



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

January 14, 2024

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

Anthony Martin, a Ruling Elder, completed an internship at RPC in 2022.

Worship Leader: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee (Hymn 648)*/ arr. R. Parks
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Hymn 529)/ arr. G. Young

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Isaiah 40:3-8 (ESV)

Leader: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;**

Leader: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

People: All flesh is grass and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.

People: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 16 (vss 1-4) *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord*

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

All: Gracious Father, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we long for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are waves of the sea, but you are the anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Shout to the Lord
House of the Lord
Only a Holy God*

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/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

Hallelu! (Sing and Give Thanks), arr. P. Kern

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 1:1-10 (ESV)

SERMON

Meaningless, Meaningless?
Anthony Martin

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **705**

I Know Whom I Have Believed

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

16 *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord*

Come, let us sing unto the Lord,
New songs of praise with sweet accord;
For wonders great by Him are done;
His hand and arm have victory won.

The great salvation of our God
Is seen through all the earth abroad;
Before the heathen's wondering sight,
He has revealed His truth and right.

He called to mind His truth and grace
In promise made to Israel's race;
And unto earth's remotest bound,
Glad tidings of salvation sound.

All lands to God lift up your voice;
Sing praise to Him, with shouts rejoice;
With voice of joy and loud acclaim,
Let all unite and praise His Name.

Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord, Words from Psalm 98, Associate The
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Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, My Savior, Lord, there is none like You!
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.

My Comfort, My Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You!

Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name...I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

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Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have-

Oh, nothing compares to the promise I have-
Oh, nothing compares to the promise I have in You!

House of the Lord

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

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

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

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
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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

House of the Lord cont.

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Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God (repeat, interlude)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God (repeat, interlude)

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705 *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he has made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.
But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his Word wrought peace within my heart.
But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him.
But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not what of good or ill, may be reserved for me,
of weary ways or golden days, before his face I see.
But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,
nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."
But "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able
to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day."

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:1-10 (ESV)

¹ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ² Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ³ What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? ⁴ A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. ⁵ The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. ⁶ The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. ⁷ All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. ⁸ All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹ What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. ¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us.