



Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

November 12, 2023

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

Today's speaker: Dr. Tim Witmer, Interim Pastor

Worship Leader: Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

*Melodia da Chiesa/ G. F. Handel
My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Hymn 528) / arr. F. Ritter*

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 111 (ESV)

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

People: **In the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord,

People: **Studied by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

People: **And his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him;

People: He remembers his covenant forever.

Leader: He has shown his people the power of his works,

People: In giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

People: All his precepts are trustworthy;

Leader: They are established forever and ever,

People: To be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is his name!

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: His praise endures forever.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **88** *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring*

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: God's word says, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." Let us come before him in humility and confess that we often have anxiety because we fail to put our trust in him.

People: Almighty God, you are our anchor in the turbulence of life. You are our hope in times of despair. You are our peace when we are surrounded by trouble. Please forgive us for focusing on our circumstances instead of bringing them to you. Help us to remember your faithfulness and to believe your promises which are "Yes and Amen in Christ Jesus" in whose name we pray. Amen.

Leader: Dear believer, not only does God forgive your sins through Christ, but he promises that he will never leave you or forsake you in your times of trouble. May peace reign in your hearts as you rest in him.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*Hallelujah for the Cross
For the Lord Our God Reigns
Only a Holy God*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
(4 years old to 1st grade)
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

MISSION MOMENT Phil & Hannah Weaver, DRAMA Ministry

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

HYMNAL CHOIR *It Is Well with My Soul* (Hymn 691)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:6-8 (NIV)

SERMON

Think About Whatever is Admirable, Excellent, and Praiseworthy
What to Think About Instead of Worrying
Dr. Tim Witmer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **338**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord of All Creation/ G. Sewell

Song Lyrics

88 *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring*

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,
Before the great Thy praise I sing;
I worship in Thy holy place
And praise Thee for Thy truth and grace;
For truth and grace together shine
In Thy most holy Word divine.

I cried to Thee and Thou didst save,
Thy Word of grace new courage gave;
The kings of earth shall thank Thee, Lord,
For they have heard Thy wondrous Word;
Yea, they shall come with songs of praise,
For great and glorious are Thy ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,
Thou reignest in the heav'nly height;
The proud in vain Thy favor seek,
But Thou hast mercy for the meek;
Through trouble though my pathway be,
Thou wilt retrieve and strengthen me.

Thou wilt stretch forth Thy mighty arm
To save me when my foes alarm;
The work Thou hast for me begun
Shall by Thy grace be fully done;
Forever mercy dwells with Thee;
O Lord, my Maker, think on me.

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Hallelujah for the Cross

Up to the hill of Calvary My Savior went courageously
And there He bled and died for me
Hallelujah for the cross...
And on that day the world was changed
A final perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim: "Hallelujah for the cross!"

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross!

What good I've done could never save
My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior made a way Hallelujah for the cross...
A slave to sin my life was bound
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down Hallelujah for the cross!

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross!

Instrumental

And when I breathe my final breath
I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me into death: Hallelujah for the cross!

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross!

Hallelujah for the war He fought
Love has won, death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought Hallelujah for the cross...
Hallelujah for the cross... Hallelujah for the cross!

For the Lord Our God Reigns

Let the earth and heaven rejoice
For the Lord our God reigns
Every child of God lift your voice
For the Lord our God reigns

Jesus Emmanuel
He has set us free
Hopeless souls redeemed to tell
For the Lord our God reigns
For the Lord our God reigns

Every heart be filled with His light
For the Lord our God reigns
All the hopeless dance with delight
For the Lord our God reigns

Jesus Emmanuel
He has set us free
Hopeless souls redeemed to tell
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For the Lord our God reigns
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Let the earth and heaven rejoice
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For the Lord our God reigns

Jesus Emmanuel
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Hopeless souls redeemed to tell
For the Lord our God reigns (*Repeat 4x*)

Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him, The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God, Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

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338 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King?
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see thy cross—there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:6-8 (NIV)

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.