



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
July 20, 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

PRELUDE

Larghetto/ J. Leclair
My Heart Ever Faithful/ J. S. Bach
Janelle Labs, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Malachi 3:1 (ESV)

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 195

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Psalm 40:11-13 (ESV)

Unison: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!

***WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S GRACE**

1 John 1:8-9 (ESV)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 17, 20 & 21

Leader: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

People: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Leader: Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

People: God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer

Leader: Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

People: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*House of the Lord
How Great Is Our God
Echo Holy*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS
OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

The Commission
Lydia Crowther

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-15 (ESV)

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,

³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

SERMON

Introducing the Son of God
The Gospel of Mark series
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **498**

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

SONG LYRICS

195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Joy to the world, The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come, Words by Isaac Watts, Music by George Frederick Handel, arr. by Lowell Mason ©Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

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
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

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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How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great
How great is our God

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see how great
How great is our God

Echo Holy

Gathered at the highest throne, Welcomed by a melody
an anthem I have always known, a song that's always been in me

All glory and honor, dominion and power to You

A million angels fall face down on the floor
All to echo, "Holy is the Lord."

My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."

Memorized by every heart, written in eternity
Every lifted voice a part joining in the symphony

All glory and honor, dominion and power to You
All wisdom and wonder belong to no other but You

A million angels fall face down on the floor
All to echo, "Holy is the Lord."

My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."
forever echo, "Holy is the Lord."

Standing at the end of time, There before the throne of grace
Majesty before my eyes, I'll let it take my breath away

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All to echo, "Holy is the Lord."

My heart can't help but sing with all of heaven roar
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498 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
he, my pilot, hears my cry.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive him,
more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
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