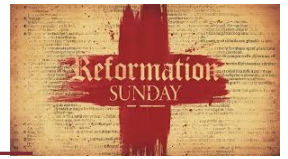


Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Reformation Sunday

October 26th, 2025 ~ 8:30am Chapel Worship



Leading Worship Today

Amy Smith and Rev. Russ Pearson

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

CENTERING MUSIC

"All Creatures of our God and King"

arr. Mary McDonald

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ~ *from Psalm 118:24*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

INVITATION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always trusted you as children trust a parent. We hold back our hearts, relying on our own strength. We turn away from wonder and joy, preferring control and certainty. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us again to rest in your love, to open our hands in trust, and to follow Christ with childlike faith... (silent confession)

WORDS OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Lord welcomes all who seek forgiveness. Be at peace, for in Jesus Christ we find our way home again where all are forgiven, loved, and restored.

In Jesus Christ we find forgiveness. Thanks be to God!

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS ~ Doxology No. 606

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING ~ Luke 18:15-17 *Jesus blesses the little children*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"You belong to God"

Rev. Russ Pearson

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

"Jesus Loves Me!"

Jesus loves me, this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostle's Creed (*p.35, Glory to God*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*GO FORTH IN PEACE

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

How is "adult" faith different from "childlike" faith?

What can we learn about God's Kingdom from this story?

Opportunities for Connection

Interested in baptism, becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, or have a pastoral concern? Please let us know. Talk to our Associate Pastor or call the church.

Offering Invitation

Tithes and Offerings can be given online, placed in the offering plate as you leave, or mailed to the church.

Stewardship Packets

Stewardship Season is here. Please pick up your packet in the foyer and prayerfully consider your giving for next year.

Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Mark your offering as "5 cents a meal". The KCS Family Resource Center will receive 50% of today's Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

Prayer List

The congregation extends its Christian sympathy to the family of **Laura Duke Marcum** (daughter of Betty Nelle Duke) who passed away on October 21, 2022.

The Chancel Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God

and presented by Virginia Wooten
in loving memory of Lionel "Gene" Wooten.

Flower Delivery: Kathy Stoots * **Ushers:** Gerry Mayberry

All Youth Halloween Party 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Old Fellowship Hall

Trunk or Treat ~ October 29

5:00pm Organ Concert in the Sanctuary - 5:30pm Church Night Supper - 6:15pm Parade of Costumes - 6:30-7:30pm Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. If you would like to donate candy ahead of time to help out, you can drop it off in the foyer.

On the Menu for Wednesday, October 29 ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Italiano's Pizza, Salad & Dessert!

The deadline for reservations is noon on **Tuesday, October 28**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 10, with a family maximum of \$25.00. Reservations: sign up on the pew pads, church website, your REALM account, or call the church office.

First Presbyterian Performing Arts Series

Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. we will host the *Harvest Arts Hymn Tour: The Passion*, beloved hymns fused with classical music. This concert is free and open to the public and will feature flute, violin, viola, cello, and harp.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal with fellow members on **November 19** at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie will be served. **The deadline for reservations is noon on November 4! The caterer cannot adjust our count after this date!** The cost is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children and \$35 max. for families. Reservations can be made on the sign-up sheet in the foyer, by calling Vickie at 423-245-0104, on the church Website, or through your Realm account online.

Community Thanksgiving Service ~ November 23, 5 p.m. ~ Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Birthdays & Prayers of the Week

October 26: John Alan Smith, Jacqueline Buckles, Leslie Light
October 31: Betsy Boyd, Tonya McInturff, Wes Argabrite, Sharon Amstutz
November 1: Sue Adrian, Emily Pridemore

Please be aware the 10:30 a.m. service is live streamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube.

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