



## Reformed Presbyterian Church

9:30 am Worship Service

November 26, 2023

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

**Today's speaker:** Rev. Keith Irvine

Worship Leader: Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

**PRELUDE**                 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!* arr. M. White

*My Tribute!* arr. F. Bock

◊ A time of quiet preparation

Kathleen Golias, piano

**WORDS OF GREETING**

Dr. Tim Witmer

**WE APPROACH GOD**

Kevin Tiemann

IN WORD

Psalm 100 (ESV)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: **It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving

People: **And his courts with praise;**

Leader: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 98

*Now Thank We All Our God*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: During these days of thanksgiving we acknowledge that we are often forgetful and ungrateful for all that the Lord has done for us. Let us ask the Lord to forgive us for our ingratitude.

People: **Dear Father in heaven, you are the giver of every good gift. You have given us life and eternal life through faith in Jesus. Please forgive us for failing to thank you for every day of life, for the food we eat and for the homes in which we live. Above all, forgive us for failing to be grateful for the forgiveness of our sins, the assurance of eternal life, and all the blessings that come through your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Leader: Dear believer, rejoice with the Psalmist that the Lord “forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” Thanks be to God!

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*This I Believe  
Romans 11 (Doxology)  
Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

**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 HYMN 130

*Showers of Blessing*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

*Ezekiel's Prediction of the Good Shepherd*

Rev. Keith Irvine

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **87** *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

We welcome **Rev. Keith Irvine** back to our pulpit today. Keith and Becky Irvine were long-time members at RPC. Keith joined the Westminster Presbyterian Church staff as an Associate Pastor in 2007 and retired in 2021. They have three married children and ten grandchildren: Matt and Jenn Irvine, Josh and Sara Irvine, Charity and Stephen Jones.

## Song Lyrics

### **98 *Now Thank We All Our God***

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
The Son and Him who reigns  
with Them in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Now Thank We All Our God*, Words by Martin Rinkart, Tr. By Catherine Winkworth, Music by Johann  
Crüger, © Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

***This I Believe***

Our Father everlasting, The all-creating One, God Almighty  
Through your Holy Spirit, Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, Suffered and crucified, Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, Forever seated high

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in You, I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One

I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

For I believe in the Name of Jesus, For I believe in the Name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church

I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus, For I believe in the Name of Jesus

*This I Believe (The Creed)*, Words and Music by Ben Fielding / Benjamin David Fielding / Matt Crocker / Matthew Philip Crocker

***Romans 11 (Doxology)***

Oh, the depth of the riches  
of the wisdom and knowledge of God  
How unsearchable His judgments  
How untraceable His paths

Who knows the mind of our God  
and who can bring counsel to Him?  
Who has given to God  
that God should repay?

For from Him, and through Him  
and to Him, is everything

To God be the glory forever and ever  
To God be the glory forever, amen

*Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Jesus draw me ever nearer  
As I labour through the storm  
You have called me to this passage  
And I'll follow, though I'm worn

May this journey bring a blessing  
May I rise on wings of faith  
And at the end of my heart's testing  
With Your likeness let me wake

Jesus guide me through the tempest  
Keep my spirit staid and sure  
When the midnight meets the morning  
Let me love You even more

Let the treasures of the trial  
Form within me as I go  
And at the end of this long passage  
Let me leave them at Your throne

### 130 *Showers of Blessing*

“There shall be showers of blessing”:  
This is the promise of love;  
There shall be seasons refreshing,  
Sent from the Saviour above.  
Showers of blessing,  
Showers of blessing we need;  
Mercy drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.

“There shall be showers of blessing”—  
Precious reviving again;  
Over the hills and the valleys,  
Sound of abundance of rain.  
Showers of blessing,  
Showers of blessing we need;  
Mercy drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.

“There shall be showers of blessing:”  
Send them upon us, O Lord!  
Grant to us now a refreshing;  
Come, and now honor your Word.  
Showers of blessing,  
Showers of blessing we need;  
Mercy drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.

“There shall be showers of blessing,”  
Oh, that to-day they might fall,  
Now, as to God, we’re confessing.  
Now as on Jesus we call!  
Showers of blessing,  
Showers of blessing we need;  
Mercy drops round us are falling,  
But for the showers we plead.



**87 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want***

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me,  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

## SCRIPTURE READING

from Ezekiel 34 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

<sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture.

<sup>15</sup> I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. <sup>17</sup> As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

<sup>22</sup> I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

from John 10 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Ezekiel 34: 25 (ESV)

I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

Rev. 21:27 (ESV)

But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Ezek. 34:30-31 (ESV)

<sup>30</sup> And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>31</sup> And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.