



9:30 am Worship Service
March 17, 2024

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

Today's speaker: Anthony Martin, Ruling Elder, completed an internship at RPC in 2022.

Worship Leader: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor; Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

I Heard the Voice Jesus Say/ arr. L. Larson
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above/ arr. F. Lopez
Kathleen Golias, Piano

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 37:1-6 (ESV)

Leader: Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!

People: **For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

People: **Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

People: **He will bring forth your righteousness as the
light, and your justice as the noonday.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 168 (omit vs. 3)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Unison: **O Lord, You who are merciful, take away my sins
from me and enkindle within me the fire of Your
Holy Spirit. Take away this heart of stone from me
and give me a heart of flesh and blood, a heart to
love and adore You, a heart which may delight in
You, love You, and please You, for Christ's sake.
Amen.**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Wonderful Grace of Jesus (Hymn 467)

Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood

Leader: We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will
never die again; death no longer has dominion over
him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must
consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in
Christ Jesus.

Rom. 6:9-11 (ESV)

O Praise the Name

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/ OFFERTORY

HYMNAL CHOIR *Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise (Hymn 62)*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1 (ESV)

Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the
wicked,

People: Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Leader: But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

People: And on his law he meditates day and night.

Leader: He is like a tree, planted by streams of water,

People: That yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

Leader: In all that he does, he prospers.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

People: Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Leader: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

People: But the way of the wicked shall perish.

SERMON

Like a Tree

To God Be the Glory, from the Psalms series

Anthony Martin

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **94** (omit vs. 5)

How Firm a Foundation

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

A Song of Praise/ L. Smith

Song Lyrics

168 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet Thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
Reigning omnipotent in every place;
So come, O King, and our whole being sway;
Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
No harshness hast Thou and no bitterness;
make us to taste the sweet grace found in Thee
and ever stay in Thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

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467 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain:

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All-sufficient grace for even me!
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, Praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching a mighty host,
By it I have been pardoned, Saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, Making him God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven For all eternity—
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood

I was a wretch; I remember who I was.
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time.

Sin separated, the breach was far too wide,
but from the far side of the chasm,
You held me in your sight.

So You made a way across the great divide,
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside.

There at the cross You paid the debt I owed.
Broke my chains, freed my soul,
For the first time I had hope.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.
You were buried for three days,
but then You walked right out again.

And now death has no sting and life has no end
for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power of the blood,
the blood
that calls us sons and daughters.
We are ransomed by our Father through the blood,
the blood (repeat)

Thank you, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank you, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank you, Jesus, You have saved my life,
brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet My
Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

94 How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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