



## Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

January 22, 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: Chuck Felak, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

### PRELUDE

*O for a Thousand Tongues/* arr. M. Bober

*Be Thou My Vision/* arr. M. Bober

☐ A time of quiet preparation

Janelle Labs, piano

### WORDS OF GREETING

### WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 33:1-5 (ESV)

Leader: Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

Leader: Make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

**Leader:** For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

**People:** **He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 347

*The Church's One Foundation*

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**Leader:** Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Sadly, sin still lives in our lives. Let us acknowledge our disobedience, and return to the Lord with penitence and faith.

**People:** **Have mercy on us, most merciful Father. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that from this time forward we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Great Things  
Firm Foundation  
Christ Our Glory*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

(4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Hymnal Choir

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (hymn 629)/ C.Converse

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 3 (ESV)

SERMON *Rebuilding for His Glory...With Unity*  
**Rebuilding for His Glory: A Study of the Book of Nehemiah**  
 Dr. Tim Witmer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 642

*Be Thou My Vision*

## \*WORDS OF PEACE

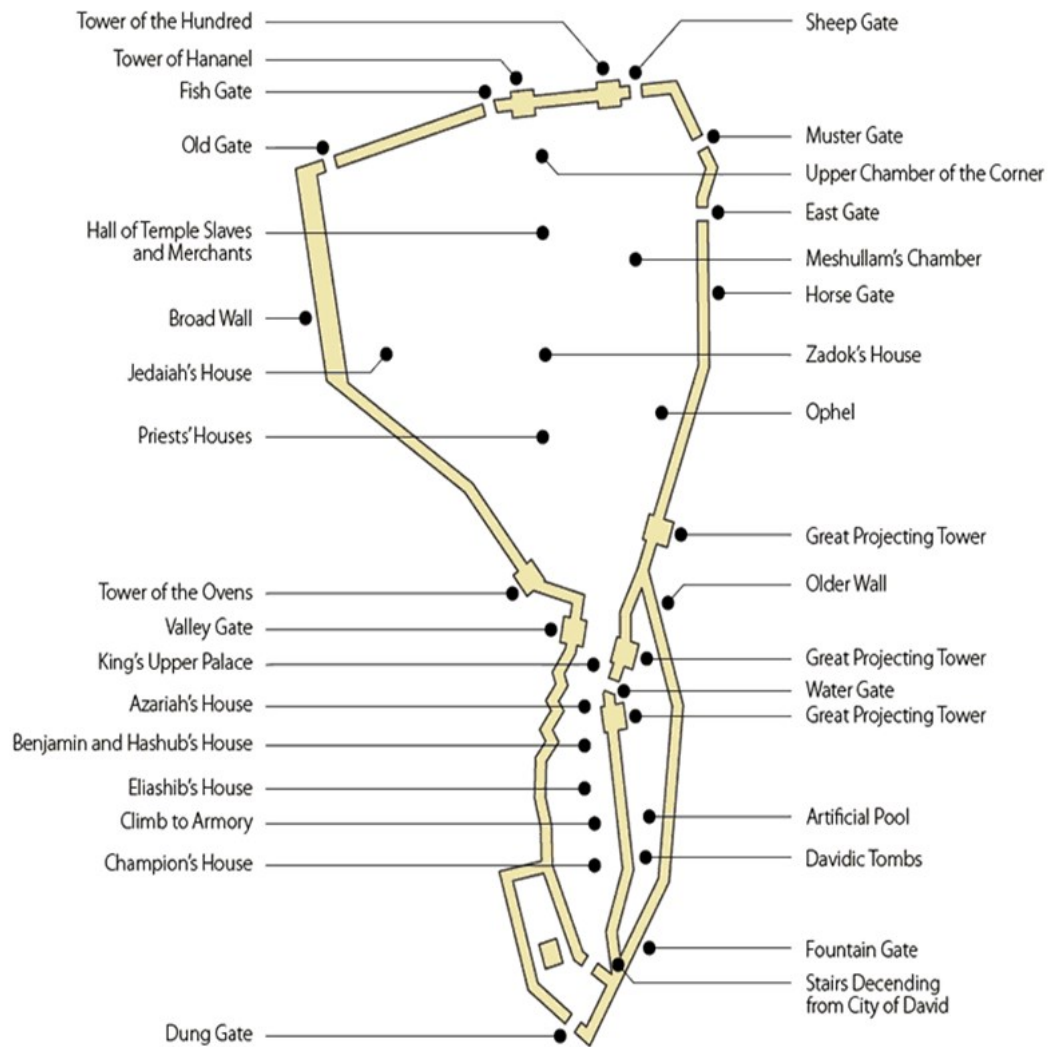
## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

(4 years through 5th grade)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

## Jerusalem's Wall in Nehemiah's Day



### Upcoming in the series: "REBUILDING FOR HIS GLORY"

#### *A Study of the Book of Nehemiah*

Jan. 29	Nehemiah 4	"...With Courage"
Feb. 5	Nehemiah 5	"...With Compassion"
Feb. 12	Nehemiah 6-7	"...With Perseverance"

## Song Lyrics

### *347The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the Word.  
from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation, of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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### ***Great Things***

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things He has done great things  
Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things  
You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"  
You will do great things God, You do great things  
Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things  
Hallelujah God, above it all Hallelujah God, unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things Hallelujah God, above it all  
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Oh God, You have done great things  
You have done great things Oh God, You do great things

