



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 23, 2024

9:30 am

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

Today's Speaker: Chris Peter, RUF minister at Millersville University
Worship Leader: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

PRELUDE

Seek Ye First/ arr. C. Tornquist

Moments in Prayer/ A. Giamanco

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Kathleen Golias, piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 145:8-13 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

People: **slow to anger and rich in love.**

Leader: The Lord is good to all;

People: **he has compassion on all he has made.**

Leader: All your works praise you, Lord;

People: **your faithful people extol you.**

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom

People: and speak of your might,

Leader: so that all people may know of your mighty acts

People: and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

People: and your dominion endures through all generations.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 100

Holy, Holy Holy!

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: As we come before our holy God, we remember that, though forgiven, we still fall short of His standard. Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

People: God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The prophet Isaiah writes, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." In Christ you are washed as white as snow. Thanks be to God!

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Cornerstone
Build My Life*

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 (*Congregation join when indicated*)

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Rachel and Camille Klein, Joe Interrante

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 55 (ESV)

SERMON

Trusting the Trustworthy One

Rev. Chris Peter

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **441**

Jesus Shall Reign

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

The Celebration of Life/ G. Davidson

Today's Speaker: Chris Peter. Chris serves as the campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Millersville University. He is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte. He and his wife Kelsey have been serving at Millersville since June of 2021. They have two lovely daughters, Elliana (2 years old) and Emmaline (2 months old).

We are pleased to announce that Dr. David Kieffer has been called by our congregation to serve as the next Pastor of RPC. The terms of call will be approved by the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery of the PCA on May 18. He will begin his ministry here on August 13. In the meantime, Dr. Tim Witmer will continue as our interim pastor. Pastor Tim's email is tim@ephratarpc.com, and his phone number is 610-733-1659.

Announcements:



Summer Fellowship Hour will follow the worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in July, and August. We need folks to supply snacks and to assist with setup and cleanup. *Cleanup help is especially needed!!* To sign up, please see Emily Rudy or use your smartphone camera to scan this QR code.



Kingdom Kids Camera Need: We are looking to borrow a polaroid or instant camera for the kingdom kids season. We will have a volunteer dressed as a detective taking photos for our photo wall throughout the evening. If you have one you would like to donate for the season, we'd use it well and return it to you after the July 31st parents night program. Thank you.

Breeze Glitch: We've noticed that more people are not receiving emails sent through Breeze. Please contact Debi in the church office if you are not receiving church emails such as the Friday Zoom link and bulletin or the prayer updates.

To all current **RPC Small Group** participants and leaders: The Pastoral Care Committee would like to speak with you concerning the vision and purpose behind our small group ministry here at RPC. We will be hosting a meeting 11:10-11:30 on June 16 and June 30 on the 3rd floor. Everyone who is currently in a small group is encouraged to attend on either meeting date. Please join us as we look to the future of small group ministry here at RPC.

Upcoming Events in June:

- June 18:** **Kid's Summer Park series**, 10:00 am, at Grater Park
 and **Youth Ice Cream Social**, at Oregon Dairy, 6:30 pm
 and **Prayer Meeting**, 6:45 pm
- June 19:** **Kingdom Kids**, 5:30 pm
- June 23:** **Youth Financial Literacy Class 1:** Money 101, after the worship
 service. Lunch provided.
 Young Adult Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- June 25:** **Kid's Summer Park series** swim at Falk's pool
- June 26:** **Kingdom Kids**, 5:30 pm
- June 29:** **Evangelism Explosion Training Event**, 9:30 am-1:00 pm
- June 30:** **Hymnal Choir**, Rehearsal in the sanctuary, 8:45 am

This week

Visit our website www.ephrtarpc.com
for a detailed listing and complete schedule



Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Fellowship Hour
		Youth Financial Literacy Class/lunch included
	7:00 pm	Young Adults Bible Study
Monday		Church Office closed Monday
Tuesday	10:00 am	Kids' Summer Park Series, Swim at Falk's pool
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Kingdom Kids, dinner at 5:30 pm
Saturday	9:30 am	Evangelism Explosion Training Event
Next Sun.	8:45 am	Hymnal Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Worship Service

Family Matters for Prayer and Praise

Update on **David Vos**: The second amputation surgery was completed last week. Pray for healing and continue to keep David, Rachel and Marilyn in your prayers.

Christine Thomas is undergoing more testing and additional radiation treatments soon. Fred and Chris hope to get a plan for next steps in treatment after test results are evaluated. Thank you for the prayers and cards.

Sara Johnson is recovering from recent knee replacement surgery.

Deb Mroz underwent surgery for kidney stones on Wednesday. **Peter Mroz** will start another round of chemo therapy on July 1.

Pray for the Lord's comfort for **Kathy (Hildebrand) Rutter** and **Matt Hildebrand** whose brother (Jim) passed away suddenly last week. *Thank you* from Kathy and Rusty for the cards, prayers and condolences.

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Kingdom Kids: We had a great first night! Please continue to pray for all the children attending and our many volunteers. Registration is still open so you may still register your children and invite your neighbors.

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- July 1-5:** The church office will be closed the entire week of July 4
- July 2:** **Kids' Summer Park series** at Lititz Springs Park, 10:00 am
 Prayer Meeting, 6:45 pm
- July 3:** **Ladies' Fellowship Lunch**, at Udder Choice, 11:30 am
- July 5:** **Choir Campfire**, at Klein's house, 7:00 pm

LEARN TO SHARE *THE GOSPEL* EASILY AND EFFECTIVELY

Evangelism Training Event



Evangelism
Explosion

this Saturday, 9:30 am

Rev. Shibu Oommen (PCA Ordained Pastor and Evangelism Explosion Tri-State Coordinator) along with 14 EE trained students and chaperones, will be at RPC on **Saturday, June 29** to lead an **Evangelism Event in Ephrata** from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. RPC is hosting this event and all are welcome and encouraged to come and share the Good News to those in our community and invite them to our church. No EE training is required. You can just shadow Shibu, the students and their chaperones to see how it is done.

This is a great opportunity to see firsthand EE in action before Shibu comes back to RPC on Oct 5th to do a full EE training session for free (more details on this at a later date). Free lunch will be provided. Please fill in the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you will be coming on June 29.

Please see Kevin Tiemann or Roger Kimber with questions.

Song Lyrics

100 *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky,
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name x2

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all x2

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You

Holy there is no one like You, There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart, And lead me in Your love to those around me

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Holy, there is no one like You, There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart, And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love, It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone, And I will not be shaken
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Holy there is no one like You, There is none beside You
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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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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 55 (ESV)

Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!² Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,³ because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked. For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.⁴ My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

⁵ Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

⁶ And I say, “Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;⁷ yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;

⁸ I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest.”

⁹ Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongues; for I see violence and strife in the city.¹⁰ Day and night they go around it on its walls, and iniquity and trouble are within it; ¹¹ ruin is in its midst; oppression and fraud do not depart from its marketplace.

¹² For it is not an enemy who taunts me— then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him. ¹³ But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

¹⁴ We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. ¹⁵ Let death steal over them; let them go down to Sheol alive; for evil is in their dwelling place and in their heart.

¹⁶ But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.¹⁷ Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice.

¹⁸ He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.¹⁹ God will give ear and humble them, he who is enthroned from of old, because they do not change and do not fear God.

²⁰ My companion stretched out his hand against his friends; he violated his covenant.²¹ His speech was smooth as butter, yet war was in his heart; his words were softer than oil, yet they were drawn swords.

²² Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

²³ But you, O God, will cast them down into the pit of destruction; men of blood and treachery shall not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.