

The
Ancient
Roots
of the
GOSPEL

welcome to



REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 27, 2026

9:30 am Worship Service

Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor



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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: Rusty Rutter, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in loving celebration of **Paul & Angie Hendersen's** 19th wedding anniversary. We rejoice with them and thank the Lord for His faithfulness throughout their years together. Congratulations on this 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 101

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, located on the third floor.

PRELUDE

Offertoire sur les grands jeux/ F. Couperin
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (Hymn 343)/ R. Lau

◇ A time of quiet preparation

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Psalm 72:18-19 (ESV)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

People: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 92

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*WE CONFESS OUR FAITH Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism (Questions 86-87)

Leader: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

People: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Leader: What is repentance unto life?

People: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES

Rev. Anthony Martin

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Rise My Soul, the Lord is Risen
Soli Deo Gloria
Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD’S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/CHORAL OFFERTORY
HYMNAL CHOIR 363

We Gather Together

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP
(ages 4–6 years old)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 13:5-14:24 (ESV)

Josiah Weaver, Reader

⁵And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, ⁶so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, ⁷and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land. ⁸Then Abram said to Lot, “Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.” ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. ¹²Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ¹³Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord. ¹⁴The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, “Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.”

¹⁸So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

¹In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, ²these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness. ⁷Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar. ⁸Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹²They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way. ¹³Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people. ¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; ²⁰and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself." ²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,

²³that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ ²⁴I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

SERMON

From Blessed to Blessing

Genesis series: The Ancient Roots of the Gospel

Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Blessed Be Your Name

SERMON NOTES:

Song Lyrics

92 A Mighty Fortress

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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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

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Soli Deo Gloria

Let the mountain maker come and take His place
Let the ocean in our hearts be still and wait
For the coming of our King, For the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
But stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other
When You speak, all power is released
We stand in awe and wonder There is no other

Glory to our God alone, Soli Deo gloria
You reign forever on Your throne, Soli Deo gloria Glory to our God alone
You're the champion in confidence of earth
In Your presence, we're reminded of our worth
We've been chosen by our King,
See the wonders that He brings
Let His majesty shine And be lifted on high

When You move, there's nothing left to do
But stand in awe and wonder, You're like no other
When You speak, all power is released
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Whatever My God Ordains Is Right

Whate're my God ordains is right
His holy will abideth
I will be still whate're He does
and follow where He guideth
He is my God, though dark my road
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all
And so to Him I leave it all

Whate're my God ordains is right
He never will deceive me
He leads me by the proper path
I know He will not leave me
I take, content, what He has sent
His hand can turn my griefs away
And patiently I wait His day
And patiently I wait His day

Whate're my God ordains is right
Though now this cup in drinking
may bitter seem to my faint heart
I take it all unshrinking
My God is true each morn' a new
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart
And pain and sorrow shall depart
And pain and sorrow shall depart

Whate're my God ordains is right
Here shall my stand be taken
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
Yet I am not forsaken
My Father's care is 'round me there
He holds me that I shall not fall
And so to Him I leave it all
And so to Him I leave it all

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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

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