



# The Judges of Israel

**the good, the bad and the ugly**

## **REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**February 16, 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:** Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

### **PRELUDE**

*10,000 Reasons/* arr. M. Hayes  
Laura Johnson

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Colossians 3:2-5 (ESV)

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 693

*Blessed Assurance*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Adapted from *Prone to Wander* (Duiguid) and Matt. 18:21-22

Leader: Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

All: **Heavenly Father, how often we fail to show the same grace and forgiveness to others that you have given us. We are swift to anger and slow to forgive. Yet, you are not like us. Even now, when we rebel against you, you freely forgive us all our sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Transform us by your Spirit so that we may forgive others from the heart, just as you have forgiven us. We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.**

**\*WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD’S GRACE**

Adapted Psalm 103:12-13

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

**\*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Westminster Assembly’s Shorter Catechism

*Leader asks the questions. Congregation reads answers together.*

Q.24 How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A.24 **Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.**

Q.25 How does Christ execute the office of priest?

A.25 **Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.**

Q.26 How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A.26 **Christ executes the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*My Hope Is in You  
God Be Merciful to Me  
Only a Holy God*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

*Congregation join:*

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be Your name.**

**Your Kingdom come.**

**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing/* arr. F. Lopez  
Kathleen Golias

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 8:4-32 (ESV)  
Rachel Vos, Reader

SERMON

***Gideon's Fall**  
The Judges of Israel: The good, the bad, and the ugly (Week 7 of 15)*  
Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Thy Mercy My God*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
(4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

## Song Lyrics

### **693 *Blessed Assurance***

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

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***My Hope Is in You***

I meet with You and my soul sings out  
As Your word throws doubt far away  
I sing to You and my heart cries, "Holy!"  
Hallelujah, Father, You're near

My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing, My hope is in You, Lord

I wait for You and my soul finds rest  
In my selfishness You show me grace  
I worship You and my heart cries "Glory!"  
Hallelujah, Father, You're here

My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing, My hope is in You, Lord

I will wait on You, You are my refuge  
I will wait on You, You are my refuge

My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
My hope is in You, Lord all the day long  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
The peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing, My hope is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord

***God Be Merciful***

God be merciful to me  
On Thy grace, I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou  
Blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me, make me pure within  
Cleanse, oh, cleanse me from my sin

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice  
And in gladness hear Thy voice  
From my sins, oh, hide Thy face  
Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew  
Make my spirit right and true  
Cast me not away from Thee  
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me  
Thy salvation's joy impart  
Steadfast make my willing heart

***Only A Holy God***

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God (repeat, interlude)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God (repeat, interlude)

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***Thy Mercy My God***

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive  
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground  
and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great father of mercies thy goodness I own  
and the covenant love of thy crucified son;  
all praise to the spirit whose whisper divine  
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

All praise to the spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!