



WESLEY
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Weems, Virginia

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 28:19 NIV

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: #548 As the Deer v.1

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

Congregation: From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Pastor: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

Congregation: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Pastor: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed.

Opening Prayer

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #401 The Church's One Foundation 1st & last verses

Prayer of Confession

We think that we want to be healed of our blindness, gracious God, but actually we have become so comfortable in our darkness that we fear the light. It is as though we are living in a cave, and rather than take a risk to face the light, we prefer to face the dark wall. Give us courage to take risks which will result in not only our own transformation, but also the transformation opportunities for others. Forgive our stubborn insistence on living in darkness. Take our hands and lead us to the light. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 and ever. Amen.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Father, truly, we are your servants. In you, we live and move and have our being. We offer you our thanksgiving and call on your name. We love you, Lord, for you hear us and respond in graciousness and compassion and righteousness. You deliver our souls from death, our feet from stumbling, and our eyes from tears. Now receive our tithes and offerings, we pray. Multiply them so that your work and word can go forth. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hymn: #151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 1st & last verses

Prayer for Illumination

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Daniel 3:8-18

Romans 1:16-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sermon: Nailed It!

Hymn: #343 Amazing Grace 1st & last verses

Benediction

Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God . . .

Announcements

December 6th, 7th, and 8th (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday): **Christmas Bazaar**. Friday and Saturday hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours: after the service, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We are collecting the following in good condition, to be repurposed:

- baskets (wicker, metal, wood)
 - vessels (trays, caddies, wooden boxes/crates)
 - buckets (tins, plastic)
 - floral picks (pinecone, snowflakes, winter/Christmas theme)
 - bows/ribbons (all colors)
 - shredded color paper and tissue paper for basket shred
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Pick up your **Wesley cookbook** any Sunday after church. See Kathie Galgano or Cheri Winkler. Books are \$10 each. Make checks out to **Wesley EPC** and indicate "Cookbooks" on the memo line. Great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers!