

Welcome to



29 Oct 2023

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:

Wednesday -10:30am Bible Study – 1517 Thomas Jefferson Rd
7:00pm – Women’s Group – 169 Buxton Dr
7:00pm – Men's Group – 169 Buxton Dr
Thursday – 7:00pm– Bible Study– 19 George St.

We have prayer cards for you to mail to anyone you lifted up at the Altar during Communion. Feel free to bless others with these.

Today is Reformation Sunday. We celebrate God’s faithfulness in keeping the Church in sound doctrine. He has accomplished this through His Spirit by working through those committed to proclaiming Christ alone! May we be inspired and ever faithful to the exclusivity of Jesus Christ and His amazing Grace!

We will meet after the Service next Sunday to pack the shoe boxes for the Christmas Boxes. The church will provide pizza, so just plan to stay, have lunch and help us fill the boxes. ***Make sure you bring the boxes you have assembled.

We will be celebrating All Saints Day this year on November 5th at our 10:00am Worship Service. If you have anyone you would like remembered that day please send their full name and date of death to Pastor Tom by 3 November and they will be included

The Consecration of the Christmas Boxes will be November 20 at 6:00pm at Calvary Baptist Church on Timberlake Rd.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 46

*Hymn # 656 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

First Lesson – Revelation 14.6-7

Call to Prayer # 104 “Amazing Grace”

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 – #668

*Gospel – John 8.31-36 **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon – “Grace Alone...or, Nothing!”

*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

*Hymn #506 “In Christ Alone”

*Benediction

*Dismissal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Gail Everett, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Chris Griffin, Jean Moriety, Heather Wright, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Nikki Vogt, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Bea Gardner & those persecuted around the world.

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

The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,
The people of Turkey and Syria
The people in East Palestine, Ohio and those hit by tornadoes.
The situation and people in Israel
Ruth and Glen Harvey
Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother-in-law, great improvement from surgery
Carol Bryant, recovering from surgery.
Ann Behnke recovering from surgery.
Gail Everett, upcoming surgery
Jenifer Mahanes
Jay Marks, looking for a job.
Finn Stallsmith, Judy Kizner’s brother-in-law, comfort during hospice care
Jerri Doss
Elizabeth Woolwine, breast cancer
Chad Reeves, young man who had a heart attack.
Shawn Butler, cancer
April Stephens’ mom, Cindi Mason, stage 3 colon cancer
Yvette Clark, heart rhythm concerns
Abigail Englund
David Baker, cousin of Judy Kinzer, needs a kidney.
Anise Maddox, mom of a friend of Web’s, with cancer
Yvette Clark’s great grandson, Camden
Mary Kessler, friend of the Dietrich’s
Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter
Jan Grey
Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson
Laura Cash, friend of Web’s
Debbie Reeves, cancer
Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis
Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s
Bob and Vivienne, friends of the Dietrich’s, health issues of Bob
Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes