



**REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**September 29, 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:** Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

**Organist:** Courtney Brooke

**Choir Director:** Rachel Klein

**PRELUDE**

*Four Variations on "O Perfect Love" (Hymn 722)/ D. N. Johnson*

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

1 John 4:7-10 (ESV)

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the

world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 647 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

**\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**Unison:** God of glory and love, You have loved us from the beginning with a vast and boundless love. Before we took our first breath, your Son breathed his last and accomplished what we never could: our full and free salvation.

Heavenly Father, You endured the searing loss of your most precious treasure to pay our ransom, and for this we adore you today with joy and gladness.

Jesus, You have called us to love one another as you have loved us, and we confess before you our complete unwillingness to obey this command.

Like Cain, we are often consumed with jealousy of our brothers and sisters, harboring deep hatred in our hearts towards them. Instead of laying down our lives for others, we require them to serve us, and resent them when they fail to meet our expectations. Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, we need your strength and help to survive our many failures to love others every day. Help us to believe that you love us and cause your love to transform us radically into people who extend grace and mercy to others. We ask in Jesus' name, amen.

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*To God Be the Glory  
Amazing Love*

Reader: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

*How Deep the Father's Love  
Oh, How He Loves You and Me*

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

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

**MISSION MOMENT** Cheryl Erb, Engaging Disability with the Gospel

**WE SEEK GOD'S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY      *Take Now My Voice/ D. Nolan*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING  
SERMON

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)  
***The Power of the Church***  
*(7 of 12 in the series)*  
*Ephesians: Seeing The Church Through God's Eyes*  
Dr. David Kieffer

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE    **649**

*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (Hymn 646)/ G. Young*

## Hymn Lyrics

### 647 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name! the rock on which I build,  
My Shield and hiding place,  
My never failing treas'ry, filled with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
My Prophet, Priest and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath,  
And may the music of Thy Name refresh my soul in death.

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## **To God Be The Glory**

### Verse 1

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

### Chorus

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 has done!

### Verse 2

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives

### Verse 3

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

*Amazing Love*

My Lord what love is this  
That pays so dearly  
That I the guilty one  
May go free

Amazing love O what sacrifice  
The Son of God giv'n for me  
My debt He pays and my death He dies  
That I might live  
That I might live  
(That I might live)

And so they watched Him die  
Despised rejected  
But oh the blood He shed  
Flowed for me

And now this love of Christ  
Shall flow like rivers  
Come wash your guilt away  
Live again

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### *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How deep the father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son,  
And make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss,  
The father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen one,  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders,  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there  
Until it was accomplished.  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

***Oh, How He Loves You and Me***

Oh how He loves you and me  
Oh how He loves you and me  
He gave His life  
What more could He give  
Oh how He loves you  
Oh how He loves me  
Oh how He loves you and me

Jesus to Calv'ry did go  
His love for sinners to show  
What He did there  
Brought hope from despair  
Oh how He loves you  
Oh how He loves me  
Oh how He loves you and me

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**649 *More Love to Thee, O Christ***

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea,

*Refrain:*  
*more love, O Christ, to thee,*  
*more love to thee,*  
*more love to thee!*

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now thee alone I seek; give what is best:  
this all my prayer shall be,

Let sorrow do its work, send grief and pain;  
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me,

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,  
this still its prayer shall be,

## SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
<sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is  
named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may  
grant you to be strengthened with power through his  
Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in  
your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and  
grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend  
with all the saints what is the breadth and length and  
height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that  
surpasses knowledge, that you may be  
filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly  
than all that we ask or think, according to the power at  
work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in  
Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.  
Amen.