

**Reformation Sunday
First Presbyterian Church
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Virtual Sunday Service



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“Worship is the strategy by which we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God.”

The Rev. Dr. Eugene Peterson

Sunday Service

The Service for the Lord's Day

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

... May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

INTROIT

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

-Hebrews 11: 1-3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,

So that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Let the church humble herself before the living God.

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 275

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?

Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

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3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION - *John 3:17*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION - *from the Reformed Church of Zurich, 1525*

Heavenly Father, merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before Thy Divine Majesty that we are poor miserable sinners. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased Thee. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of Thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us our sins; and grant us now the gifts of Thy Holy Spirit. Bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life within us through Jesus Christ.

And now Lord, I confess specifically...(silent prayers)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA

"Glory to God"
Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

No. 583

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Fun With Flags

Pastor Brad

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Spirit of the Living God"

THE EPISTLE: Romans 1: 1-7 and 16-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Praise the Lord Our God Forever"

SERMON

"LIVING BY FAITH"

Pastor Brad Napier

"Grace must find expression in life, otherwise it is not grace."

-Karl Barth

HYMN

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 307

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Responsive) -The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. 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 the devil. 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. **AMEN.**

WORSHIP WITH OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" No. 649

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been thee ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” st.3 No. 267
Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to Sunday morning worship! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us at First Presbyterian London. This is a place of love and hope; safety and forgiveness. We will be food for the hungry, living water for the thirsty. We will comfort the bereaved and come together as a family of faith that bridges the chasms of loneliness and despair. We are open and inclusive, welcoming everyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will get to know us and, perhaps, join us on our pilgrimage. As Christ drew no distinctions on the cross so we draw none here as his church. You are loved. Come on in – we've been waiting for you. Welcome, we are the church.



BE THE CHURCH
Protect the environment.
Care for the poor.
FORGIVE OFTEN.
REJECT RACISM.
Fight for the powerless.
Share earthly and spiritual resources.
EMBRACE DIVERSITY.
LOVE GOD.
Enjoy this life.

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*If you're interested in **holiday nuts** again this year, please see Kay McCracken. We will not have extra on hand as she will be ordering only what orders she receives.*

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday School

We will be studying the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 6, today. Each week we will cover a new chapter.

Wednesday Bible Study

Al Plymire is covering C.S. Lewis' book, Mere Christianity,
Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

All are cordially invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

We will be having our annual Trunk or Treat. It is scheduled for
Wednesday, October 29 5:00 PM

More details will be coming soon. Now would be a good time to
plan your trunk!



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To Ponder...

To set God before us is nothing else than to keep all our senses bound and captive, that they may not run out and go astray after any other object. We must look to him with other eyes than those of the flesh, for we shall seldom be able to perceive him unless we elevate our minds above the world; and faith prevents us from turning our back upon him. David kept his mind so intently fixed upon the providence of God as to be fully persuaded, that whenever any difficulty or distress should befall him, God would be always at hand to assist him...Calmly to rejoice is the lot of no man but of him who has learned to place his confidence in God alone, and to commit his life and safety to his protection.

John Calvin, 1509-1564, from his Commentary on Psalm 16.

Prayer...

Waken our hearts, O Lord our God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make you our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to yourself with the cords of your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with you when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

-Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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Prayer Requests & Thanksgiving

Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing and comfort in the days ahead. And be thankful for God's love.

- **Caroline Robinson:** Keep Caroline in your prayers.
- **Ronald Weaver:** Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he battles an aggressive cancer.
- **Wynona Brown:** Please keep her and Jackson in your prayers. She is home and is going through treatments to prepare for hip replacement surgery.
- **Bill Nichols:** Please keep him in your prayers as he battles cancer. He is a friend of Wynona Brown's family.
- **Carolyn Smith:** Pray for comfort and strength as she continues chemo treatment for lung cancer.
- **Pam Orr Weston:** Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she undergoes treatments for ovarian cancer.
- **The Hardin Family:** Please the Hardin family in your prayers in the coming days. Trish passed away Wednesday, October 1. She was a faithful member of our church and a selfless worker and friend.
- **David Caldwell:** Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers from recent hip surgery.
- **The Pratt Family:** Please keep the family of Peggy Pratt in your prayers in the coming weeks. Peggy passed away last week. She was a long-time member of our congregation and will be greatly missed.
- **Food Pantry visitors:** Pray for comfort, peace, and hope for those and their families. Pray for our volunteers.
- **Caregivers and shut-ins:** Please keep them in your prayers as they often feel isolated and alone. Remember them throughout the year with prayer and actions.

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October Birthdays

October Birthdays

4th Christina Bacon

6th Beth Pratt

7th Kay McCracken

Doug Yost

8th Arlene Rush

10th Arnell Edwards

11th Mark David Pratt

22nd Daisy Pratt

29th John Kelley

30th Nick Grigsby

31st Susan Phelps

Anniversaries

4th David & Ruthann

Caldwell

10th Al & Barbara Plymire

17th Katie & Nikki Bowling

We will be having a **church-wide yard** sale November 6th a 7th. There's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you are interested. Tables are \$25. Proceeds go to the Mission Committee. While you're bringing down the Christmas decorations from the attic, this is a good time to clean out unwanted items.

Caring Ministry

Our Mission team needs your help. There are people in our community who may be lonely due to age, mobility, or merely circumstances. Others are caregivers and may be unable to leave their homes. They may feel forgotten and isolated; in prison. We want them to know that they are still a vital part of our lives as well as the life of the church. Even if they are not members of our church, they are God's children and are loved.

We want to start a caring ministry to show God's love. There are simple things that can be done that would mean so much. This may be sending a card to let them know we are thinking of them or occasionally visiting with them. Maybe they need other help.

What we need from you are the names of those that you know who may feel isolated and would like to have someone thinking of them. Please let us know of those who could use a friendly voice or thought. If you would like to be part of this on any level let us know that as well. Perhaps you are good at sending cards or making phone calls.

Please fill out the contact information below and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the elders. **THANK YOU!!**

Name _____

Any other information that
you would care to add.

Address _____

Phone _____
