

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2017

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Greeting

Kirsten Homdrom

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart, you hear the prayer of the humble and justify the repentant sinner. Grant us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude - Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

(8:00) Judy Pidcock; (9:30 & 11:00) Chip Pope

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor; include all requested information.

Call to Worship

adapted from *Westminster Shorter Catechism* (1647)

One: What is the chief end of man?

All: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

One: How is the Sabbath to be sanctified?

All: The Sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

One: With thanksgiving for the heritage of our tradition and the gift of God's grace, let us glorify and worship God.

***Hymn 624 - I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

TOULON

Stanza 2 will be sung without accompaniment, as was the custom for the Geneva reformers.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

One: Let us confess what we know to be true about our lives and God's love: we trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

All: In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image.

One: God created us male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

All: But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

One: Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves. We deserve God's condemnation.

All: Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

One: In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

All: Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

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Today is Reformation Sunday. This year we celebrate 500 years since the start of the Reformation. Over the next few weeks we will celebrate the impact of the Reformation.

Martin Luther's *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* is the most recognized hymn of the Reformation, so you might expect J.S. Bach to have made more than one organ arrangement of it, but not so. In fact, scholars debate whether this composition is his or that of his father-in-law, Johann Michael Bach.

The text, originally in French, first appeared in a prayer and song collection of Strassburg, 1545. It is sometimes attributed to reformer John Calvin. Despite the uncertainty of authorship, the text makes numerous Biblical allusions, including Isaiah, Psalms 78 and 133, epistles, and Revelation 19:6. The tune or melody is an adaptation of the Psalter tune OLD 124TH, written for the singing of Psalm 124.

One: Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

All: Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

In the weeks prior to our Reformation celebration, choirs have offered motets (a very broad form of choral music) in Latin. J. S. Bach wrote several large scale motets for choir and instruments. The response offered here is the final section of his *Singet dem Herrn ein Neues Lied*, "Sing to the Lord a New Song," based on Psalms 149 and 150.

Bach wrote Cantata 79 for the festival of Reformation in 1725. As is often the case, the authorship of the text is unknown. This first movement, for chorus and orchestra, is based on Psalm 84:11. The text reflects that of the well-known Reformation hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, God is our protector. While all of the selections by Bach offered today were originally in German, we sing them in English to represent the Reformation practice of bringing worship into the vernacular.

We sing Hymn 371 today as a way of remembering how our reformation-era ancestors worshipped God. This hymn finds its legacy in the psalter, or the singing of psalms. The earliest Presbyterians only sung psalms. Hymn 371 is an adaptation of Psalm 98.

The first verse of *Now Thank We All Our God* (translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1848), one of the best-known German hymns, helps this movement create an expression of thanksgiving. The author, Martin Rinkart, wrote the hymn for his children in 1630 as a table prayer.

***Passing of the Peace**

Choral Response - *All Breathing Life* (from motet BWV 225)
All breathing life, sing and praise ye the Lord, hallelujah.

J. S. Bach

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 40:21-31

pew Bible, p. 628

Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering

Anthem - *God the Lord is Sun and Shield* (Cantata BWV 79, movement 1) J. S. Bach
God the Lord is sun and shield, the Lord gives mercy and glory. No good thing he withholds from those walking uprightly. (See pew Bible p. 514; Psalm 84:11)

New Testament Lesson - Colossians 1:9-20

pew Bible, p. 188

(11:00) A Time with the Younger Church

Following our time together, children will return to the pews for the rest of the worship service.

Sermon - *God is Sovereign*

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn 371 - *New Songs of Celebration Render

RENDEZ À DIEU

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

(8:00 & 11:00) Robert Galloway; (9:30) Gloria Johnson

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem - *Now Thank We All Our God* (Cantata BWV 79, movement 3)

J. S. Bach

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers arms has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. (See Hymn 643.)

***Offertory Response**

ST. ANNE

**Our God, we are a church reformed, a church reforming still;
we long to grow in your true Word, and follow more your will.
As faithful stewards we find joy; we need no rich display.
Lord, teach us all to use with care the gifts you give each day.**

text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

***Affirmation of Faith - Litany for Reformation**

See insert.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 275** - *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Response** - *Let Truth be Our Endeavor* (Cantata BWV 79, movement 6) J. S. Bach
Let truth be our endeavor, grant freedom now and ever to praise your name with fervor through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

***Postlude** - "Allegro moderato" from *Partita on "Ein' feste Burg"* Andrew Clarke (b. 1942)

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in recognition of 500 years of Reformation and in honor of Charlotte Daniel and Curtis Fawcett who celebrated their marriage yesterday.

Greeters: 9:30 - Jane Jordan, Julie Lyons, Amy Leden, Brian Leden, Christian Fellowship Class, Senior High Class; 11:00 - Heather Horton, Michelle Jeutter, Rebecca Kayye.

Ushers: 8:00 - William Allen, chair, Bruce Broadbelt, Cary Eaton, Bonnie Elam, Bill Fairfax, Susan Fairfax; 9:30 - William Allen, chair, Linda Mahan, Gray Glover, Claire Glover, Carter Grimes, Morgan Grimes; 11:00 - Barbara Hoyle, chair, Jim Newman, Judy Newman, J. T. O'Neil, Keith Parks, Abby Pressel.

Service Assistants: 8:00 - Will Hardesty; 9:30 - Sara Martin; 11:00 - Harry Vaughan.

Treasurer's Assistants: Julia Reeder, Kendra Allen.

Shuttle Drivers: Steve Lochbaum, Bob Usry.

Daylight Saving Time will end next Sunday morning, November 5. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4.

Yam Jam

Yam Jam is the Society of St. Andrew's annual sweet potato gleaning season spanning five weekends in October and November. On October 28 and November 4, we will glean sweet potatoes in Wake, Johnston or Harnett Counties from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. each day. Contact Meg Spears-Newsome at 919-683-3011 or sosanc@endhunger.org with questions.

Olive Oil Soap

Olive Oil Soap made in Palestine will be available again this year. The soap is made in Zababdeh, close to Nazareth, with extra virgin olive oil using centuries-old methods. All proceeds go to help the farmers who make the soap, and \$2 of every bar goes to help with the school fees for the children in Zababdeh. We sold out last year, so order early. The soap is \$5 per bar, or five bars for \$20, and will be available on Wednesday nights and Sundays throughout October and November in The Connector. It can also be purchased through Celia Poole at celiapoole@aol.com or Dana Hunt at dhunt7490@gmail.com.

First published in Wittenberg in 1529 in a collection titled *Spiritual Songs Newly Improved*, Hymn 275 was not published until a decade after the historical event which launched the Reformation: Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg. While the Reformation was a long period of time and not a single event in 1517, many believe Luther intended this rendering of Psalm 46 as a "song of comfort" in turbulent circumstances, rather than a battle hymn for the cause.

Bach typically ends his cantatas with a straightforward chorale. This sixth and final movement of his work for Reformation Sunday is a plea for perseverance, taken from the eighth stanza of the hymn (not known in Presbyterian hymnals) *Now Let Us Give Thanks to God the Lord*. The simplicity of the four-part choral harmony is made more splendid by the orchestral accompaniment.



Evensong Service

Gather for Evensong on Sunday, November 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the White Memorial Sanctuary. Come to remember, give thanks, find comfort and discover hope.

The next Seasonal Choir

opportunity: Join the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs for seven rehearsals to prepare for Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin November 7. Contact Karl at kzinsmeister@whitememorial.org for details.



The collection today will help provide grants to hunger agencies in our Presbytery and is one way to make a difference in the lives of those who struggle with food insecurity.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC(USA)

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Visiting? Stop by the Welcome Table in Jane Bell Gathering Space for information, directions and a friendly greeting. New members are received after a one-day Beginnings Class.

