

# REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH August 18, 2024 9:30 am

**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
Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE When Morning Gilds the Skies (Hymn 167)/ J. Barnby

Trumpet Voluntary/ G. Young

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High (Hymn 155)/ arr. D. Johnson

Shawn Rudy, trumpet

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

#### WORDS OF GREETING

#### WE APPROACH GOD

In Word

Psalm 18:1-3 (ESV)

<u>Leader</u>: I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

IN PRAYER

#### \*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

Hymn **92** 

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN Adapted from Zech. 1:3-4, 6, 16-17 (ESV)

<u>Leader</u>: "Return to me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you."

**<u>People:</u>** Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out.

<u>Leader</u>: Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Return from your evil ways."

**People:** So, they repented and said, "As the LORD of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so he has dealt with us."

<u>Leader</u>: Therefore, the LORD says, "I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy."

**People:** The LORD of hosts says, "My cities shall again flow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion."

#### \*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

This I Believe Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest) O Praise the Name

### 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

Be Thou My Vision/ arr. S. Wilson

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:1-2 (ESV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**SERMON** 

Behind the Music

(1 of 12 in the series)

Ephesians: Seeing The Church through God's Eyes

Dr. David Kieffer

## \*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Hymn 164)/ arr. A Whitworth

## **Hymn Lyrics**

## 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.

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#### This I Believe

Our Father everlasting
The all-creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior
I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender Suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life Forever seated high I believe in God our Father I believe in Christ the Son I believe in the Holy Spirit Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One

## This I Believe cont.

I believe in the resurrection That we will rise again For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For I believe in the Name of Jesus For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal I believe in the virgin birth I believe in the saints' communion And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again For I believe in the Name of Jesus For I believe in the Name of Jesus

This I Believe (The Creed), Words and Music by Ben Fielding / Benjamin David Fielding / Matt Crocker / Matthew Philip Crocker

#### 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

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 Be still, my soul

## O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me I see His wounds His hands His feet My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn The Son of heaven rose again O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

#### 32 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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