



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 13, 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: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Choir Director: Rachel Klein

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Hymn 629)/ arr. R. Hobby
Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners (Hymn 498)/ arr. M. Kellner

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

³ who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴ who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵ who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 100

Holy, Holy, Holy!

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Adapted from *Prone to Wander*, by Barbara Duguid

Unison: Lord, we confess that we deeply lack wisdom. We have not feared you, but instead have feared people and circumstances, showing reverence and awe to nearly anyone or anything else instead of you, our Creator. We have sought to define for ourselves what is good and what is evil in our relationships, our speech, our work, and our sexuality. We have failed to love others as we should. We have hurt people with foolish and unkind words or with cold and heartless silence. Father, forgive us.

Jesus, we thank you for perfectly demonstrating the wisdom of God. You gave gentle answers when they were appropriate and spoke convicting words when necessary. You never complained about your Father's will, even though it meant learning obedience through suffering.

Holy Spirit, show us how wisdom always leads us back to the cross and back to you. Through the wisdom of the cross, show us how the demands of justice and mercy are reconciled so that we might bear it as we accept your forgiveness and grant forgiveness to others. In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*God So Loved
Blessed Be Your Name
In Christ Alone*

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

HYMNAL CHOIR *For Your Gift of God the Spirit* (Hymn 339)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31 (ESV)

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

SERMON

The Rich Man and Lazarus
Meeting Jesus Face to Face
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **460**

Amazing Grace

*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Hymn Lyrics

100 *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

God So Loved

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love (repeat bridge)

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us-

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The power of hell forever defeated
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For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting-, God so loved the world

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be' Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

God you give and take away Oh you give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away God give and take away
My heart will choose to say Lord, blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name, oh

Songwriters: Beth Redman / Matt Redman Blessed Be Your Name lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Stuart Townsend and Keith Getty

460 *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.