



## **Reformed Presbyterian Church**

**9:30 am Worship Service**

**February 12, 2023**

**Reformed Presbyterian Church** exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

**TODAY'S SPEAKER:** Anthony Martin

Worship Leader: Jim Harris

Pianist: Janelle Labs

### **PRELUDE**

*I Love You, Lord/* arr. B. Krogstad

*Lead Me to Calvary/* arr. W. J. Kirkpatrick

◇A time of quiet preparation

Kathleen Golias, piano

### **WORDS OF GREETING**

### **WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Exodus 15:1b-3, 18 (ESV)

Leader: I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously.

People: **The horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.**

Leader: The LORD is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation.

People: **This is my God, and I will exalt him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

Leader: The LORD is a man of war, the LORD is his name.

People: The LORD will reign forever and ever.

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 94

*How Firm a Foundation*

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Psalm 121:1-8 (NIV)

Unison: I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*My Hope Is in You*

Leader: But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:8-10 (ESV)

*Battle Belongs to the Lord*

*Yet Not I, But through Christ in Me*

**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 *Haven of Rest/* arr. M. L. Van Gelderen

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 1:1-9 (ESV)

SERMON

***Be Strong and Courageous***

Anthony Martin

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **521** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Our church is currently searching for a new Pastor. In the meantime, our pulpit supply is being provided by guest ministers.*

Today's speaker: **Anthony Martin** completed an internship at RPC in 2022 and is a Ruling Elder.

## This week

Visit our website [www.ephratarpc.com](http://www.ephratarpc.com)  
for a detailed listing and complete schedule



Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Sunday school; Adult classes, 11:10 am
	8:00 pm	Youth return from Breakaway
Tues.	5:30 pm	Church Fellowship Night
	6:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:30 pm	Youth Group
Wed.	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study, at RPC
Thurs.	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study, at Alison Carzola's house
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat.	10:00 am	Ann Steen Funeral service, luncheon after service
	6:00 pm	RPC Game Night
Next Sun.	9:30 am	Worship Service, Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas will preach
	11:00 am	Sunday school; Adult classes, 11:10 am

## Family Matters for Prayer and Praise

**Ann Steen** died on Sunday January 29. A funeral service will be held on Sat., February 25 at 10:00 am. A luncheon will follow. All are invited to attend.

**Card Shower: Ralph Ransom** will be 98 years old on February 21. Cards can be sent to him Ralph Ransom, 100 N. State St., Apt 228, Ephrata, PA 17522.

**June Lehn** is at Maple Farms for rehab following knee replacement surgery and is fighting an infection.

**Ray Weigand** is home recovering from an infection and knee surgery. Ray and Shirley thank you for the continuing prayers!

**Matt Hildebrand** went to the Rothman Institute on January 23. Testing will continue for another few weeks.

Please continue to pray for **Bill Hazlett** as he struggles to recover from several health issues.

**Vernon Sweigart** is recovering from hip replacement surgery. He and Diana wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and calls.

## Announcements

**Kingdom Kids' Leader Needs:** Please consider filling one of the leader positions for our 2023 summer Kingdom Kids program! Leaders are needed to plan and oversee the following areas: Crafts, Snacks, Games, Bible Lessons, Decorations, Opening/Closing Ceremonies, and Overall Planning. Full descriptions of each of these leadership roles will be posted on the bulletin board across from the nursery entrance, starting Sunday Feb. 26. Leadership roles must be filled by the end of March for Kingdom Kids to proceed as planned this year. Contact Alycia Weaver ([children@ephrtarpc.com](mailto:children@ephrtarpc.com)) for more details or to sign up.

**2023 Directory:** If you are not a member of RPC, but wish to be included in the printed directory, please sign up in the narthex or contact the office.

Sign up for **Easter flowers** in the narthex. Tulips or daffodils cost \$7.00 per pot. Place cash or check in envelope provided and put in the offering plate.

**English as a Second Language:** RPC will be moving forward with offering an ESL classes to start in September through May, 2024, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. We already have a core group of committed individuals. Next meeting: March 1, 6:30 pm. Please pray: that God would use this outreach program for His glory, that we may bless all that attend and concerning how you might become involved in this outreach. Contact Rick Bernarduci with questions.

The deacons are piloting a visitation ministry called "**We Care.**" This effort will focus primarily on those members who are unable to attend regular worship services. Please pray for this ministry as it unfolds.

**RPC Work Day:** April 15, 8:00 am-12:00 pm. Mark your calendar. All ages and skill levels are welcome to come help to clean our building. Coffee and donuts will be provided.



*Supper for Six is back!*

Sign up in the narthex now to join a group to start in March. Contact a Hospitality Committee member for more details:  
Emily Rudy, Deb Felak, Kathleen Golias,  
Deb Leisey, Woody & Jan Long.



**RPC Game Night**

Saturday, February 25,  
6:00-9:00 pm

Friendly competition is the name of the game! Bring your favorite games from home, a snack to share, and join us for an evening of fun. All are welcome.



EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE  
**ewomen23**

Spooky Nook - September 29-30, 2023

Questions Contact:  
Tammy Bernarduci

Register by 3/17 for  
discount of \$59  
<https://bit.ly/ewomen23>

**abide**  
*in me*



 <b>Julie Clinton</b>	 <b>Rebekah Lyons</b>	 <b>Katherine Wolf</b>	 <b>Anne Beiler</b>	 <b>Laura Story</b>	 <b>Natalie Grant</b>	 <b>Mack Brock</b>
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## Song Lyrics

### ***94 How Firm a Foundation***

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.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

E'en down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temple adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

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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### ***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  
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***The Battle Belongs to the Lord***

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand  
The battle belongs to the Lord

And we sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord  
We sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
He's raised up a standard the pow'r of His blood  
The battle belongs to the Lord

And we sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord  
We sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord

When your enemy presses in hard do not fear  
The battle belongs to the Lord  
Take courage my friend your redemption is near  
The battle belongs to the Lord

And we sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord  
We sing glory honor  
Power and strength to the Lord

***Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me***

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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**521 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*, Words by Edward Mote, Music by William B. Bradbury

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## Scripture Reading

### Nehemiah 6 (ESV)

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant,  
<sup>2</sup>“Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.  
<sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”