



FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 29, 2023
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

LITURGY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

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The Church is the body of Christ.

Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.

**The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts
in its life as a community to the world.**

The Church is to be a community of faith,

Entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope,

**Rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a
new creation.**

The Church is to be a community of love,

**Where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls
of hostility are torn down.**

The Church is to be a community of witness,

**pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's
transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.**

All join in singing:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; this word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

The great ends of the Church are:

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
The maintenance of divine worship;
The preservation of the truth;
The promotion of social righteousness; and
The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

We are the Church! Let us worship God.

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Andi Wallace

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Eph. 2:4-6

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ps. 99:1-4

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Brief silence for personal prayer.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Eph. 2:8

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 649)

AMAZING GRACE

**When we've been there ten-thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1 Thess. 1:5

Holy Spirit, illumine for us this Word, that the message of the Gospel may come to us in power. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17 A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Psalms from the *St. Andrew's Psalter* (also called the Wode Psalter), 1566

Psalms 14 *Praise Ye the Lord*

Psalms 100 *All People That on Earth do Dwell*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Jeff Moles

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Ben Goodwin

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth. (John 14:15-17)

*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.**

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:

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. 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. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all the company of your people in heaven and on earth. In your mercy we have been nourished by the living bread, Jesus Christ, and we have been refreshed by the power of the Holy Spirit. May we, who have shared this holy meal, go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Jeff Moles* | Leading Communion: *Dennis Jewett* | Liturgist: *Creda Heffelfinger*
Communion Servers: *Debbie McCoy & Don Preuss* | Worship & Wonder: *Marsha Nash*



The Life of the Church

The Annual FPC Fall Festival is this evening! From 4-5pm we will have Trunk or Treating, the bounce house, games, and activities. At 5:00, we will move into the Fellowship Hall for our Chili Cookoff, where we will crown the 2023 FPC Chili Champion! Please plan to join us for an evening of fun.

All Saints Sunday will be observed next week in worship. On this day, we give thanks for those who, having competed their baptism in death, have joined the company of saints. At the beginning of the service, we will light candles to remember loved ones.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.



About Today's Music

The Reformation was a time of struggles and strife, but it was a time of a great outpouring of the creative spirit especially in music. Catholic music in the mass had been based in ancient chant and mostly sung by a choir or the clergy.

The reformers set out to allow it to be the expression of the people. John Calvin believed that the people should sing, and that the only texts suitable to be sung in worship were the psalms. The new settings of the psalms from Geneva were rhythmic and were called by their critics "Geneva Gigs." In Scotland at the beginning of the Presbyterian Church new settings of the psalms in English were set by David Peebles for the new service and collected in the St. Andrews Psalter. The choir will sing two of them as our psalms today.

We will also sing the most famous hymn from the German Reformation, A Mighty Fortress is Our God and the choir will sing an anthem by the most important English composer during this time for the early Anglican Church, Thomas Tallis.



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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