

# Reformation Sunday



Reformation Sunday occurs on the last Sunday of October, and commemorates the occasion of the German monk Martin Luther nailing 95 statements concerning biblical and spiritual reformation in the church to the door of the Schlosskirche in Wittenburg, on October 31, 1517.

*Service for the Lord's Day*  
October 25, 2009

## *Gathering Around the Word*

### Striking of the Hour

### Welcome

**Prelude** Partita on *In God, My Faithful God* Dietrich Buxtehude

*Stand at your discretion*

### Opening Sentences

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; **let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, **and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, **and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the corners of the earth, **and the strength of the hills is his also.**

The sea is his, and he made it, **and his hands prepared the dry land.**

O come, let us worship and fall down, **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is the Lord our God, **and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; **let the whole earth stand in awe of him.**

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the world **and with righteousness to judge the world and the peoples with his truth.**

The Venite: Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9  
The Book of Common Prayer 1552

For Reformation Sunday

### Processional Hymn 260

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Ein' Feste Burg  
Martin Luther 1529

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

**Almighty, eternal God, we acknowledge that we were born in sin, and are therefore inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing, and ever more corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for the same, and ask for your grace and help. Have mercy on us, most gracious and merciful God, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sins and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them completely, and please you entirely by a new and godly life.**

**Amen.**

Martin Bucer, the Strassburg Liturgy 1539

### Hymn 572

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

### KYRIE

### Declaration of Good News

### Gloria Patri

Hymn 579

### Passing of the Peace

*Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.*

### Music With the Children (11:00)

*Alleluia*

Eugene Butler

The King's Kids

Sarah and Gregory McCord, Directors

Marilyn Anderson, Piano

### Time with Young Disciples (11:00)

Following this time, children in kindergarten through second grade may be excused for Children's Church.

## *Hearing the Word*

### Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter Reading

Psalm 90:1-12

**Meditation On Mortality and our Home with God**

Lord, you have been our refuge : **from one generation to another.**

Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be : **from eternity to eternity you are God.**

You turn man back into dust : **saying 'Return to dust, you sons of Adam.'**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing : **or like one watch of the night.**

Our days decline beneath your wrath : **and our years pass away like a sigh.**

The days of our life are three score years and ten, or if we have strength, four score : **the pride of our labors is but toil and sorrow, for it passes quickly away and we are gone.**

Teach us so to number our days : **that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

### Anthem

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. Hal H. Hopson

### Epistle Reading

**Paul Asks His Friend to Hurry**

II Timothy 4:9-21

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

### Gospel Reading

**A Lesson on Procrastination**

Luke 9:57-62

### Sermon

*Come Before Winter!*

Matthew Covington

## *Responding to the Word*

*All Stand*

### Affirmation of Faith

*adapted from The Confession of 1967*  
(9.21, 9.22)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for humanity when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

### Prayers of the People

*All Sit*

### Offertory

*O God, Our Strength and Fortitude*

arr. Austin Lovelace

### Doxology

### Prayer of Dedication

## *Bearing the Word into the Created World*

### Closing Hymn 457

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

Genevan Psalter 1551

Words attr. John Calvin

### Benediction

Visitors wishing to know more about the church and all who want special prayer requests may meet the ministers in the Chapel.

### Response

*Amen*

SEVEN-FOLD

### Postlude

*I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength*

Benedetto Marcello

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*WELCOME VISITORS! The Presbyterian Church delights in welcoming visitors. In addition to recording information on the pew pads, we invite visitors to go to the Chapel upon leaving the service so that Dr. Covington or Ms. Haskins can give a personal greeting. The Chapel lobby may be approached from the hallway beside the sanctuary.*

## Announcements

### ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF WORSHIP TODAY:

**GREETERS:** Arnie Petrus 8:30 Bill Krepps 11:00

**LECTORS:** Betty Jo Beard 8:30 Bob Scantlin 11:00

**ACOLYTES:** Jack and Sam Grise

**CRUCIFERS:** Paul Clark 8:30 Larry Warden 11:00

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Ruben Flynn, David Muffett and Stefan Trickey

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Dena Hill, Alisia Simmons,  
and Kimberly Watkins

**THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to occur next Sunday, November 1 after each morning worship service for the purpose of hearing and acting on the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, which will present a slate of Deacons and Elders for the classes of 2012.

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Wanda Hunt and Kelley Paul. Deacons assist the Pastors in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 843-4707.

**LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, November 1:** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION** IN THE COMPANY OF WOMEN meets Monday evenings at 5:30pm in the Tenth Street Parlor. All are welcome.

