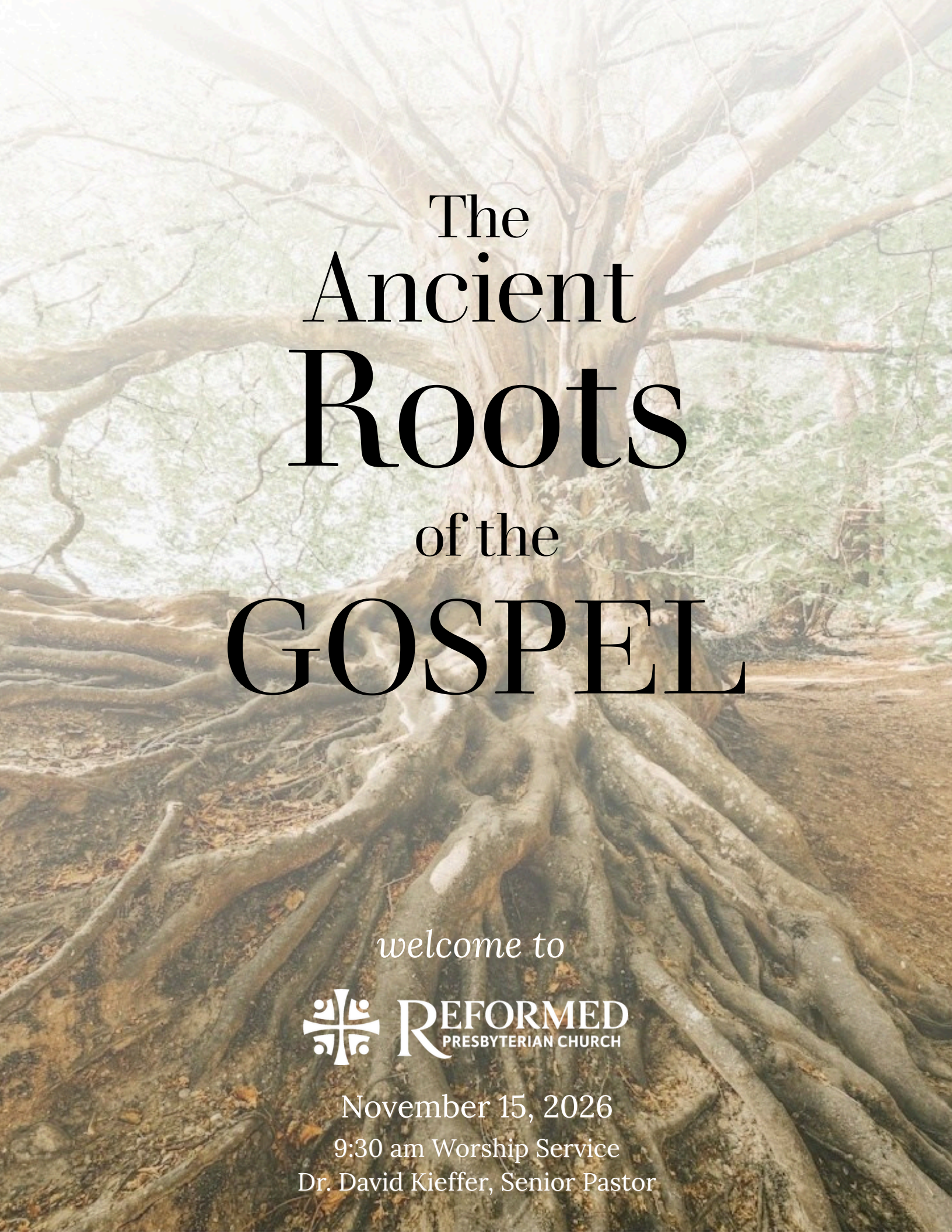


The Ancient Roots of the GOSPEL

welcome to

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 15, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service

Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

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Multiplying disciples one life at a time

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Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning!
Hearing Devices are available at the sound booth.

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor
Worship Leader: Josiah Weaver, Ruling Elder
Organist: Courtney Brooke

Childcare: Our ushers will be happy to direct you to any of these locations.
Nursery: during the worship service for infants through 3 years old in Room 103 (includes a **Nursing Mother's Room:** private room with a livestream of service).
Family Room: to see and hear the service; located across from Nursery; and the narthex classroom where service is projected for families that need some privacy.
Children's Worship: provided each Sunday (except first Sunday of each month) for children 4-6 years old. Children are dismissed before the sermon.
Children's sermon papers and activities: located at shelf in back of sanctuary.

