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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

October 26, 2014



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Today is Reformation Sunday. Martin Luther launched the great Reformation when he nailed “The Ninety-Five Theses” to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31, 1517. Why should this matter to us, and why should we celebrate the Reformation today?

On Reformation Sunday, we rejoice in the recovery of the biblical gospel of grace. Simply put, “Christ saves sinners” (I Timothy 1:15). We do not and cannot add anything to our salvation. Knowing this fosters a lifestyle of humility, gratitude, and joy. Seeing that Jesus saves us from beginning to end by His grace alone makes proud people humble, rude people grateful, and despairing people joyful.

The Reformation reminds us that Christianity is more of a grace-filled journey than a moral code. It is more of a love affair than a religious exercise. It is receiving a gift with open hands instead of keeping rules with clenched fists.

Pray that our church would never tire of trumpeting God’s grace and that our Lord would unleash the transforming power of His Gospel that brings times of refreshment. Don’t let this Reformation Sunday pass without praying this for yourself, your family, your church, and our world!

GOD IS OUR REFUGE

ORGAN PRELUDE: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” arr. Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organist

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: “A Mighty Fortress” Vaclav Nelhybel

CALL TO WORSHIPDavid A. Bowen

♠PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN FESTE BURG

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 46. Ethan Knight (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.**

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**O come, see what the Lord has done:
His desolations brought on earth;
On earth He puts an end to wars,
Breaks bow and spear, and chariots burn.
Be still! Know I am God.
Exalted o'er all men,
Exalted o'er all earth.
The Lord of hosts with us!
Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD IS OUR HOPE

CHORAL AFFIRMATION OF HOPE: "Joy in the Morning" Natalie Sleeth

There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory of the Lord will shine
And the glory of the Lord will bring truth divine.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Prayer by Martin Luther

**Behold, Lord,
I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled.
My Lord, fill it.
I am weak in faith;
Strengthen me.
I am cold in love;
Warm me and make me fervent
that my love may go out to my neighbor.
I do not have a strong and firm faith;
at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether.
O Lord, help me.
Strengthen my faith and trust in Thee.
In You I have sealed the treasures of all I have.
I am poor;
You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.
I am a sinner;
You are upright.
With me there is an abundance of sin;
In You is the fullness of righteousness.
Help and forgive me, O Lord, for my only hope is in You. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF HOPE: No. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "All My Hope On God Is Founded" arr. Dan Musselman

Music by Herbert Howells

Text by Joachim Neander/translated by Robert Bridges

All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew
Me through change and chance He guideth me, only good and only true:
God unknown, He alone calls my heart to be His own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray God's trust;
Though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever, deep His wisdom, passing thought;
Splendour, light and life attend Him, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from His store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Day by day the mighty Giver showers gifts on us below;
His desire our souls delight in, pleasure leads us where we go.
See love stand at His hand, joy awaits at His command!

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....MICHAEL

Still from earth to God in heav - en sac - ri-fice of
praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing
for the gift of Christ His Son. Hear Christ call
one and all; those who fol - low shall not fall.

♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Margaret S. Stephens

GOD IS OUR SALVATION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.**

GOSPEL LESSONJohn 3:1-8
(page 887 in the church Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *You Must Be Born Again* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✠SENDING HYMN: No. 455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" SAGINA
stanzas 1, 4 & 5

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God"..... J.S. Bach; arr. Fox

✠Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Community Reformation Service

Join Memphis area churches this evening for the annual Community Reformation Service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Harry Reeder of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham will be preaching. A community choir and orchestra will lead the joint congregations as we worship God and celebrate the restoration and spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in history.

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.