



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: Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

PRELUDE

Allegretto/ G. Bohm

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (Hymn 520)/ arr. D. Bish

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

I Peter 1:3-9 (adapted from NIV)

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.**

Leader: In the meantime, through faith, you are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

People: In all of this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have been grieved by various trials.

Leader: These trials have come so that your faith, (more precious than gold that perishes when refined by fire) may be proved genuine, and may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

People: Though you have not seen him, you love him. And even though you do not see him now, you believe in him. And you are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Eden Weaver

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Who You Say I Am
He Will Hold Me Fast*

Leader: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my
shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my strong-
hold, my refuge and my Savior. II Sam. 22:2-3 (NIV)

Rock of Ages (Hymn 500)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(4 years old to 1st grade)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

Office of Deacon: Jeremy Labs

WORDS OF EXHORTATION

ORDINATION VOWS

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRONOUNCEMENT

PRAYER

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Come, Sound His Praise Abroad (Hymn 118) R. A. Matthews

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 4:1-11 (NIV)

SERMON

Pray, Love, Serve

Scripture Text: I Peter 4:7-11

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **55**

To God Be the Glory

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Rejoice in the Lord/ D. Wolford

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

Today's speaker: Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas. We welcome Pastor Tom back to our pulpit today. He retired as RPC's Senior Pastor in June, 2022.

Song Lyrics

38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Words by Walter Chalmers Smith, Music Traditional Welsh
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Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me, Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, Yes He died
for me

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen, Not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, Not against me, I am who You say I am

(Repeat)

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen, Not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, Not against me, I am who You say I am

(Repeat)

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, Yes I am
In my Father's house, There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Who You Say I Am, Words and music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding,
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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Rock of Ages (Hymn 500)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me, Words by Augustus M. Toplady, alt by Thomas Cotterill, Music by James Ward ©Music
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55 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
(Refrain)

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

Scripture Reading

I Peter 4:1-11 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. ² As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.