

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2017

Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Eph. 2:8-9

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Jan Bender

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**God's love surrounds us every day;
our God is merciful and gracious.**

Turn your backs upon idols, worship the Holy One of Israel.

**Blessed are all who stand in awe before God;
happy are all who walk in His ways.**

The love of God has chosen us, the love of God unites us with all his people.

**God is our judge and our source of life;
God is our comfort and our refuge.**

*SONG OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Mike Girdner

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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The Word of the Lord.

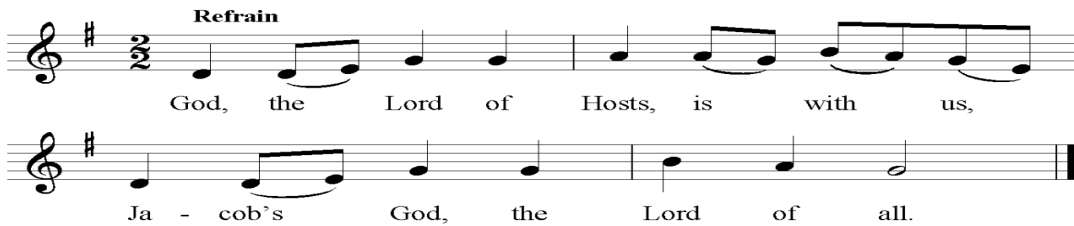
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

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Refrain



God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us,
Ja - cob's God, the Lord of all.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:19-28

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 8:31-36

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Built on a Rock the Church Shall Stand

Dale Wood

MESSAGE

The Gift of Being Reformed

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Flor Peeters

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

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*DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Thy Strong Word (See page 5)

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Paul Manz

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Soli Deo Gloria

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for November 5: Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthews 23:1-12.

The **Urban Mission** item of the month for **October is canned vegetables (no corn)**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Loreen Upton and Diana Johnson .

MISSION AND EVANGELISM BUCKETS for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – **Our project to collect cleaning supplies to fill 5-gallon buckets to be distributed to people whose homes were damaged in our recent hurricanes is going well.** Please check the sign-up sheet in the hallway to find out what we still need to fill our buckets. If you prefer, you can contribute money – by cash or check in the collection plate at worship indicating that it is for the Buckets – and we will use it to purchase items that we still need. THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 5, 2017. Don't forget to turn your clock back an hour!

Following worship next Sunday, November 5, you are invited to a brief **remembrance service** at our columbarium. Information about inurnment will be available at that time.

Mark your calendar! On **November 12, we will have a Thanksgiving potluck** following worship.

SUNDAY

October 29

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service

TUESDAY

October 31

6:00 P.M. – Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY

November 1

3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir

SUNDAY

November 5

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service with Communion
12:00 P.M. – Remembrance Service

Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.

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5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light creator
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!