



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
August 17, 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: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE

◊ A time of quiet preparation

Worthy Is the Lamb/ arr. D. Wyrzten

Kathleen Golias, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV)

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: Mighty God, you are the Lord who rules in truth and grace. We sing about the wonders of your love, but our lives proclaim a different story. Instead of rejoicing in the heritage you have given us and resting in you, we try to control our lives, and we often grumble in our hearts against you. Forgive us for our unbelief. Lord Jesus, you are our trustworthy King. Thank you for bearing the curse for our sins and for bringing unbounded blessing to all those who rely upon you. Holy Spirit, give us renewed hearts that delight to serve you. Relieve our anxiety and doubt and help us to patiently wait upon you. Amen.

***WE ARE ASSURED BY GOD’S GRACE** Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

***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.

MISSION MOMENT

Align Life Ministries, video

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Oh, My Soul
Soli Deo Gloria
The First Noel (Born is the King)*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

O Lord, Most Holy
Shawn Rudy, trumpet

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:7-36 (ESV)

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. ² And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³ And he said to the man with the withered hand, “Come here.” ⁴ And he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵ And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶ The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸ and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹ And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him, ¹⁰ for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹ And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” ¹² And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

¹³ And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. ¹⁴ And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵ and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶ He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter);

¹⁷ James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸ Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹ and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸ "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰ for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³ And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

SERMON

Kingdom Outsiders and Insiders

The Gospel of Mark series

Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **642**

***WORDS OF PEACE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

SONG LYRICS

101 Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three,
Eternal praises be Hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

Oh My Soul

Father of mercy, King of all kings,
Even in darkness I will sing, I will sing

'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave
Set free- all my sin washed away
Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves
He reigns forever

Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord
Oh my soul, oh my soul
Oh my soul, oh my soul

High as the heavens, deep as the sea
How great Your love That rescued me, rescued me

'Cause I've been set free- running out of the grave
Set free- all my sin washed away
Set free- breaking out of the chains and I'm alive!

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves
He reigns forever

Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord
Oh my soul, oh my soul
Oh my soul, oh my soul

I will sing your goodness, I will sing your grace
I will love you all my days, all my days (repeat)

Oh, my soul, lift up the name of the One who saves, He reigns forever
Oh, my soul, lift up Your praise, I will rise and bless the Lord (repeat)

Oh my soul, oh my soul
Oh my soul, oh my soul

Oh My Soul, Words and Music by David E. Moffitt / Travis Cottrell /
Jeff Pardo, Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publ.

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
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The First Noel (Easter)

The first noel earth and Heaven embraced
As a virgin beheld her new born babe
From realms on high to a manger on earth
Salvation had dawned in a lowly birth
Noel noel noel noel
Born is the King of Israel

The Son of God in kindness He came
As a friend to the hopeless the lost and the lame
Our sins He bore yet His name we despised
And the hands that brought healing
Were pierced as He died.
Noel noel noel noel
Born is the King of Israel

The Author of Life there lifeless He lay
As the grave cast its shadow and darkness reigned
Then out of death broke forth a great light
As He rose up in victory the Glorious Christ.
Noel noel noel noel
Born is the King of Israel

Now let us all with one accord
Bring praises to our King
All glory power and honor be
Forever unto Him (repeat)

642 *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be Thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r,
raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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