

“Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen.”  
- Martin Luther

## Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

### WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC (*see Songsheet*)

“Sing a New Song”  
“We Fall Down”

Dan Schutte  
Chris Tomlin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ron Tingle*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Mark Hayes

*Diane Combs, piano*

CHORAL INTROIT

“Built on the Rock”

Kirken

*Sanctuary Choir*

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP,** *responsive* - A Prayer of Martin Luther  
Behold, Lord, 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 thee altogether.**

O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in thee.

**In thee I have sealed the treasures of all I have.**

I am poor; Thou art rich and didst come to be merciful to the poor.

**I am a sinner; Thou art upright.**

With me there is an abundance of sin;

**In thee is the fullness of righteousness.**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”**

(*see Songsheet*)

**\*\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison* - A Prayer of John Calvin

**Eternal and Almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. With true sorrow we ask 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 righteousness pleasing in your sight; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

—A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION—

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen.**

**\*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*from the Westminster Confession of Faith*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

why do we gather to praise and worship God?

**The light of nature shows that there is a God, who has  
lordship and sovereignty over all; is good and does good;  
and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon,  
trusted in, and served with all the heart,  
and with all the soul, and with all the might.**

**\*\*PASSING THE PEACE**

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of  
God, we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God’s com-  
mand to love and forgive one another.*

**WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD**

CHORAL ANTHEM

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Steven Strite

*Sanctuary Choir*

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 46

*Laura Janson*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION, *in unison*

*A Prayer of Ulrich Zwingli*

**Almighty, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp  
unto my feet and a light unto my path, open and illuminate  
our minds, that we may purely and perfectly understand  
thy Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we  
have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing  
unto thy majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 16:19-31

SERMON

“Standing Strong”

*Rev. Holly Davis*

— PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE —

**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.**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**HYMN of RESPONSE,** *seated*

**“Grace Alone”**

(*see Songsheet*)

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Jason W. Krug

*Sanctuary Chimes*

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

(*see also Songsheet*) #275

**\*\* BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“A Celebration of Praise”

James Dentin

*Diane Combs, organ*

**\*\* If able, please stand for these portions of the service.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WILL YOU?** The Haywood Learning Center kids rely on volunteers to furnish their lunch. FPCW provides for them on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you can contribute a casserole or salad on Nov. 10th, please call Carolyn DeGrove 828-342-0574. She has recipes!

**PANTRY STOCKER—November** The greatest need at Haywood Christian Ministries this month is CANNED pasta, e.g. ravioli, spaghetti's, etc. Your dedicated volunteers will be in the front parking lot **Wednesday, Nov.10th from 10:00 'til noon** for drive-in/drop-off. Inconvenient? Leave your donations in the kitchen anytime.

**This Week: October 31—November 7**

*Belated Birthday Wishes to Mary Hays—October 28th*

- 10-31 Today Thanks to everyone helping today.
- 11-01 Mon 9:30 Quilters  
12:00 *NEW* Lunch Bunch  
4:00 Bluegrass group
- 11-02 Tues 10:00 PW—Ruth Circle
- 11-03 Wed 10:00 Building & Grounds  
10:00 Annual Vetting Committee Meeting  
4:00 Choir practice  
*Prayers for Audrey Morrow's back surgery.*
- 11-4 Thurs 2:00 Finance Team
- 11-06 Sat *Happy Birthday, Marion Phillips!*
- 11-07 Sun *DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS.*

**PRAY.PRAY.PRAY.** You are invited to a *NEW* weekly time of fellowship and prayer starting tomorrow and continuing each Monday for a few months. We meet at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your Bible & your lunch!

**CALENDAR ALERT!**

*Please mark your calendar for a **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** with our downtown churches on **Sunday Evening, November 21 at 6 pm**, held at First Baptist Church. A combined choir always makes us especially grateful!*

**PANDEMIC PUZZLES** Thank you for loaning or donating puzzles. If you would like to take your puzzle home now, please check the red shelf inside the double doors. We will be donating the remainder to Haywood Christian Ministries on November 10th.



*PRAYER CORNER*

Audrey Morrow Marty Prevost Barbara Kistler  
Joan Schrader Mary Gollwitzer  
Haywood Flood Victims  
Becky Bender Ian Hutchison  
Mission Team in Malawi Honduras Eye Clinic  
John McCall in Taiwan

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Week ending October 24, 2021*  
Tithes and Giving \$32,702  
Ten Cents A Meal 50  
Elevator/Parking Project 750  
Other 100

**In-Person ATTENDANCE**

October 24 52  
October 17 62  
October 10 77  
October 03 65



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*Rev. Holly K. Davis, Pastor*  
*Joel Lillethun, Music Director*  
*Diane Combs, Music Director*  
*Anthony ("Tony") Caldwell, Sexton*  
*Kristi Siplon, Office Manager*

**First Presbyterian Church**

*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, USA*

October 31, 2021

**Reformation Sunday**



1991 Historic Homes Tour

**Our Mission:**  
To love God and love our neighbors

*Our Deacons*

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*Our Church Elders*

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<i>Missions</i>	BETH JOHNSON (2023)	828-550-3118
<i>Worship</i>	GREGG MILLER (2022)	704-778-6315

*Elder of the Month for November—Hughes Roberts*