

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH November 24, 2024 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: Donn Youndt, Ruling Elder Organist: Courtney Brooke Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

Enter His Courts with Praise/ A. Mason *We Gather Together* (Hymn 363)/ arr. G. Young

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD Isaiah 59:15-18 (NIV) ¹⁵ Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes

a prey. The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice. ¹⁶ He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. ¹⁷ He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

¹⁸ According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes;

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 571

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Romans 7:18-23 (ESV)

- Leader: For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.
 People: For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.
- Leader: Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.
- **<u>People</u>**: For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.
- Leader: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
- People: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Battle Belongs Made Me Glad 10,000 Reasons

WE THANK OUR GOD

Thanksgiving and prayer for our retiring Children's Ministry Director, Alycia Weaver

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (ages 4–6 years old) CONGREGATIONAL GREETING WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY We Praise You, Oh God, Our Redeemer/ L. Larson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-24 (ESV) ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

²¹ So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. ²² I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

SERMON

The Battle of the Church

(14 of 14 in the series) Ephesians: Seeing The Church Through God's Eyes Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE572Onward, Christian Soldiers*WORDS OF PEACEDISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOLHOUR (4 years through 5th grade)ANNOUNCEMENTSPOSTLUDEFor the Beauty of the Earth/ arr. R. Unfried

Hymn Lyrics

572 Onward, Christian Soldiers

1 Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before: Christ the royal Master leads against the foe; forward into battle, see, his banners go.

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2 At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee; on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory: hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

3 Like a mighty army moves the church of God; brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; we are not divided, all one body we, one in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

4 Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain; gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

5 Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, blend with ours your voices in the triumph song; glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King; this through countless ages men and angels sing.

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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 Nothing can stand against the power of our God

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Made Me Glad

I will bless the Lord forever. I will trust him at all times. He has delivered me from all fear. He has set my feet upon a rock,

And I will not be moved. And I'll say of the Lord: You are my shield, My strength, my portion, Deliverer, My shelter, strong tower, My very present help in time of need.

I will bless the Lord forever. I will trust him at all times. Whom have I in heaven but you? There's none I desire beside you, And you have made me glad. And I'll say of the Lord: You are my shield, My strength, my portion, Deliverer, My shelter, strong tower, My very present help. You are my shield, My strength, my portion, Deliverer, My shelter, strong tower, My shelter, strong tower, My very present help in time of need.

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10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship his holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning It's time to sing your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, oh my soul Oh my soul Worship his holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger Your name is great and your heart is kind

For all your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship his holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come

Still, my soul will sing your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forever more

Bless the Lord, oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship his holy name Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

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