



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 28, 2025
9:30 am Worship Service

Multiplying disciples one life at a time.

Today's Speaker: Josiah Weaver Ruling Elder

Worship Leader: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Isaiah 55:9-11 (ESV)

Leader: For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

People: So are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth,

People: Making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

Leader: So shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
People: **But it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 94 (vss. 1-3 & 6) *How Firm a Foundation*

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: **Dear Father in Heaven, we confess that we do
not listen to your Word as we should. We often
are quick to doubt your promises, and disobey
your commands. We have believed lies and not
listened to your truth. Forgive us for this great
sin and please renew our love for your holy
Word. Help us to rest in your promises and find
joy in your commands. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
turned—every one—to his own way; and
the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** Larger Catechism Question 155

Leader: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

People: **The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but espe-
cially the preaching of the Word, an effectual
means of enlightening, convincing, and hum-
bling sinners; of driving them out of themselves,
and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming
them to his image, and subduing them to his
will; of strengthening them against temptations
and corruptions; of building them up in grace,
and establishing their hearts in holiness and
comfort through faith unto salvation.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
The First Noel*

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 Holy Night*
Fred Thomas, Tom Nicholas, Josh Falk, Ed Voigt

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD
SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 (ESV)
SERMON *The Word of God*
Josiah Weaver

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**
HYMN OF RESPONSE **92** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
WORDS OF PEACE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

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.

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Go Tell It On the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn!

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born!

Go Tell It On The Mountain, An Old Negro Spiritual, Stanzas: John W. Work, Jr, CCLI# 79597

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Saviour pure virgin bright
to free all those who trust in Him from Satan’s power and might.”
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place
In Christian love and charity each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas reveals to us God’s grace
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

The First Noel

1 The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

3 And by the light of that same star
three wisemen came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay;
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel Noel, Born is the King of Israel

6 The first Noel earth and Heaven embraced
As a virgin beheld her newborn 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

7 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought
and with His blood our life hath bought
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

