



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

January 28, 2024

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

Today's speaker: Rev. Richard Smith, RUF-I Campus Minister at Pennsylvania State University

Worship Leader: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

Organist: Courtney Brooke; Pianist: Janelle Labs

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd/He Leadeth Me/* arr. F. Lopez
 I Will Arise and Go to Jesus/ arr. M. Hayes

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 67:1-5 (ESV)

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: **And make his face shine on us—**

Leader: So that your ways may be known on earth,

People: **Your salvation among all nations.**

Leader: May the peoples praise you, God;

People: May all the peoples praise you.

Leader: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: For you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

Leader: May the peoples praise you, our God;

People: May all the peoples praise you!

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 441

Jesus Shall Reign

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: We have been commanded to share God's love with our neighbors, our community, and the world but we are often near-sighted and focused exclusively on our own concerns. Let us ask for God's forgiveness and for eyes to see the needy world around us.

People: Dear Lord of the harvest, we ask you to forgive us for failing to see that the fields are white for the harvest. Please open our eyes, our hearts, and our mouths to share the Good News as you give us opportunity. Please fill us with your Holy Spirit to have the courage and the words to offer the gift of eternal life to others. Amen.

Leader: Dear believers, the Lord forgives all who come in repentance and humility and he promises that, in the mystery of his sovereign plan, he will use you to reach others for his glory.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Come, People of the Risen King
10,000 Reasons*

Reader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalm 139:7-10 (NIV)
He Will Hold Me Fast

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

MISSIONS MOMENT Rev. Richard Smith, RUF Penn State International

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY *Praise the Everlasting King!*/L. Larson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 14:8-23 (ESV)

SERMON

The Gospel and Cultural Confusion

Rev. Richard Smith

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **444** *O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling*

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Song Lyrics

441 *Jesus Shall Reign*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!

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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”

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10,000 Reasons

**Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

**The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

**You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind**

**For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come**

**Still, my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more**

**Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name**

**Bless the Lord, oh my soul
Oh my soul, Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name
Worship your holy name
Lord, I'll worship your holy name**

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He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

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444 *O Zion, Haste, Your Mission High Fulfilling*

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying,
bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,
with none to tell them of the Savior's dying,
or of the life he died for them to win.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love:
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
and died on earth that man might live above.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;
and all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Scripture Reading

Acts 14:8-23 (ESV)

⁸ Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.