



# The Judges of Israel

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

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 12, 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:** Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

**Choir Director:** Rachel Klein

### PRELUDE

*Voluntary in A/ W. Selby*  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah/ arr. D. Hustad*

### WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 115:1-8 (ESV)

Leader: Not to us, Lord, not to us,  
But to Your name give glory,  
Because of Your mercy, because of Your truth.

**People:** <sup>2</sup> Why should the nations say,  
 “Where, then, is their God?”  
<sup>3</sup> But our God is in the heavens;  
 He does whatever He pleases.  
**Leader:** <sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold,  
 The work of human hands.  
<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  
 They have eyes, but they cannot see;  
**People:** <sup>6</sup> They have ears, but they cannot hear;  
 They have noses, but they cannot smell;  
<sup>7</sup> They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
 They have feet, but they cannot walk;  
**All:** <sup>8</sup> *Those who make them will become like them,  
 Everyone who trusts in them.*

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 642

*Be Thou My Vision*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: Immortal God, Your fingerprints in creation  
 are unmistakable for any willing to look. Your  
 eternal power and divine nature are evident in  
 your care for everything you have made. Yet we  
 confess we have not honored you as you deserve.  
 Instead, we have honored the idols of power,  
 control, wealth, and pleasure. Forgive us for the  
 sake of Jesus Christ who paid the price for our  
 idolatrous ways to restore us to you. Strengthen  
 us to love You, O LORD, more than anything or  
 anyone else. In Jesus name, Amen.

**\*GOD ASSURES US OF HIS GRACE**

1 John 1:7-9 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship  
 with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses  
 us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive  
 ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins,  
 he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us  
 from all unrighteousness.

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Come, People of the Risen King  
Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood  
This I Believe*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(ages 4–6 years old)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**MISSION MOMENT**

Dr. Tim Witmer

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Then Sings My Soul, How Great Thou Art/ M. McDonald*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 2:6-3:6 (ESV)

SERMON

**Israel's Destructive Cycle of Idolatry**

*The Judges of Israel: The good, the bad, and the ugly*

Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **679**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

\*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

### 642 *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be Thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r,  
raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Be Thou My Vision*, Words versified by Eleanor H. Hull, Music arr. by David Evans, ©Tune arr. from Revised Church Hymnary by permission of Oxford Univ. Press CCLI License 79597

## **Come, People of the Risen King**

Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

### **REFRAIN**

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands -  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing -  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all”

***Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood***

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.  
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.

Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,  
but from the far side of the chasm,  
You held me in your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,  
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.

There at the cross You paid the debt I owed.  
Broke my chains, freed my soul,  
For the first time I had hope.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,  
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.  
You were buried for three days,  
but then You walked right out again.

And now death has no sting and life has no end  
for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,  
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power of the blood,  
the blood  
that calls us sons and daughters.  
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood,  
the blood (repeat)

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.  
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.  
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,  
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

***This I Believe***

Our Father everlasting  
The all-creating One, God Almighty  
Through your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You

Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in One  
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***This I Believe*** cont.

I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection  
when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

*This I Believe (The Creed)*, Words and Music by Ben Fielding / Benjamin David Fielding /  
Matt Crocker / Matthew Philip Crocker



**679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His word;  
Just to rest upon His promise;  
Just to know, Thus saith the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er,  
Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me,  
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life, and rest, and joy, and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me,  
Wilt be with me to the end.

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