



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 22, 2026
9:30 am Worship Service

Multiplying disciples one life at a time.

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Sr. Pastor
Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder
Organist: Courtney Brooke
Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Voluntary in B Flat/ J. Battishill
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation/ H. Purcell

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 89:19-24 (ESV)

Leader: I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil
I have anointed him, so that my hand shall be
established...

People: **The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall
not humble him.**

Leader: I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

People: **My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 38 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (ESV)

**Unison: For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”**

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

WE RECEIVE A NEW MEMBER

Brennan Scott
Blest Be the Tie that Binds

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*My Hope Is In You
Holy Forever*

Reader: For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corin. 4:6 (ESV)

Amazing Love

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *Ancient Words/L. DeShazo*
DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
(ages 4–6 years old)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:13-34 (ESV)

¹³ And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" ¹⁵ But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

¹⁸ And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, ¹⁹ "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁰ There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. ²¹ And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. ²² And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. ²³ In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife."

²⁴ Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? ²⁵ For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. ²⁶ And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the

God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? ²⁷ He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

SERMON

Silencing Critics, Elucidating the Kingdom

The Gospel of Mark series
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **644**

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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 hymn melody,
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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

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!" To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions, All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all (*repeat*)

And the angels cry, "Holy!" All creation cries, "Holy!"
You are lifted high – Holy, Holy forever
Hear Your people sing, "Holy!"
To the King of Kings, "Holy!"
You will always be Holy - Holy forever
You will always be Holy - Holy forever

Amazing Love

My Lord what love is this
That pays so dearly
That I the guilty one
May go free

Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God giv'n for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live
That I might live
(That I might live)

And so they watched Him die
Despised rejected
But oh the blood He shed
Flowed for me

And now this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away
Live again

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644 *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, This is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me,
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

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