## ***Firm Foundation***

### Chorus

Jesus You're my firm foundation  
I know I can stand secure  
Jesus You're my firm foundation  
I put my hope in Your holy Word  
I put my hope in Your holy Word

### Verse 1

Men: I have a living hope (women echo)  
I have a future (ECHO)  
God has a plan for me (ECHO)  
Of this I'm sure  
  
of this I'm sure

### Verse 2

Your Word is faithful (ECHO)  
Mighty in power (ECHO)  
God will deliver me (ECHO)  
Of this I'm sure  
  
of this I'm sure

*Firm Foundation*, Words and Music by Jamie Harvill | Nancy Gordon

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### ***Christ Our Glory***

Our rest is in heaven; our rest is not here  
Then why should we tremble when trials draw near?  
Be still and remember Christ carries our pain  
He shares in our suffering -through Him hope will reign

Christ our glory, Christ our hope  
Christ our King forevermore  
Our Savior's in heaven; He rules from His throne,  
And cares for the people He chose as His own

#### **Verse 2**

No hours should be wasted on seeking our joy  
And placing our hope in what will be destroyed  
We look for a city that hands have not raised  
We long for a country that sin has not stained

#### **Chorus 2**

Christ our glory, Christ our hope  
Christ our King forevermore  
We look for a city that hands have not raised  
We long for a country that sin has not stained

#### **Verse 3**

Though trouble and anguish increase all the more  
They cannot compare to the glory in store  
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls  
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

#### **Chorus 3**

Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore  
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore  
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore  
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls  
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

**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.

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## Scripture Reading

### Nehemiah 3 (ESV)

Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They consecrated it and set its doors. They consecrated it as far as the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Tower of Hananel.<sup>2</sup> And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

<sup>3</sup> The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.<sup>4</sup> And next to them Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired. And next to them Meshullam the son of Berechiah, son of Meshezabel repaired. And next to them Zadok the son of Baana repaired.<sup>5</sup> And next to them the Tekoites repaired, but their nobles would not stoop to serve their Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Gate of Yeshanah. They laid its beams and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.<sup>7</sup> And next to them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, the seat of the governor of the province Beyond the River.<sup>8</sup> Next to them Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths, repaired. Next to him Haniah, one of the perfumers, repaired, and they restored Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.<sup>9</sup> Next to them Rephaiah the son of Hur, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired.<sup>10</sup> Next to them Jedaiah the son of Harumaph repaired opposite his house. And next to him Hattush the son of Hashabneiah repaired.<sup>11</sup> Malchijah the son of Harim and Hasshub the son of Pahath-moab repaired another section and the Tower of the Ovens.<sup>12</sup> Next to him Shallum the son of Hallohesh, ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, repaired, he and his daughters.

<sup>13</sup> Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and repaired a thousand cubits of the wall, as far as the Dung Gate.

<sup>14</sup> Malchijah the son of Rechab, ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired the Dung Gate. He rebuilt it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars.

<sup>15</sup> And Shallum the son of Col-hozeh, ruler of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate. He rebuilt it and covered it and set its doors, its bolts, and its bars. And he built the wall of the Pool of

Shelah of the king's garden, as far as the stairs that go down from the city of David.<sup>16</sup> After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, repaired to a point opposite the tombs of David, as far as the artificial pool, and as far as the house of the mighty men.<sup>17</sup> After him the Levites repaired: Rehum the son of Bani. Next to him Hashabiah, ruler of half the district of Keilah, repaired for his district.<sup>18</sup> After him their brothers repaired: Bavvai the son of Henadad, ruler of half the district of Keilah.<sup>19</sup> Next to him Ezer the son of Jeshua, ruler of Mizpah, repaired another section opposite the ascent to the armory at the buttress.<sup>20</sup> After him Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section from the buttress to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest.<sup>21</sup> After him Meremoth the son of Uriah, son of Hakkoz repaired another section from the door of the house of Eliashib to the end of the house of Eliashib.<sup>22</sup> After him the priests, the men of the surrounding area, repaired.<sup>23</sup> After them Benjamin and Hasshub repaired opposite their house. After them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, son of Ananiah repaired beside his own house.<sup>24</sup> After him Binnui the son of Henadad repaired another section, from the house of Azariah to the buttress and to the corner.<sup>25</sup> Palal the son of Uzai repaired opposite the buttress and the tower projecting from the upper house of the king at the court of the guard. After him Pedaiah the son of Parosh<sup>26</sup> and the temple servants living on Ophel repaired to a point opposite the Water Gate on the east and the projecting tower.<sup>27</sup> After him the Tekoites repaired another section opposite the great projecting tower as far as the wall of Ophel.

<sup>28</sup> Above the Horse Gate the priests repaired, each one opposite his own house.<sup>29</sup> After them Zadok the son of Immer repaired opposite his own house. After him Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired.<sup>30</sup> After him Hananiah the son of Shelemiah and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph repaired another section. After him Meshullam the son of Berechiah repaired opposite his chamber.<sup>31</sup> After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, repaired as far as the house of the temple servants and of the merchants, opposite the Muster Gate, and to the upper chamber of the corner.<sup>32</sup> And between the upper chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.