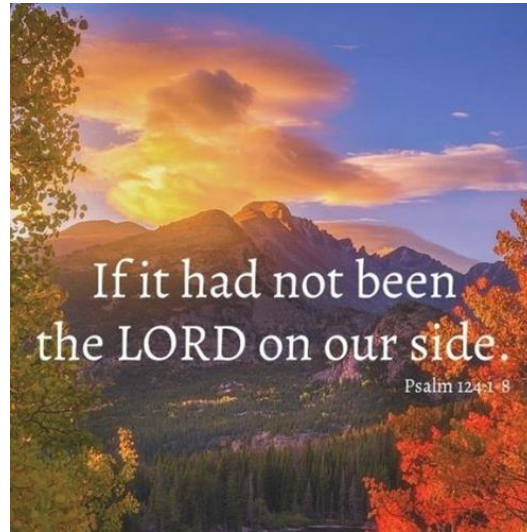


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31, 2021

11:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

GELOBET SEIST DU, JESU CHRIST (PRAISE BE TO THEE, LORD JESUS CHRIST)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHANN HEINRICH BUTTSTEDT (1666-1727)

SAMUEL SCHEIDT (1587-1654)

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

I LONG FOR YOUR COMMANDMENTS

"WHO DENEN WIE DA WANDEN"

LAUREL PLITNIK, MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANOS

I long for your commandments; your judgments all are just
Within your words is wisdom, your teachings understood
Are comfort to my spirit's need and in the night my solace.
Your statues are my song.

Without your lamp to guide me I wander from the way
Without your laws and precepts I stumble in the dark.
Your understandings are my hope that I may run in freedom.
Your ways are my release.

* SENTENCES OF CELEBRATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit comes to us today

in new visions and new voices and in new understandings.

From visions and voices passed on to us from yesterday.

It may burn in our hearts like fire or whisper in the silence.

It may sing to us from the stars or sneak up on us from within.

We believe the Spirit speaks to us and we must respond! Let us Worship God!

* INVOCATION

Holy God, Graciously inform and assist our worship so that it may be acceptable to you. Fill us with the spirit of the great reformers of the church. Revive our awareness of their contributions, faith and zeal. Help us worthily to celebrate their witness and vision. Grant us keen sight that we may be able to recognize prophets of your appointment in our own time. Assist us in identifying and firmly opposing self-appointed prophets, who, in your name, try to lead your people astray. Reform your Son's church, O God, beginning with us, both individually and as a congregation. In the name of the greatest prophet, the boldest reformer, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

"NICAEA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* SONG RESPONSE #71

SURELY, IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME (VERSE 1)

"FIRST SONG"

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

We recognize how important we are to each other - as we worship, we pass the peace of Christ from our seats and wave to those who are joining us via Livestream. We belong to each other and are stronger together.

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

EXODUS 20:1-17

20 And God spoke all these words: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "You shall have no other gods before^[a] me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ "You shall not steal. ¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

DUET

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD
LAUREL PLITNIK, MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANOS
(Please see Hymn #275 for text.)

JOHANN SCHEIN (1586-1630)

SECOND READING

JOEL 2:23-32

²³ Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. ²⁴ The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. ²⁵ "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm^[a]— my great army that I sent among you. ²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. ²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

The Day of the LORD

²⁸ "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. ³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ³² And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.^[b]

SERMON

"REFORMED AND ALWAYS REFORMING"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #649

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

"AMAZING GRACE"

* STEWARDSHIP HYMN #687

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (VERSE 1)

"ST. ANNE"

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: "THE LORD IS ON OUR SIDE"

KATHY GETTY

STEWARDSHIP HYMN #687

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (VERSE 6)

"ST. ANNE"

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(We are now passing the offering plates.

Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

TWO PARTS ON A ROUND TIME
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

THOMAS TALLIS (1520-1585)

* DOXOLOGY #36

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (VERSE 1)

"AR HYDY NOS"

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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. Amen.

* HYMN #275

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD: A LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY
(Martin Luther's Reformation hymn with words from Psalm 46)

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #540

FAREWELL, GOOD FRIENDS!

