



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

January 8, 2023

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

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Dr. Tim Witmer
Worship Leader: Donn Youndt, Elder
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

PRELUDE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed!* arr. J. Hanson

A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD Psalm 95:6-7a (ESV)

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

Leader: For he is our God,

**People: And we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **38**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

FROM Psalm 34:18 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Let us admit our brokenness to God.

People: **O God, you are holy beyond all that we can think or imagine. You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness. You made us to be in your image in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness. And yet, so often we fail to be wise, righteous, and holy. Please forgive and restore us and through your Spirit conform us to the image of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Worship the King
House of the Lord
The Solid Rock*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
(4 years old to 1st grade)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 1 (ESV)

SERMON

Rebuilding...With Faith

Rebuilding for His Glory with Faith: A Study in Nehemiah

Dr. Tim Witmer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **354** *Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation*

*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
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Worship the King

O come to the place
Where the holy Child is laid
O come let us see
The new-born King
For He is our God
And greatly to be praised
Come let us worship the King

Come let us worship the King
Jesus the Savior is born
For the Lord will reign
Over all the earth
Come let us worship the King
Jesus the Savior is born
For the Lord is great
And greatly to be praised
Through all the earth
Let us worship the King

The Savior has come
Let all the nations sing
The mountains ring out
With angelic praise
The heavens rejoice
For the earth receives her King
Come let us worship the King

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House of the Lord

Verse 1:

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

Chorus:

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, We shout out Your praise

Verse 2:

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

Bridge:

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (2x)

Chorus 2x

We shout out Your praise
There is joy in the house, there is joy in the house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

The Solid Rock

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 ev'ry 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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354 Jesus Christ, Our Sure Foundation

Jesus Christ, our sure foundation,
he whose purpose stays the same,
building for himself a nation,
giving those he calls his name.
Praise we now and evermore, Jesus we adore!
God has giv'n to us salvation,
Jesus Christ has borne our blame.

Shepherd, Guardian, he who teaches,
on whose grace the church depends,
tending it through hist'ry's reaches,
and will keep it to the end.
Praise we now and evermore, Jesus we adore!
He who from the first did seek us,
Savior, Ruler, Guide, and Friend.

Jesus, come, your kingdom bringing,
how we long to see its sight!
Ev'ry saint, Christ's praises singing,
stands before th'eternal Light.
Praise we now and ever more, Jesus we adore!
Exaltation ever ringing, Christ, our King, return in might.

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 1

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, ² that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. ³ And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.”

⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said, “O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, ⁹ but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ ¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. ¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.