

November 10, 2021

Dear Friends,

The Psalmist declares, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold” (Ps. 18:2). Over recent weeks, the wondrous truths of God’s unchanging nature and way of salvation, pictured as a rock in this verse, have served as a great comfort to others and to me. For young people transitioning into a new phase of life. For dear friends grieving over the tragic death of a son. For pastors taking on new callings and responsibilities. For congregations struggling through difficult issues. Knowing that the Lord is our Rock gives us a solid place to stand when things all around us are changing.

At Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary, I have especially recalled and prayed over this promise numerous times since becoming the president. We have come through many changes in my short tenure here that began just over three years ago. Three new faculty members. A new librarian. Numerous staffing and personnel changes. A third of our board members are new just this year. Yet even as the Lord has brought these changes, one thing has remained unchanged at RPTS through them all. He has maintained the same spirit of Christian love, the same high regard for academic and theological rigor, and the same level of service to our students and constituents. Only the Lord who is our Rock can do such things!

The Lord has also shown us another thing that never seems to change- the faithful support of people such as yourself. In our recent Strike the Match campaign week in October, we once again marveled as friends of RPTS stood with us in this ministry. We received gifts that were “widow’s mite” small and “Barnabas selling his land” large, gifts from individuals and ones from entire congregations, and even gifts that traveled over the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans to reach us. As the Lord surpassed our goals set for that week, we want to thank Him and all who participated for this generosity displayed to us. Please watch the video update below for one expression of our gratitude to you. He continues to provide year after year!

As we come to this season of giving thanks, we certainly are rejoicing here at RPTS. As 2021 draws to a close, we will still need the gifts we often receive to come in during the last weeks of the year. If you are able to help us to finish the year strengthened to continue in training workers for His kingdom, please give in the ways indicated below. If you are not, then please continue to give thanks and express with us the certain faith of the psalmist, "For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?" (Ps. 18:31).

In Christ's Love and Service,



Dr. Barry J. York

President

Video Update (Strike the Match Thank You Message)

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