

REFORMATION BIBLE CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

January 23, 2022



**PRELUDE**

Please use this time to ready your heart to be reverent and ready for worship. Ask God for the eye of faith instructed by Scripture, so that you may see Him as He really is and be humbled and changed forever by His Person and promises – all of which are true and worthy of our trust.

**GOD HAS COMMANDED THAT OUR KNEE SHOULD BOW TO JESUS**

*“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

*Philippians 2:5-11*

**WE SING WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS TO THE LORD**

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

*Colossians 3:16*

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

Hymn #57

Psalm

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (a cappella)

Our Father,

Who art in heaven,

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day- our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For THINE is the kingdom!

...and the power!

...and the glory!

...forever!-

Amen.

**WE ARE REMINDED THAT GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIM**

Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another. “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no unwholesome word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for building others up, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

*Ephesians 4:25-32)*

**GOD GRANTS FORGIVENESS AS WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

*Whoever covers his sins will not prosper,  
but he who confesses and forsakes them finds mercy..”*

*Proverbs 28:13*

**• Corporate Confession of Sin**

Oh Lord, we often sin by thinking thoughts unworthy of You. In so many ways we display our ignorance of Your truth and Your will. We are very prone to walk in our fallen flesh, and commit errors and evils. We could be walking in Your wisdom and power, but we are not prioritizing our lives so as to be accurately and fully informed and regulated by Your Word. We are suppressing Your truth. We are keeping Your wisdom from guiding our thoughts and from commanding our acts. Since it is not uncommon for us to forget You are our Lord, it is easy for us to obey our flesh and follow our sinful hearts without concern for Your will. We forget we are called to live as intentional, wise and committed Christians. Oh, our God and Father, forgive us! We have not used the blessings You gave us. Lord, You are wise to not let us be in ultimate control of our lives. We would ruin ourselves and others.

Thank You that You give us Jesus and Your powerful Holy Spirit. They direct and empower us for our good and for Your glory. Forgive our lack of faithfulness. Help us to be the people You want us to be.

Hallelujah! What a Savior You are! AMEN!

*(We Confess Our Secret Sins In The Privacy Of Our Own Hearts)*

**GOD DECLARES HIS FORGIVENESS FOR US**

*“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

**WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Pastor:** *Q.23 What offices does Christ carry out as our redeemer?*

**People of God:** Christ, as our redeemer, carries the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his state of humiliation and his state of exaltation.

**Pastor:** Q. 24. How does Christ carry out the office of a prophet?

**People of God:** Christ carries out the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

**Pastor:** Q. 25. How does Christ carry out the office of a priest?

**People of God:** Christ carries out the office of a priest in offering up himself as a sacrifice one time, to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

**Pastor:** Q. 26. How does Christ carry out the office of a king?

**People of God:** Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

**Pastor:** Q. 27. What did Christ's humiliation consist of?

**People of God:** Christ's humiliation consisted of his being born in a low condition, living under the Law, undergoing the miseries of this life, undergoing the wrath of God and the cursed death of the Cross, and in being buried and continuing under the power of death for a time.

**Pastor:** Q. 28. What does Christ's exaltation consist of?

**People of God:** Christ's exaltation consists of his rising again from the dead on the third day, ascending to heaven, sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and coming to judge the world on the last day.

#### **WE SING OF OUR GREAT GOD**

*Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed,  
for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.  
Isaiah 41:10*

"How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #94

#### **WE PRAY IN LOVE AND FAITH TO OUR WONDERFUL FORGIVING GOD**

#### **GOD INSTRUCTS US TO COME BEFORE HIM WITH OUR TITHES**

*... appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: ...and do not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.*

*Deuteronomy 16:16-17*

#### **GOD PROCLAIMS ABSOLUTE TRUTH THROUGH HIS TRUE WORD READ AND PREACHED**

*And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.  
Ezekiel 44:23*

Sermon Series: The Letter of 1 John

Sermon #1 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5ff "Once Upon a Time"

#### **WE TAKE A MOMENT TO MEDITATE ON HOW TO APPLY WHAT WE HAVE HEARD AND BELIEVED**

#### **THE LORD REMINDS US OF HIS COVENANT LOVE BY OFFERING HIS CHILDREN THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- Explanation of the Sacrament

**Pastor:** Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper?

**People of God:** The Lord's supper is a sacrament in which, by giving and receiving of bread and wine according to Christ's command, his death is shown forth. Worthy receivers are made partakers of his body and blood by faith, not in a bodily or physical manner, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace, with all his benefits.

**Pastor:** Q. 97. What is required for receiving the Lord's supper in a worthy manner?

**People of God:** Those who would partake of the Lord's supper in a worthy manner are required to examine themselves to be aware of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed on him, and of their repentance, love, and new obedience. They do this so that they do not eat and drink judgment to themselves by coming unworthily.

- We Contemplate Christ's Work On Our Behalf

"What Wondrous Love is This? "

Hymn #261

- The Words of Institution

- Invitation to the Meal and The Fencing of the Table

- The Prayer of Consecration of the Elements

- The Serving of the Elements

The Gloria Patri

- Charge and Benediction

*... and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.*

*Luke 24:50*

#### **GREET THE BRETHREN IN LOVE**



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#### **Our Mission**

The mission of Reformation Bible Church is to glorify the triune God by giving Him reverent biblical worship as He desires and deserves. We also seek to glorify Him by edifying and equipping His people such that they are living out Gospel truth in Word and deed beginning with our community and spreading throughout Savannah to the ends of the earth.