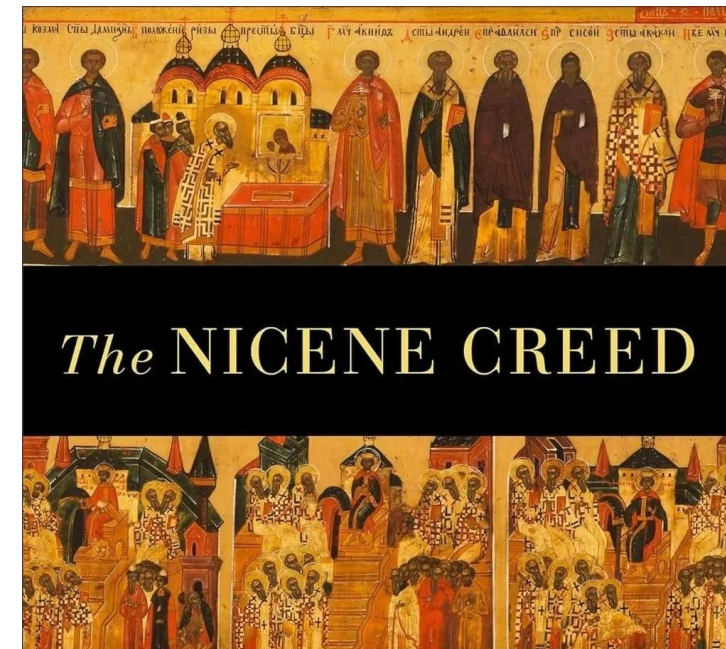


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Service for the Lord's Day

Reformation Sunday

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Postlude



Those who wish to receive oil anointing may come forward at this time.

Presbyterians celebrate the tradition that grounds our faith on Reformation Sunday. It is always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. Presbyterianism is the name given to one of the groups of ecclesiastical bodies that represent the features of Protestantism emphasized by French lawyer John Calvin, whose writings crystallized much of the reformed thinking that came before him. Our liturgy and hymns today celebrate our Reformed heritage and the roots of Presbyterianism that were formed in Scotland in the 16th Century.

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could
and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation,
apart from and beside this one Word of God,
still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

This statement, part of our *Book of Confessions*, was written by German church leaders in 1934 to speak clearly to the popular "German Christian" movement, which saw no conflict between Christianity and the ideals of Hitler's National Socialism.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. 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.

† **Responsive Hymn** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” GtG #620

Moment for Stewardship

Presentation of Estimate of Giving Cards and Offering

Offertory

† **Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication “All Good Gifts” Choir

Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer

P: 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.

SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

† **Closing Hymn** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” GtG #687

† **Benediction**

† **Response** “May the God of Hope Go with Us” GtG #765

*Hearing devices
are available in
the narthex.*



† *Indicates where
we should rise in
body or in spirit.*



*L: Leader (One)
P: People (All)*



*Hymnals:
Glory to God
(GtG = purple)*

*Worship &
Celebration
(W&C = red)*



*At this time,
please complete
Prayer Request
Cards (yellow
cards found in
the pews). They
will be collected
during the
Responsive
Hymn.*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer *John Knox (c. 1513-1572)*

L: O Lord, strengthen our faith. Kindle it more in ferventness and love toward you, and our neighbors, for your sake. Most dear Father, do not let us receive your word in vain, but grant us the assistance of your grace and Holy Spirit, that in heart, word, and deed, we may sanctify and worship your name.

P: Amen.

† **Opening Sentences**

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
P: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;
P: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

† **Opening Hymn** GtG #275
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

† **Prayer for Humility**

L: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God’s grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin, praying:

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

P: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give.

*Silence is kept for personal meditation/confession.
(Pouring of the baptismal waters)*

† Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Believe this good news and give thanks:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

† Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

John Calvin (1509-1564)

P: Almighty and gracious God, since our salvation stands in our knowledge of your holy word, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that our hearts may be freed from the chains of sin, so that we may hear and receive your word, recognizing your gracious will for us. Teach us by scripture to love and serve you with delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today we use all four of the weekly lectionary readings: Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel. This ritual helps the congregation to hear a broad, connected range of Biblical texts, including unfamiliar ones. Doing this connects us to the global community of faith using the same texts at the same time.



Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, I wish to humble myself and pray. I seek your face and turn from my wicked ways. How desperately this land needs your healing! It is time to follow you more closely so that I may return to the blessings of my spiritual heritage. For Jesus' sake I pray. Amen.

Children's Time

Scripture Readings

Psalm 100

L: A song of God's covenant people.

P: Amen.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

2 Timothy 4:6-8

L: The word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Luke 17.20-25

L: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ's name be praised!

Message

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

P: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, 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.