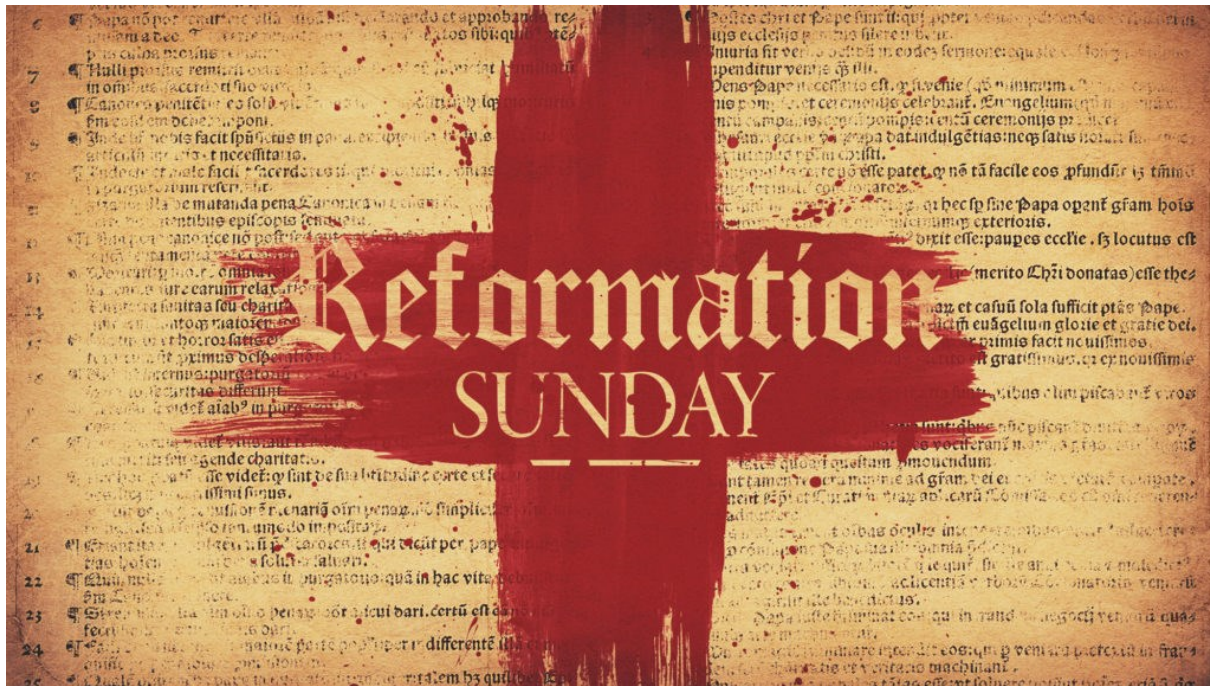


# Welcome All to Reformation Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
October 30, 2022  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday

**Prelude** “Christians Gather, Day Is Breaking”

- Robert Leaf, 1970

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you!**

#### Call to Worship

One: We have gathered today in search of reformation.  
All: **We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.**  
One: We stand fearless at the edge of change.  
All: **For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.**  
One: Be still, and know that God is God.  
All: **God is our rock and our redeemer.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 260

#### The Nicene Creed

Patrick Patterson

One: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
All: **maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
One: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
All: **eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**  
One: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
All: **who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**  
One: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
All: **We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Holy and gracious God, we confess today  
to the same sins that have always plagued your church:  
we are too stuck in our ways too resistant to your Spirit,  
too attracted to power and privilege,  
too quick to build walls,  
too slow to build bridges.  
Send more reformation our way  
until we are formed perfectly by you.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**\*Kyrie Eleison** (*unison*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Sin has always been at work in the world,  
yet God's grace meets it face to face.  
We believe that when the story is over,  
it is forgiveness that will have the last word.

Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri** (*unison*)

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.

