



The Judges of Israel

the good, the bad and the ugly

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9, 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: Anthony Martin, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Air/ G. F. Handel

All Things Bright and Beautiful/ arr. G. Young

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 32:8-11 (ESV)

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

People: **Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.**

Leader: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

People: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 55

To God Be the Glory

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

adapted from “Stubborn Blindness” by Duiguid

Unison: O Lord, Our God. We are stubborn, blind people who repeatedly and willfully stray from you. Some of us are emotionally unaffected by our rebellion. We repeat words of confession out of duty or habit, but rarely out of a deep awareness of our need and helpless state. Others of us are so undone by our habitual failures that we can barely look up to you for help. We speak words of confession with a sense of hopelessness but seldom with the confidence that you love us and invite us into the blessings of repentance and faith. Loving Father, create in us clean hearts that are truly broken for our remaining struggles with sin yet utterly confident that your love for us, in Christ, is more than enough to reach the worst sinner with your amazing grace and transforming power. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

***WE FIND ASSURANCE IN GOD’S GRACE**

Lamentations 3: 21-23 (ESV)

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Battle Belongs
Christ Our Glory
Turn Your Eyes*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (ages 4–6 years old)

*Children's Worship Notes are available at the back of the sanctuary
for children who have graduated from Children's Worship.*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

HYMNAL CHOIR **559**

Father I Know That All My Life

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 10:1-12:7 (ESV)

Donn Youndt, Reader

SERMON

The Minor Judges (Tola and Jair) and Jephthah

The Judges of Israel: The good, the bad, and the ugly (Week 9 of 15)

Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **562**

All to Jesus I Surrender

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation/ arr. R. Hughes

Adult Sunday School Class: Foundations 102: Discipleship in Room 212

In the Great Commission, Jesus calls everyone who follows him to make disciples. At RPC, we strive to make disciples Jesus' way. His approach required loving patience, relational wisdom, and personal sacrifice. His style was relational not bureaucratic, personal not individualistic, intentional not inflexible, intimate not comfortable, and effective not efficient. After Jesus' ascension, he continues His redemptive work through His corporate body, the church, which is unified in one Spirit, and called to one mission -- the growth of His Kingdom. This class will equip you to make disciples as you strive hard to live as a disciple.

Books and materials cost: \$15. Couples may share. Scholarships are available.

I Corinthians class will continue on the 3rd floor.

Snacks will be served on the 3rd floor for both adult classes.

**All adult Sunday school attendees are welcome to come upstairs
to pick up coffee and snacks to take to your class location.**

Song Lyrics

55 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now , For I am safe with You
So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees with my hands lifted high
O God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet, I'll sing through the night
O God, the battle belongs to You
And if You are for me
who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb
So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees, with my hands lifted high
O God, the battle belongs to You, And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night, O God, the battle belongs to You
An Almighty Fortress , You go before us,
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadows, You win every battle
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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

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

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

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

Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
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Turn Your Eyes

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embrace
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone

Jesus to You we lift our eyes, Jesus our glory and our prize
We adore You behold You our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

Oh Jesus we turn our eyes to You

562 All to Jesus I Surrender

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
may I ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
humbly at His feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me Jesus, take me now
I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
may Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
may I know Thy power divine.
I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.