Visit whitememorial.org/join or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206 for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- Shuttle buses run every Sunday at five- to ten-minute intervals, 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., from Carolina Place, 2626 Glenwood Avenue, across from Glenwood Village Shopping Center.
- Restrooms are located in the Luther Building immediately behind the sanctuary/Jane Bell Gathering Space.
- Childcare is available for children up to four years old.
- Church School is offered at 9:30 a.m. for all ages.
- Refreshments are served in Carol Copeland Courtyard or Pickard Hall on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- The sanctuary has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- Live-streamed services are at whitememorial.org.
- Radio, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: November 5 and 19.
- Bulletins left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation. WMPC is a certified Earth Care congregation of the PC(USA).
- We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Sunday, October 29 *(Isaiah 40:21-31; Colossians 1:9-20)*

- Reformation Sunday
- Fifth Sunday Hunger Offering
- Worship: Note early start time* (8:00*, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary; 11:00 a.m. - OnPoint@1704, Pickard)
- 9:30 a.m. - OnPoint House Band (Pickard); Gathering of Confirmands and Elders (Geneva)
- 11:00 a.m. - Reformation Sunday Overflow from Sanctuary (Pickard)
- 3:00 p.m. - Youth Band Rehearsal (K100)
- 4:00 p.m. - Youth Choir Rehearsal (S300)
- 4:30 p.m. - Cancer Companions Support Group (C203)

Monday, October 30 *(Ps. 62; Jer. 45:1-5; Rev. 1:4-20; Matt. 12:43-50)*

- 5:30 p.m. - T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
- 6:45 p.m. - Ross Bible Study (C203)
- 7:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100); Handbell Choir (S300)
- 8:00 p.m. - Adult Basketball (Pickard)

Tuesday, October 31 *(Ps. 12; Lam. 1:1-12; Rev. 4:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9)*

- 6:30 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Bruegger's Bagels, Creedmoor Rd.)
- 7:00 a.m. - Men's/Women's Breakfast Bible Study (Geneva/K100)
- 8:30 a.m. - Yoga for Exercise (C100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit after Fifty (Pickard); God Talk (W400)
- 3:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 5:30 p.m. - StepUp Ministry: Children's Harvest Fest (Pickard)
- 6:00 p.m. - StepUp Life Skills Program/Dinner (Geneva)

Wednesday, November 1 *(Ps. 96; Lam. 2:8-15; Rev. 5:1-10; Matt. 13:10-17)*

- 6:45 a.m. - High School Prayer Breakfast (Chick-Fil-A, Cameron Village)
- 8:00 a.m. - Clothing Closet (W100)
- 9:30 a.m. - Presbyterian Women Bible Moderators (W400)
- 10:00 a.m. - Chair Yoga (C200)
- 11:15 a.m. - Yin Yoga (C200)
- 4:30 p.m. - Carol Choir (L304); Joyful Noise Choir (S300); Cherub Choir (L311)
- 5:00 p.m. - First Wednesday Spaghetti Supper (Pickard/Geneva)
- 6:00 p.m. - Children's Ministry Committee (S101)
- 6:30 p.m. - Disciple 1 (K307); Russia Ministry Committee (C203)
- 6:45 p.m. - OnPoint House Band (K100)
- 7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study (C102)
- 8:00 p.m. - Al-Anon (C100)

Thursday, November 2 *(Ps. 116; Lam. 2:16-22; Rev. 5:11-6:11; Matt. 13:18-23)*

- 9:30 a.m. - Lilies of the Field Bible Study (C301); Thursday Morning Bible Study (W400)
- T'ai Chi for Exercise (C200)
- 10:45 a.m. - Keenager Program: (K100)
- noon - Keenager Lunch (Geneva)
- 4:00 p.m. - Labyrinth Open for Walking (Chapel)
- 7:00 p.m. - Thursday Evening Bible Study (C301); Community Allocations (W400)
- 7:30 p.m. - Webelo Scouts (K304-307); Chancel/Sanctuary Choir (S300)

Friday, November 3 *(Ps. 84; Lam. 4:1-22; Rev. 6:12-7:4; Matt. 13:24-30)*

- Young Adult Fall Retreat
- 9:30 a.m. - Fit After Fifty (Pickard)
- 5:30 p.m. - Families with Young Children First Friday Movie Night (K100)
- 8:00 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous (C100)

Saturday, November 4 *(Ps. 63; Lam. 5:1-22; Rev. 7:4-17; Matt. 13:31-35)*

- 8:30 a.m. - Sunday School Setup (Classrooms)
- 9:00 a.m. - Communion Preparation (Sacristy)
- 10:00 a.m. - Elementary Skating Party at Jellybeans (Off Site); Let's Do Lunch (Geneva)