

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **347**

*The Church’s One Foundation*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (ESV)

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
POSTLUDE  
KINGDOM KIDS SLIDESHOW

## SONG LYRICS

### **708 *O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go***

1 O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee.  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red,  
life that shall endless be.

*O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go*, Words by George Matheson, Music by Albert L. Peace ©Public Domain CCLI License #79597

***To God Be The Glory***

Verse 1

To God be the glory great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that we may go in

Chorus

Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives

Verse 3

Great things He has taught us  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

### ***Holy Forever***

A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"  
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever  
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!" To the King of Kings, "Holy!"  
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"  
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever  
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"  
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"  
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all (*repeat*)

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"  
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever  
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"  
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"  
You will always be Holy - Holy forever  
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

***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



### **347 *The Church's One Foundation***

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation, of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.