

The
Ancient
Roots
of the
GOSPEL

welcome to



REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service

Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor



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: Rev. Anthony Marthin, Assistant Pastor

Worship Leader: Jason Rutter, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

Today's sanctuary flowers are placed in celebration of **Craig & Debi Hartranft's 35th wedding anniversary**, giving thanks to God for His faithfulness and abundant blessings throughout their marriage. Congratulations on this special milestone!

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 102

Pre-K/K Class (4-5 years old): Nursery Room 208

Beginners Class (6 years old): 2nd floor, 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

Adult Sunday School:

Foundations of Discipleship: This CAFE class will study how Jesus changes the world by multiplying disciples one life at a time.

PRELUDE

'His Name' medley/ L. Leatherman

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-10 (ESV)

Leader: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

People: For by it the people of old received their commendation.

Leader: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.

People: And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

Leader: By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.

People: For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 34 (vs 1-3, 5 and 6)

The God of Abraham Praise

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

People: Yet we confess that we have not loved you with our whole selves, O God. We have been slow to follow when you call and slow to trust the promises you have given us. Our hearts have been drawn away toward other, lesser loves. Our souls have fixated on vain and fleeting pleasures. Our strength has been spent on worthless and futile things. Renew us by your Spirit, O Christ, that we might again walk in your ways and have your word in our hearts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 40:11 (ESV)

Leader: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

*Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen
Creation Sings the Father's Song
Blessed Assurance*

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
HARRIS COVENANT CARE GROUP
WELCOME TO VISITORS

Rev. Tom Nicholas

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY

Unto the King/ arr. J. D. Smith

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 11:27-12:9 (ESV)

²⁷Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot. ²⁸Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans. ²⁹And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah. ³⁰Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there. ³²The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

SERMON

The Call

Genesis series: The Ancient Roots of the Gospel
Rev. Anthony Martin

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **598**

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Song Lyrics

34 - The God of Abraham Praise

iThe God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM!
by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name,
for ever blest.

The God of Abraham praise,
At whose supreme command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys
at his right hand:
I all on earth forsake,
its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and him my only portion make,
my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn,
I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold his face,
I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace
On Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine!
I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

Rise My Soul The Lord Is Risen

Rise my soul, the Lord is risen
Come behold the empty grave
See the place where darkness laid Him
Sing for only hope remains
Hallelujah, praise forever
Death defeated and life restored
By that great immortal power
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Rest my soul, the Lord is risen
Love's redeeming work is done
Now the Father sees His children
As He sees His sinless Son
Oh the wonder, oh the glory
That same favor is now my own
Shame behind me grace before me
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Arise my soul, arise my soul
Arise my soul, arise my soul

Peace my soul, the Lord is risen
Come and have your hope renewed
For this trial is brief and fleeting
Tears will turn to glory soon
Shout with joy and sound the triumph
Let the music of heaven roar
Let the boast of death be silent
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Arise my soul, for I am risen
Seated now with Christ my Lord
As my life belongs to heaven
Fear shall hold its sway no more
Onward, upward, toward the treasure
Filled with courage and endless hope
For this truth is mine forever
Christ is risen, arise my soul
For this truth is mine forever
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Creation Sings

Creation sings the Father's song He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day Till evening comes in crimson rays
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe
He charts the eagle's flight Commands the newborn baby's cry

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation gazed upon His face The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man
A second Adam walked the earth Whose blameless life would break the curse
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

Creation longs for His return When Christ shall reign upon the earth
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age
When He renews the land and sky All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme The glory of our God and King

Hallelujah Let all creation stand and sing
Hallelujah Fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King

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Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

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598 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.