**THE MONDAY MORNING EDUCATION PROGRAM** continues the Fall series on "A Study of World Religions -- Part II." The current emphasis is Christianity based on historical research by prominent Biblical scholars in the series "From Jesus to Christ." Class discussions will be led by Mike Kanan and George Dillingham. Classes meet every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

**HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE** Please consider for yourself and also invite interested persons, to our **Healing and Wholeness service** to be held **Sunday, November 1** in the **Chapel** following our **11:00 am** worship service. As defined in the Book of Order, "the vital element of worship in the service for wholeness is prayer since this is essentially time of waiting in faith upon God. Thanksgiving for God's promise of wholeness, intercessions and supplication. Adequate time for silent prayer, as well as prayers spoken and sung. [along with] enacted prayer in the form of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil is appropriate." [W-3.5403] As we know, healing is not the result of the holiness, earnestness, or skill of those enacting the prayers, or of the faith of the ones seeking healing, but as the gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. [W-3.5405] In this light, let us, together, come on one accord for healing and wholeness for ourselves and for those whom we love.

**ARTS MONDAY WITH THE ARTS** October 26: A History of Western Music **Part Sixty-Three-** Richard Strauss: **DER ROSENKAVALIER** Join us as we continue our major study of Western music in a historical perspective. Today we hear Act Two of Richard Strauss' charming romantic opera DER ROSENKAVALIER in a 1984 Salzburg Festival performance conducted by the great Herbert Von Karajan. Program length: 90 minutes.

**AN IN-CHURCH ART EXHIBIT "Celebrating Our Gifts"** begins October 16th and runs through November 21st. This show features artwork by members and family of our congregation. Please stop in Fellowship Hall to see the show!

**WE WILL BE WELCOMING A GUEST MUSICIAN, WES PICKERING,** to our November 8 CEWS (Casual Evening Worship Service) at 5:00pm. Wes is a very talented Christian musician from Nashville and a graduate of Belmont University. We are excited to have him lead the music for the service. Check him out on his website: [www.wespickering.com](http://www.wespickering.com)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES SUNDAY SCHOOL** All children's classrooms (nursery thru 5th grade) are now located downstairs in the Children's Center. For a complete list of all classrooms and teachers, please pick up a blue 2009 Fall Round-up brochure located in the Narthex and outside the church office.

**MISSION MISSIONS COMMITTEE** The Missions Committee has changed its meeting time to the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm.

**FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS FOR SIX** In the coming months, we will mix up the fellowship notion of Suppers for eight. "Suppers for Six" will encourage couples and singles to sign up to meet in groups of six in a local restaurant. The responsibility for choosing the restaurant and a time will rotate between three couples (and/or pair of singles) over a three month period. Each couple will pay for their own meals. We will begin in January. Please sign up with Cheryl at the church (843-4707). Questions? Please contact Ann Covington at [macovington@earthlink.net](mailto:macovington@earthlink.net) or 846-4325.

**YOUTH MINISTRY JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** will meet tonight at 6:00pm after CEWS in Fellowship Hall. After dinner we'll go on a reverse Trick or Treat.

**FALL PARTY** at the Deputy's 4-8pm on Friday October 30. We'll have a hayride, pumpkin carving, a bonfire, story telling, & more. This is for Junior & Senior Highs.

**JOIN THE CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE** and follow the church on Twitter/bgpres. Keep better connected to what's going on!

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES** The new EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the church.

**OTHER NEWS** AN ACOLYTE TRAINING will be held in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour today, October 25th (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Graders). Please gather at 10am (after music). If you have never done this but would like to give the gift of your time this way, please come. If you are a current acolyte and want to listen you are welcome also. Nicole Guthrie will be the acolyte coordinator starting January of 2010.

**VISITORS THIS WEEK** We welcome this morning members of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Chagrin Falls, Ohio and Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian, Solon, Ohio. They are here on a stopover from a mission trip to New Orleans. They have been in Louisiana to help rebuild homes damaged in hurricane Katrina. Please make them feel welcome.

**PLC FUNDRAISER** We are offering you the opportunity to help support the Preschool Learning Center and at the same time purchase unique fresh Christmas evergreen. We are working with Mickman, which offers high quality wreaths, centerpieces, swags and table trees. You may purchase for yourself and have it delivered to the church or buy gifts for your family and friends and have it shipped directly to them. Delivery is made between December 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The product is beautiful and the prices are affordable. Come and see! --Sunday, Nov. 1st on the landing outside the chapel, between and after services – for questions or late orders contact the PLC before November 6.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night. The time change happens on Sunday.



We express sympathy to the following church members who have recently lost loved ones: to Charles Runner for the death of his father Jerry Runner, who died on October 13, 2009; to Jim and Jean Harris for the death of their granddaughter Antonia Thomas, who died on October 17, 2009; to Sarah McCord for the death of her grandmother Ida Strenkowski, who died on October 20, 2009.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:40 a.m. King's Kids  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Acolyte Training  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
4:00 p.m. Rainbow Ringers  
5:00 p.m. CEWS  
6:00 p.m. Jr. / Sr. High Youth

### Monday, October 26

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Education  
1:00 p.m. Monday Afternoon With the Arts  
5:30 p.m. In the Company of Women  
7:00 p.m. English Country Dancing

### Tuesday, October 27

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

### Wednesday, October 28

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
7:00 p.m. Christian Education Ministry  
8:00 p.m. College Group

### Friday, October 30

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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