**\*First Congregational Hymn:** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 210

**Litany for Reformation Sunday**

One: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

All: **We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
distinct in three persons:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.**

One: We believe that,  
we belong – body and soul, in life and in death –  
not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **We believe that,  
all things are governed by the Providence of God.**

*Dawn Neel*

*Robert Whitaker*

**Litany for Reformation Sunday**

One: We believe that,  
there is but one only,  
the living and true God.  
God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being,  
glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient,  
eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible,  
everywhere present, almighty,  
knowing all things, most wise, most holy,  
most just, most merciful and gracious,  
long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

All: **The church's commission,  
upon which its freedom is founded,  
consists in delivering the message  
of the free grace of God  
to all people in Christ's stead,  
and therefore in the ministry  
of his own Word and work  
through sermon and Sacrament.**

One: We believe that, the life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.

All: **We believe that unity is both a gift  
and an obligation  
for the church of Jesus Christ.  
Through the work of God's Spirit,  
unity is a binding force.  
At the same time,  
unity must be earnestly pursued and sought.  
Our unity must become visible to the world.**

One: We believe that separation and hatred  
between people and groups is sin,  
already conquered by Christ.  
Anything threatening our unity in Christ  
has no place in the church.

All: **With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**The Scotts Confession**

*Becky Richter*

## The Heidelberg Catechism

Henry Hauschild

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: 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 evil.

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.

**Organ Anthem:** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” -Robert J. Hughes (based on a Scottish Folk Tune)

## Second Helvetic Confession

Becky Richter

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Second Congregational Hymn:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

No. 442

**\*Doxology** (*unison*)

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*unison*)

Lord, how can we thank you  
for such wondrous love?  
You have covered us with blessing  
and sustained us with hope.  
In gratitude we bring our gifts,  
for the sake of those you love,  
in Jesus’ name. Amen.

## The Westminster Standards: Shorter Westminster Catechism

Patrick Patterson

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of humankind?

A. The chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God’s free grace,  
wherein he pardons all our sins,  
and accepts us as righteous in his sight,  
only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us,  
and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace,  
whereby we are received into the number,  
and have a right to all privileges,  
of the children of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace,  
whereby we are renewed in the whole person  
after the image of God,  
and are enabled more and more  
to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from  
justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. [A]ssurance of God’s love,  
peace of conscience,  
joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace,  
and perseverance therein to the end.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**Third Congregational Hymn:** “Spirit of the Living God”

No. 322

## Barmen Confession

Henry Hauschild

## Belhar Confession

Dawn Neel

**\*Closing Hymn:** “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

(lyrics printed below)

## **\*Charge**

**\*Benediction: A Brief Statement of Faith** (*unison*)

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”



Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

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FPC Opportunities for Worship & Service

Tuesday, November 1

12:00 PM PW Coordinating Meeting

Wednesday, November 2

10:00 AM Bible Study with Jim Stokes

4:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Communicants Class with Pastor Jim

Sunday, November 6

9:30 AM “The Protestant Reformations”

Nellie Hudson Adult Sunday School Class

10:30 AM Worship Service

All Saints Sunday

*The Lords Supper*

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**\*Congregational Response** (*unison*)

*-Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880/William G Tomer, 1880*

God be with you until we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you ‘till we meet again

‘Till we meet, ‘till we meet  
‘Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
‘Till we meet, till we meet  
God be with you ‘till we meet again.

**Postlude:** Sing to the Lord a New Song

*-David N*



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Verse 1

Verse 2

Verse 3

Verse 4

**We Are Marching in the Light of God**

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, Ooo!  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, Ooo!  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are praying in the power of God,  
We are praying in the power of God.  
We are praying in the power of God,  
We are praying in the power of God.  
We are praying, we are praying, Ooo!  
We are praying in the power of God,  
We are praying, we are praying, Ooo!  
We are praying in the power of God.

We are living in the love of God,  
We are living in the love of God.  
We are living in the love of God,  
We are living in the love of God.  
We are living, we are living Ooo!  
We are living in the love of God,  
We are living, we are living Ooo!  
We are living in the love of God.

We are singing in the power of God,  
We are singing in the power of God.  
We are singing in the power of God,  
We are singing in the power of God.  
We are singing, we are singing, Ooo!  
We are singing in the power of God,  
We are singing, we are singing, Ooo!  
We are singing in the power of God.