

Welcome to



31 Oct 21

Reformation Sunday

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection*

Announcements and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together*

Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
(Matthew 28:19) **C: Amen**

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) **C: Amen**

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:00am

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Women's Group – 169 Buxton Dr

7:00pm – Men's Group – 169 Buxton Dr

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Please feel free to take and mail as many as you pray for.

Today is Reformation Sunday! We have a special opportunity to hear Martin Luther himself speak to us today at 2:00pm. This will be very informative and entertaining. Please plan to attend

Our Morning Bible Study on the Beatitudes will meet this November 11 at 10:30am at the Forest Community Church at 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd. Everyone is invited.

We will return to having a time for Fellowship before Morning Worship beginning next Sunday! Gather in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15 on for coffee and pastries. This will be a great time to get to know better those with whom you worship. Please plan to come. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to set-up and do the light clean-up. Thanks.

Next Sunday, 7 November we will remember all those who have died this year during our All Saints Day memorial. If you would like a loved one who passed into Glory since last All Saints Day to be remembered please be in contact with Pastor Tom by Thursday..

Thanks to everyone for bringing the bags for Parkview. They can always use \$1.00 Laundry detergent or dish liquid. With it getting cold they can use blankets or socks. There are quite a few people who are homeless in Lynchburg.

If you would like to participate in our Worship Service through reading the Scripture, please contact Jen Reynolds, and, if you would like to receive the upcoming Lections emailed each Monday.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 46

*Hymn – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

First Lesson – Revelation 14.6-7

Call to Prayer – “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – Romans 3.19-28

Offertory -

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

*Doxology – #95

*Gospel – : John 8.31-36

Our response is, “**Praise be to thee, O Christ**”

Sermon - “True Freedom is Being Born Free”

*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Unending Hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ Individually

*Hymn – “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Benediction

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns, Larry Shepley, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Jean McCormick and persecuted Christians around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter

John Thornton, friend of David Kinzer

Robbie Spencer, Judy Kinzer’s sister, VBH

Taylor Yoder, preparing for a major examination

Jean Blankenship and Jean Moriety, friends of Carol Bryant

Fred Greene, friend of Katie Epley, metastatic prostate cancer

Starke Camden, breathing issues

Betty Smith, going on dialysis, friend of Carolyn’s

Linda Hunt, with cancer, cousin of Carolyn’s

Mike Toney, friend of Web’s, cancer

Pastor Bill Carr, recuperating from heart surgery

Titus Sergeant & family, body cast removed and recuperating

Lexi, 10 year old with cancer, daughter of a friend of Sara Dietrich’s

Lydia Behnke, Andy’s mom, fractured back

Friend of Dave Gardner having stomach surgery

Stephanie Garrett, friend of Webb’s, cancer

Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob

Sally, friend of Jen’s, with cancer

Sylvia, Yvette’s daughter, Multiple Myeloma cancer

Lynn Swartz, friend of Bea’s, multiple heart issues

Donny Baker, friend of Glenn Harvey, in need of a liver transplant

Howard Dillon, friend of Glenn, recuperating from pneumonia

Leslie Hair, friend of Agnes, needs liver transplant

Elijah, Yvette Clarks’ great grandson, with seizures

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

Olivia Rowsey, Maggie’s friend, 16 yo with Leukemia

Lynn Ruppe, Gail’s sister, back issues

Nancy Turner, friend of Martha Mahanes

Camden Clark, Yvette’s grandson,

Christie Smith, family of Bea Gardner, recovering from surgery

Remington Richmond, Pat Wheeler’s great nephew

Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona’s parents

Melody Henry, Mona’s sister a nurse and all health care givers

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes

Erik Blaum, PTSD, Dot Flanik’s son

Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys