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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are glad you have come to worship with us. If you have questions about our worship, about what you hear or experience during it, or about who Jesus is and why that matters, please ask our pastor or one of our ruling elders, whose names and contact information can be found on the back of this bulletin. We would be honored to talk with you.

All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church is an expression of the visible Church of Jesus Christ. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and a member of the PCA's James River Presbytery.

The inerrant Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the ultimate authority for our faith and practice. Subordinate to the scriptures, we subscribe to the doctrinal standards of the PCA, namely the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms. You can read these documents at [www.pcanet.org/beliefs](http://www.pcanet.org/beliefs) or scan the QR code below.

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*What We Believe:*



Lord's Day Worship  
September 8, 2024

Worship Leader  
R.E. Matt Fender

## Welcome

## Call to Worship \*

*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul\**

Trinity Hymnal, number 57

## Prayer of Adoration \*

## Reading of the Law

*Romans 12:12-21*

**Leader:** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

**People:** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**Leader:** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Unison Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before you,  
the Maker of Heaven and Earth,  
whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite,  
to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed;  
we have not loved you with all our heart and soul,  
we have not loved you with all our mind and strength;

we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done  
and for the good we have left undone,  
so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.  
But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow.  
With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness.  
In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation;  
so that we may love you with a holy love.  
In the Name of Christ, Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Psalm 46 – *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* \***

Printed in the bulletin (Trinity Psalter Hymnal, Psalm 46A)

### **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 8:11-22; pew Bible page 572

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petitions**

### **Collection**

Hymn of the Month

### ***Before the Throne of God Above* \***

Printed in the bulletin (Trinity Psalter Hymnal, Number 277)

### **Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 3:13-17, page 1016

Rev. Dennis Bullock

### **Sermon**

*“Sanctify Christ as Lord in Your Hearts & Be Ready to Give an  
Answer for the Hope Within You”*

### ***Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* \***

Trinity Hymnal, number 172

Rev. Dennis Bullock

## Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

## Words of Institution \*

As part of the Lord's  
Supper, we confess our  
common faith.

## Confession of Faith \*

Westminster Larger Catechism – Question 4

**Question:** How doth it appear that the Scriptures are the Word of God?

**Answer:** The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the Word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation: but the Spirit of God bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in the heart of man, is alone able fully to persuade it that they are the very Word of God.

As instituted by our  
Lord, wine is the  
element used in the  
Lord's Supper to show  
forth His Blood on  
our behalf  
(*Mark 14:23-25*).

## Distribution of the Elements

### Doxology \*

Trinity Hymnal, number 733

If, however, for  
reasons of conscience  
or health, you are  
unable to participate  
using wine, grape juice  
is provided on the  
outer ring of the tray.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

Gluten-free wafers  
are provided on each  
bread tray.

## Benediction

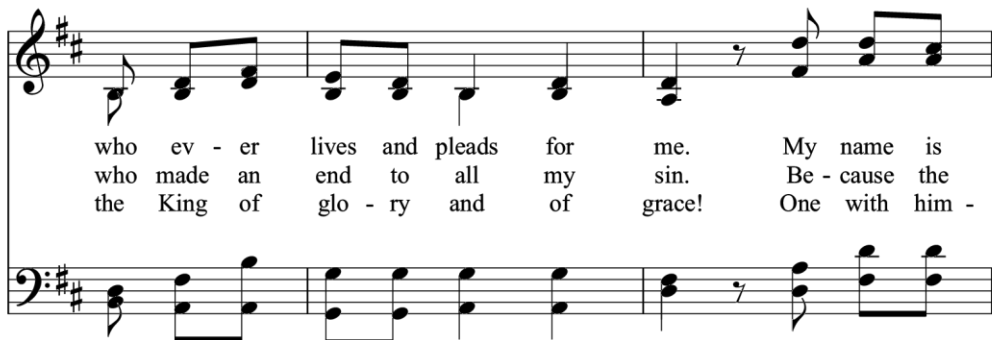
## Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
 spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,



who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

CHRIST AS PRIEST

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

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Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

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## God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

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1. <sup>1</sup>God is our ref - uge and our strength, our ev - er - pres - ent aid;  
 2. <sup>4</sup>A riv - er flows, whose streams de - light the ci - ty of our God—  
 3. <sup>6</sup>The na - tions rage, the king - doms shake, when God in might ap - pears.  
 4. <sup>8</sup>O come, be - hold the might - y works that God the LORD has wrought,  
 5. <sup>10</sup>Be still, and know that I am God, on earth ex - alt - ed high;

<sup>2</sup>and there - fore, though the earth gives way, we will not be a - fraid.  
 the ho - ly place where God the LORD Most High makes his a - bode.  
 • He speaks, and at his might - y voice the whole earth melts in fear.  
 the fear - some des - o - la - tions he to all the lands has brought.  
 and all the na - tions of the world my name will glo - ri - fy.

Though moun - tains fall in - to the sea, <sup>3</sup>though wa - ters foam and roar,  
<sup>5</sup>Since God is in her ho - ly midst, the ci - ty will not move,  
 • <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts, Al - might - y God, is with us to the end,  
<sup>9</sup>He caus - es wars to cease on earth; he breaks the bow and spear.  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts, Al - might - y God, is with us to the end;

we will not fear, though moun - tains quake as waves en - gulf the shore.  
 for God will come at break of day; her help - er he will prove.  
 • the God of Ja - cob is for us a for - tress and de - fense.  
 The LORD ig - nites the char - i - ots to burn in blaz - ing fire.  
 the God of Ja - cob is for us a for - tress and de - fense.



**1 Peter 3:13-17**

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## *For Further Reflection*

### **1 Peter 3:13-17**

*“Sanctify Christ as Lord in Your Hearts &  
Be Ready to Give an Answer for the Hope Within You”*

1. From the passage what sort of opposition were these Christians facing (verses 14-16)?
2. How does Peter help Christians not to be overcome with fear (verses 14 and 15)? When questioned, in what ways should believers respond to their persecutors (verse 15)?
3. God commands us to do what is right, even if we suffer for it. Why is it we are tempted to do wrong in the midst of suffering? What will we accomplish by doing wrong?
4. *Memorize 1 Peter 3:15 (NASB 1995).*

*“But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.”*

### *For Our Visitors*

We invite the whole family to participate in worship together, but for those who so desire, a nursery is provided for children ages newborn to four years-old during all Sunday services. The nursery is located on the second floor of our Sunday School building. A child needing special attention during worship may be taken to the cry room, located off the foyer of the auditorium, or to the nursery.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please fill out a visitor card, which you will find in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

Hearing impaired assistance devices are available on the table in the foyer.

The women's restroom is located downstairs from the auditorium foyer.

Men's and women's restrooms are at the top of the stairs in the hallway between the fellowship hall and auditorium.

If you need assistance, anyone with the "Greeter" nametag will be happy to help.

If this is the fourth Sunday of the month, we will have a fellowship meal (potluck) together immediately after our morning worship and would love to have you join us.

## *Lord's Day Activities*

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Worship Service (second Sunday only)

Nursery is provided during Sunday School and Worship.

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