"SHALOM, CHAVERIM"

(Sung the first time in Hebrew and the second time in English.)

POSTLUDE

PSALM XIX (THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD)
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

BENEDETTO MARCELLO (1686-1739)

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Alison Peters
Liturgist.....David Stickler
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Laurel Plitnik and Mikayla Dodge, Sopranos
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Usher.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

Music Notes

Although not as early as Martin Luther and the posting of the 95 Theses in 1517, the music for this Reformation Sunday was all composed at least 300 years ago. Thomas Tallis was a contemporary of Martin Luther's while Benedetto Marcello was a contemporary of J.S. Bach. The striking duet, "A Mighty Fortress" has the familiar words we have known for decades but only exhibits occasional references to the "Ein Feste Burg" tune we will sing later this morning. The original tune composed by Luther in 1528 had dramatically different stronger rhythm – the first phrase on the duet is an example of this. Johann Schein composed a number of short pieces and combined them into his Opella nova, Volume 1 in 1618. "A Mighty Fortress" is one of these pieces. Listen for the sonorous harmonies and the striking strong rhythm.

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

-Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Alison Peters
Director of Music MinistriesJudith Brown
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Audio/Video Technician.....Eric Ringler

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION

David Stickler

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Cindy Corley & Gary Hendrickson

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bob Courtney & Evan Swanger

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Jan Layman & Mikayla Dodge

FAITH FORMATION

Josh Gilhart & Katie Ross

MISSION

Aaron Hendrickson & Judy Stern

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sharon Kazary & Carl Belt

PASTOR ALISON'S AVAILABILITY: Pastor Alison is available when requested or informed of a need. If you are aware of someone in need of a visit or phone call, please call or text her to let her know. *[Fridays are generally her day off and she will respond when she is available.]*

Ways to contact Pastor Alison:

call, text, or email:

814-715-1681 / revalisonpeters@gmail.com

To help with scheduling, please reach out to the Church Office:

Brittany Jackson: 301-777-3700 firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE: For the time being, due to bus transportation Covid guidelines with Allegany County Public Schools, Brittany will be in the office daily from 8:30AM -3:00 PM. She can be reached via email or on her cell phone from 3:00-4:00 PM if needed.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a "Big Tent Church" where everyone is welcome to join us in worshipping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage worshipers of all races, all women, men, and members of the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, and all walks of life. We welcome you to worship with us.

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: We welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her parents, Margaret and Gilbert Bailey, and in honor of their children and grandchildren, by Tom and Carolyn Mathews. Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS: Please use orange prayer request cards in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys and concerns. Place the card in the offering plate once you have completed your request. The ushers will bring them to the pastor during the offering.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 24, 2021
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$164,939.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$161,766.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,173.00

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: JAN LAYMAN & MIKAYLA DODGE

HALLOWEEN WALK-THRU: All families are invited to attend our walk-thru event on **TODAY** from **2:00 – 4:00 PM**. Come take a spooky picture in our photo booth, grab a craft bag, and make sure to get your candy! Costumes are encouraged and pets are welcome!

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & JUDY STERN

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church. PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. Nationally, PDA is helping communities recovering from the effects of Hurricane Ida, North Carolina flooding, and Colorado wildfires. Globally, PDA has a lasting relationship with Haiti helping with earthquake recovery, hurricanes and political upheaval. PDA offers support for Afghan refugees. The Mission Committee encourages everyone to visit the PDA website, pda.pcusa.org, to learn more about PDA's commitment to helping communities struggling with catastrophic events.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT

COVID-19 UPDATE: As a directive from the Presbytery: For the time being, mask will now be **REQUIRED** at all church functions regardless of vaccination status.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: Next Sunday, November 7th, we will have a time of remembrance for All-Saints Sunday. If you have lost someone close to you this past year, please email their name and date of death to Brittany Jackson firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com for inclusion in our Litany of Remembrance.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE: The Churches of Washington Street will be holding a Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 24th at Emmanuel Parish. Join us as we give thanks together!