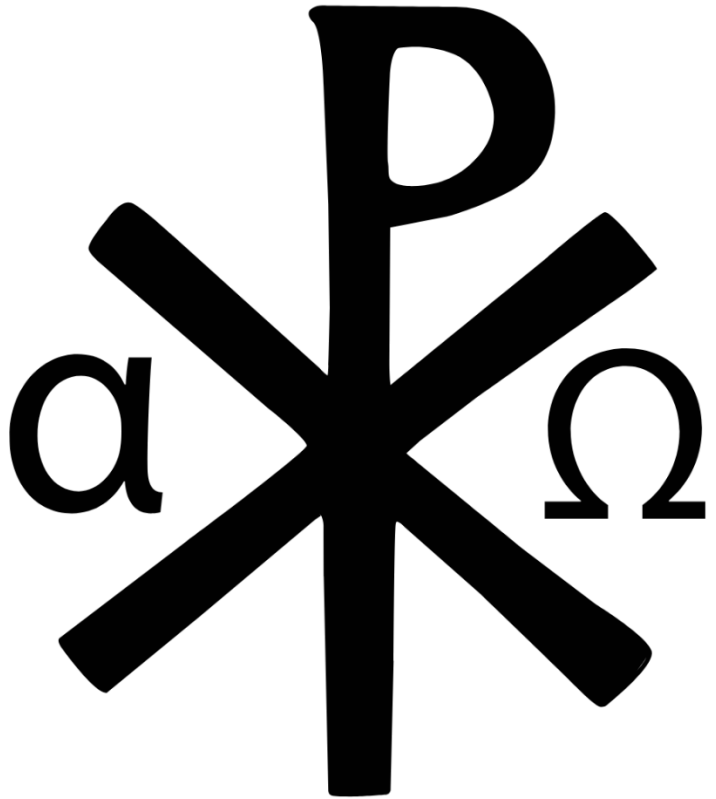


# Reformation Sunday

October 27, 2024  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



The Chi-Rho is a monogram for the Greek word ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ, which means "Christ," or "anointed one." This symbol began being adopted by Christians around the 3rd century. Here, it is combined with the alpha and omega characters, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, symbolizing Christ being the beginning and end (Revelation 22:13).

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Tocata in D minor*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

*Locus iste*

Bruckner

*This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament. It is without reproach.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 125:8; Psalm 46

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge Let us worship the living God!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

A Prayer by the Reformer, John Calvin

My God, my Father and my Savior, you have been pleased to preserve me by your grace through the night and you have brought me to this new day. Grant that I may use it entirely in your service, that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will. May all my actions be to the glory of your name and to the service of others. And just as you cause the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let your Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of righteousness. In everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honor and serve you, relying only on your blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to you. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

A Prayer by the Reformer, Martin Luther

**Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*“Kyrie” from Mass for 3 Voices*

William Byrd

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison* (ancient Greek): Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

## POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Remember your baptism and be thankful.

## \*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 583)

GLORIA (TAIZE)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

By God’s grace and under his mercy let us love one another. The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## \*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 300) *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A Prayer by the Reformer, Ulrich Zwingli

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 7:23-28 (N.T. p. 222)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN 361

*O Christ, the Great Foundation*

AURELIA

\*Mark 10:46-52 (N.T. p. 47) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Allison Bates & Ashley Johnson

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Heidelberg Catechism*

**What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, 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 the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

## MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*See, I Make All Things New*

Alfred V. Fedak

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending. See, I make all things new!*

*I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers through the desert.*

*To the thirsty I give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.*

*I will pour out water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground.*

*I will pour my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing upon your children.*

*Behold! I am doing a new thing. Now it breaks forth; do you not perceive it?*

*See, I make all things new!*

-Isaiah 43:19-20, 44:3; Revelation 21:6

## \*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sung by all: (Hymn 572)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Gluten free elements are available on the small plate near the baptismal font. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

## COMMUNION MOTET

*According to thy Gracious Word*

Mozart, arr. Schweizer

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**In every age, you have answered the question, “What do you want me to do for you.” Today, we have been brought together; we have felt your blessing; we have been fed with spiritual food; we have been given to taste and see that you, O Lord, are good. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

### \*HYMN 373

*O Day of Peace*

JERUSALEM

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Sevenfold Amen*

S. Stainer

### \*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Praeludium*

H. Schroeder

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington* ~ Liturgist: *Patrick Corkran*

Communion Servers: *Mary Lou Taylor & Debbie Hutchinson* ~ Kids' Kirk: *Linda Morris*

**You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:**

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at [fpcobky.com/give](http://fpcobky.com/give)
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



## **The Life of the Church**

**The flowers in the sanctuary today were donated by the PWS children.**

**A Fall Study on Poverty** is being held on Monday evenings, October 14-November 25 from 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the Gardenside Parlor. We will be looking at poverty from a variety of perspectives and exploring how we are called to respond as followers of Christ. We will be guided by the story of Charles Strobel, the founder of Nashville's Room In The Inn program, as found in his newly-released posthumous memoir, *The Kingdom of the Poor*.

**Oct. 28:** The Anawim: God's Favored People (Reading: Part II)

**The annual FPC Fall Festival, Trunk ot Treat, Chili Cookoff, & Blessing of the Pets** will take place on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will kick off the evening with Blessing of the Pets at 4 PM, followed by Trunk or Treating. Our chili cook off and other festivities will begin at 5 PM in the fellowship hall. Watch for more information to come.

**Faith Fest Owensboro** is a cooperative effort of local faith communities that seek to offer opportunities to learn about each other's beliefs, spiritual practices, Scriptures, and traditions, invite each other into our faith homes, offer opportunities for prayer and worship, and open the door for and grow interfaith friendships. FPC will host *The Art of Spiritual Hospitality* on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10AM in the fellowship hall. Please pick a brochure in the hallway to find out more information.

**Financial Update** Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

<b>Year (through Sept.)</b>	<b>Month of Oct. (to date)</b>	<b>Week Ending Oct. 26</b>
Income: \$367,119.91*	Income: \$38,576.32	Income: \$16,582.36
<u>Expense: \$401,320.18</u>	<u>Expense: \$33,606.53</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 6,191.39</u>
Balance: -\$34,200.27	Balance: \$ 4,969.79	Balance: \$10,390.97

\*This includes \$20,000.00 from Permanent Funds

**Want to help?** If you are writing or renewing your will, please remember the church.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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