



**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**December 1, 2024**  
**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:** Jason Rutter, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

*The Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Isaiah 7:10-14 (ESV)

**PRELUDE**

*O Word of God Incarnate/ G. Krapf  
It Came upon the Midnight Clear (Hymn 200)/ arr. K. Varner*

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST**

THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Prophecy Candle  
Austin and Lisa Weaver

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

Leader: For unto us a child is born.

**People: Unto us a son is given.**

Leader: The government shall be upon His shoulders.

**People: And he shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**

IN PRAYER

**WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 208

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**People: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God;  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both  
the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;**

who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism  
for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Angels from the Realms of Glory  
O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

**WELCOME TO ALL**

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING  
WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD’S FACE**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*Manger Throne*  
vocalists: Josh & Katelyn Falk, Rachel Klein, Aviendha Myra

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-3 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not  
any thing made that was made.

John 1:14-18 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we  
have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and  
cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after  
me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> For from  
his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the  
law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through  
Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who  
is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

SERMON

***The Word Became Flesh***  
*Advent series: When God Came Near*  
Dr. David Kieffer

**WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP *Before the Throne of God Above*

***Please Note:*** An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED**

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **230**

*Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor*

\*WORDS OF PEACE Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face  
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his  
face toward you and give you peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE *O Blessed Emmanuel/ J. S. Bach*

**RPC Recital:** If you were unable to attend the recital on November 10, you can watch the video on our YouTube channel.

## Hymn Lyrics

### 208 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light:  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
very God, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
late in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*, Words attr. To John Francis Wade, Trad. by Frederick Oakeley, Music from John Francis Wade's Cantus Diversi ©Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell Thy people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, words and music public domain

***Angels from the Realms of Glory***

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King  
God is with us, even now His love is here.  
Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King  
God is with us, even now His love is here.  
His love is here!

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!*

***O Come Let Us Adore Him***

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

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***Before the Throne of God Above***

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The Risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God

I bow before the cross of Christ  
And marvel at this love divine  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
To make me righteous in God's eyes  
This river's depths I cannot know  
But I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low  
And poured on me His glorious love  
And poured on me His glorious love

**230 *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor***

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship thee.

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