



**BULLETIN FOR October 31, 2021**  
**Worship Service 9:00 am**

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*\*Please rise in body and/or spirit.*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

*Psalm 34*

We gather to worship God alone,

**Soli Deo gloria!**

We gather as people reformed and reforming,

**proclaiming the cornerstones of our faith:**

Scripture alone, Christ alone, faith alone,

**grace alone, glory always, to God alone. Alleluia!**

\*HYMN *For All the Saints*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

O God, you have never stopped moving in the world  
and calling your church to follow your lead.

Forgive us, O God,

when we think of ourselves as reformed only in the past tense.

Forgive us, O God,

when we fail to follow the winds of your spirit leading us to change.

Forgive us, O God, when we are stuck in our ways,

hesitant to listen to your message coming to us through the voice of a neighbor,  
a stranger, or a new generation.

Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance

that you have never stopped reforming your church.

For you are the one who makes all things new

and forms life even from ashes. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsively)*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

And I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

**AMEN**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**      *(responsively)*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

*(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**      *(in unison)*

*Eph. 1:17-19*

**Holy and gracious God,  
may your Holy Spirit give us  
a spirit of wisdom and revelation,  
so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,  
we may know the hope to which Christ has called us,  
the riches of his glorious inheritance among us,  
and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:**      Exodus 3:11-14

**SECOND READING:**      Joshua 22:1-34

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

***A CIVIL WAR ABORTED***

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN**      *A Mighty Fortress*

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God,

we rejoice that in every incident of life, you present a new beginning, renew covenantal relationship, and assure us confidence in you. You planted in us the desire for restoration and the Spirit guides our decision to choose you beside all other gods surrounding us. We are thankful for the gifts of love through Christ and the steadfast hope vested in us for our faith journey to your promised land.

Your people Israel had witnessed your mighty arms during their campaign to claim their promise land. We have confidence that you'd not leave us staggering alone in this journey either. Give us knowledge to understand your mystery of the cross and the church universal. May our purpose remain the same as in the past and may we continue to be a Re-forming church.

Father, you are a safe tower of refuge for all who run to your safety. We all find rest, healing, and comfort in you. Help us choose you and encourage us to abide in-you, that we lit our little lights of hope to shine brighter in the shadow of our wandering thoughts and decision making.

Guide us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to give you our times, our talents. That, loving you with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds, others may see your love through our actions of faith. And we pray as Jesus taught us to pray,

**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.**

## THE SENDING

### **\*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

*2 Cor. 13:13*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen

### **\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

## **Prayer List – November 2021**

Margie Bailey	Mary Van Dove	Irene Makin
Evalyn Martin	Ethel Headrick	Nancy Bumford
Jim Cameron	Bev Shutack	Payton Balogh
Gerry Nedrow	Rich & Pauline Blough	Bill Yost
Mary Ellen Hutton	Bob & Anna Marie Wallace	Dale Baird
Jim Bracken	Kolton Hill	Regina Haag
Norma Zimmerman Cicero	Paul Gerycz	Ray Hill
Melanie Johnson	Satin Schriff	Shirley Pagano
Donna Ravez	Brandy, Jason, & Carter	Sumer Lambie
Larry Charles	Rich Griffiths	People of Ethiopia
Rachel & Michael Weller	Jane Ponchione	Stacy Datsko
Doug Westover	Dale Bowman	Rev. Aleda Menchyk
Beth Kramer	Amy Stormer	Carolyn Holt
Chuck & Janet Edminston	Donna Miller Family	Greg Kirsch
Carol Kolar	Jenny Plaster	G (friend of Amy Hurst)
Makin Family	Reagan Walker	

## **NOVEMBER**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

01 – Ken Taylor  
03 – Melanie Johnson  
04 – Mary Van Dove  
06 – Bev Shutack  
07 – Calvin Jacobs  
08 – Alex Kirsch  
13 – Jae Davis  
15 – Joe Shaffer  
15 – Trever Baker  
25 – Matthew Gonos

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

19 – Will & Margie Bailey



## WAYS TO GIVE

**CHANGE FOR FRAMES:** We have a number of architectural drawings of the church. There is a piggy bank for change to pay for the framing of these drawings.

**CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There is a sign-up sheet in the back as well as a checklist for what gets cleaned.

**NEW HYMNALS:** If you would like to sponsor a new hymnal, there are forms on the back table. A pew hymnal is \$20 each; a new large-print edition is \$30. In order to fill the pews we need about 40 more hymnals.

**VOLUNTEER GREETERS:** There is a sign-up sheet in the back if you are willing to serve as a greeter.

**PAPER PRODUCTS:** The church is getting low on paper towels and toilet paper. Please consider donating.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FREE HYMNALS:** Old hymnals are available to anyone who would like one, The rest will be disposed of since we cannot find anyone who would like them.

**FREE BOOKS AND MUSIC:** There's free books and music downstairs if anyone would like to peruse them.

**PRAYER LIST:** The prayer list restarts at the beginning of each year. If there is someone that you would like to have put on the prayer list, please let Belinda know.

**PER CAPITA:** The Presbytery has provided us with the per capita amount for 2022. Per capita for this year is the same as last year **\$43.00** per member. This money is sent to the Presbytery where it is divided between the Presbytery, the Synod, and General Assembly for expenses and mission.

**SUGGESTIONS AND CONCERNS:** All suggestions and concerns should be directed to the committee chairs of that committee. Concerns may also be sent to the Clerk of Session and the clerk will forward to the committee chairperson.

## Psalm 146: Praise for God's Help

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!