Sunday School:
Nursery (birth-2 years old): Nursery Room 103
Toddler Class (2.5-3 years old): Nursery Room 101
Pre-K/K Class (4-5 years old): 2nd floor, Room 208
Beginners Class (6 years old): Room 204
Early Elementary Class (7 years old): Room 201
Middle Elementary Class (8 years old): Room 203
Upper Elementary Class (9-10 years old): Room 211
Jr. High (6th-8th grade): Room 213
Sr. High (9th-12th grade): Room 214

CAFE Class for adults:
New Members class on the 2nd floor in Room 212. Participation in the class does not obligate you to become a member. *Snacks will be served on the 2nd floor for this class.*
Bible Study Skills on the 3rd floor; *snacks provided.*

PRELUDE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow/* arr. T. C. McKibben
Give Thanks/ arr. B. Wolaver
Kathleen Golias

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!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit,

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

◊ *Quiet your hearts and pray silently to God to prepare yourself for genuine worship.*

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE **457** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

Leader: Almighty God, we confess that our hearts are prone to wander; prone to leave the God we love.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Everlasting Father, you protect us and provide for us, and yet we still doubt your abiding goodness.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Prince of peace, you are close to the broken-hearted and have suffered for our sins, yet we still doubt your steadfast love.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Take a moment to silently confess to God your sinful thoughts, words and actions.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: Psalm 103:8-12 (ESV)

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH** Belgic Confession of 1561 (Adapted from Article 14, Part 3)

Leader: For who may presume to boast that he, of himself, can do any good since Christ saith,

People: "No man can come to Me, except the Father which has sent Me draw him." (John 3:27, 6:44-45)

Leader: Who can speak of his knowledge, since [the Bible proclaims]

People: "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." (1 Cor 2:14)

Leader: In short, who dare suggest any thought, since he knows that

People: "we are not sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves, but that our sufficiency is of God." (2 Cor. 3:5)

Leader: For there is no will nor understanding, conformable to the divine will and understanding, but what Christ hath wrought in man;

People: Which [Jesus] teaches us when He saith, "Without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

***WE EXALT OUR LORD** *Come, People of the Risen King*
WORSHIP SONGS *Christ, Our Glory*
This I Believe (The Creed)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER
CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

MISSIONS MOMENT Shibu Oommen, Evangelism Explosion

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

HYMNAL CHOIR Hymn 167 (vs. 1-4)

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
(ages 4-6 years old)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 20:1-18 (ESV)

[1]From there Abraham journeyed toward the territory of the Negeb and lived
between Kadesh and Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. [2]And Abraham said of
Sarah his wife, "She is my sister." And Abimelech king of Gerar sent and took
Sarah. [3]But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him,
"Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken,
for she is a man's wife." [4]Now Abimelech had not approached her. So he said,
"Lord, will you kill an innocent people? [5]Did he not himself say to me, 'She is
my sister'? And she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my
heart and the innocence of my hands I have done this." [6]Then God said to him
in the dream, "Yes, I know that you have done this in the integrity of your
heart, and it was I who kept you from sinning against me. Therefore I did not
let you touch her. [7]Now then, return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, so that
he will pray for you, and you shall live. But if you do not return her, know
that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours." [8]So Abimelech rose
early in the morning and called all his servants and told them all these things.
And the men were very much afraid. [9]Then Abimelech called Abraham and
said to him, "What have you done to us? And how have I sinned against you,
that you have brought on me and my kingdom a great sin? You have done to
me things that ought not to be done." [10]And Abimelech said to Abraham,
"What did you see, that you did this thing?" [11]Abraham said, "I did it because
I thought, 'There is no fear of God at all in this place, and they will kill me
because of my wife.' [12]Besides, she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my
father though not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife. [13]And
when God caused me to wander from my father's house, I said to her, 'This is
the kindness you must do me: at every place to which we come, say of me,
"He is my brother."'"

[14]Then Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and male servants and female servants,
and gave them to Abraham, and returned Sarah his wife to him. [15]And Abimelech
said, “Behold, my land is before you; dwell where it pleases you.” [16]To Sarah he
said, “Behold, I have given your brother a thousand pieces of silver. It is a sign of
your innocence in the eyes of all who are with you, and before everyone you are
vindicated.” [17]Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech, and
also healed his wife and female slaves so that they bore children. [18]For the Lord
had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah,
Abraham's wife.

SERMON **Not Again?**

Genesis series: The Ancient Roots of the Gospel
Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 467 *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Song Lyrics

457 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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Come, People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

REFRAIN
Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”

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Christ Our Glory

1) Our rest is in heaven; our rest is not here
Then why should we tremble when trials draw near?
Be still and remember Christ carries our pain
He shares in our suffering -through Him hope will reign

Chorus 1
Christ our glory, Christ our hope
Christ our King forevermore
Our Savior's in heaven; He rules from His throne,
And cares for the people He chose as His own

Verse 2
No hours should be wasted on seeking our joy
And placing our hope in what will be destroyed
We look for a city that hands have not raised
We long for a country that sin has not stained

Chorus 2
Christ our glory, Christ our hope
Christ our King forevermore
We look for a city that hands have not raised
We long for a country that sin has not stained

Verse 3
Though trouble and anguish increase all the more
They cannot compare to the glory in store
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

Chorus 3
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
Christ our glory, Christ our hope, Christ our King forevermore
Come joy or come sorrow, whatever befalls
The light of the Savior will outshine them all

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This I Believe (The Creed)

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 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

467 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, Setting my spirit free;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain:
Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All-sufficient grace for even me!
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, Praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching a mighty host,
By it I have been pardoned, Saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, Giving me liberty;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful grace of Jesus, Reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, Making him God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and heaven For all eternity—
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

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