



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
August 31, 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

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Toccata on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Hymn 30)/ arr. G. Young

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Excerpts from Psalm 107 (ESV)

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

Leader: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

People: He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 164

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Psalm 51:1-4, 9-12 (ESV)

Unison: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

***WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S GRACE** Psalm 32:1 (ESV)

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

Unison: 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 hell¹. 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 catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

¹ meaning the God-forsaken state of Jesus in his suffering, death, and burial. ² meaning universal

**the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND NEW MEMBERSHIP

Rowan Christopher

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

*Come, People of the Risen King
Romans 11 (Doxology)
King of Kings
All Hail King Jesus*

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
HYMNAL CHOIR

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (Hymn 656)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:35-5:20 (ESV)

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

⁵ They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. ² And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. ³ He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴ for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶ And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷ And crying out

with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.”⁸ For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”⁹ And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.”¹⁰ And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.¹¹ Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside,¹² and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.”¹³ So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

¹⁴ The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.¹⁵ And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.¹⁶ And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs.¹⁷ And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.¹⁸ As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.¹⁹ And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”²⁰ And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

SERMON

Jesus, the Lord of All Storms
The Gospel of Mark series
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **94** (vss 1-3, 6)

How Firm a Foundation

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

SONG LYRICS

164 *O For a Thousand Tongues*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Carl G. Gläser, arr. by Lowell
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Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

REFRAIN

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”

Romans 11 (Doxology)

Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments
How untraceable His paths

Who knows the mind of our God
and who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God
that God should repay?

For from Him, and through Him
and to Him, is everything

To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light
'til from heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus, for our sake You died

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'til that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, majesty Praise forever to the King of kings
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All Hail King Jesus

All hail King Jesus
All hail Emmanuel
King of kings
Lord of lords
Bright Morning Star
And for all eternity
I'm going to praise Him
And forevermore
I will reign with Him

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94 How Firm a Foundation (vss. 1-3 & 6)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

How Firm a Foundation, Words from Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, Music by J. Funk's A Com