

REFORMATION SUNDAY



*Sola Gratia*  
Grace Alone

*Sola Fide*  
Faith Alone

*Sola Scriptura*  
Scripture Alone



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:50 a.m.

## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

Prelude

*Max Jackson*

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Helmut Walcha

## † Call to Worship

*Ryan Whitman*

L: O God, once again we meet in Your house,

**P: A house frequented by the likes of Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and other spiritual ancestors.**

L: Let their love for You and their devotion to Your Word inspire us in this Reformation Day worship.

**P: In respect to them, let us recommit ourselves as lifelong students of Your Word.**

L: Prod us to become informed and dedicated Protestants:

**P: Protesting against entrenched wrong wherever we may find it, but also testifying on behalf of Your free offer of salvation through Your divine Son.**

L: Let us reaffirm in our worship that we are justified by faith in Him,

**All: And help us prove the depth of our faith by working effectively as messengers of His love and compassion. Amen.**

## † Hymn of Praise

#275

### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.

Doth ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He.  
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same;  
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth.  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever!

### † Call to Confession

### † Prayer of Confession *(Adapted from the prayers of Martin Luther)*

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### † Assurance of Pardon

### † Response

#581

#### Glory Be to the Father

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. Amen.

### ✠ We Listen to God's Word ✠

### Children's Message

#### Anthem

*Chancel Choir*

#### I Know My Faith Is Grounded

German Hymn Tune – arr. Mark Schweizer

I know my faith is grounded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord; And  
this my faith confessing, unmoved I stand on His sure word. Our  
reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound, Who trusts in  
human wisdom relies on shifting ground. God's word is all  
sufficient, it makes divinely sure, and trusting in its wisdom, →

my faith shall rest secure. Increase my faith, dear Savior, for Satan seeks by night and day to rob me of this treasure and take my hope and bliss away. But Lord, with You beside me, I shall be undismayed; And led by Your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid. Abide with me, O Savior, a firmer faith bestow; Then I shall bid defiance to every evil foe. In faith, Lord, let me serve You, through persecution, grief and pain should seek to overwhelm me, let me a steadfast trust retain; And then at my departure Lord, take me home to You, and let me there inherit as all You said was true. In life and death, Lord, keep me until Your heaven I gain, where I by Your great mercy the end of faith attain.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **The Old Testament Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:31–34 (NRSV)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

**L:** The Word of the Lord. **P:** Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalms 79** (tune: St. Thomas)

#430

#### Remember Not, O God

Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;  
in tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.

O Lord, our Savior, help, and glorify Your name;  
deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.

Then, safe within Your fold, we will exalt Your name;  
our thankful hearts with songs of joy Your goodness will proclaim.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 10:46–52 (NRSV)

They came to Jericho. As He and His disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, He is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “My Teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed Him on the way.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!     P: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

***The Church: RE-formed***

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs; in vain we strive to rise.  
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee and Thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all Thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.

† **Affirmation of Faith** (from The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562)

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that**

not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him. To the glory of God, AMEN!

**Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (sins)**

**Offering Acknowledgement**

*Special Offering: CARES*

**† Doxology**

**#606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

**† Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

**† Hymn of Sending**

**#662**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;  
joyless is the day's return, till Thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

**Postlude**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Diderik Buxtehude

**† Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

## **SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *Larry Wilson*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

## **LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 55

General Offering: \$4,158.00

Clean Start: \$20.00

Online Offering: \$993.23

**Total Offering: \$5,171.23**

## **IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

### **➡ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (K–4<sup>th</sup> grade), 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

**Table & Treat/Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Noon**

### **➡ MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

**Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.**

### **➡ TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Tai Chi, 5 p.m. | Zumba, 5 p.m.

**Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.**

### **➡ WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

### **➡ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Zumba Class, 9:30 a.m. | Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

**Clothing Swap, 1–4 p.m. (Rooms 11 & 12)**

### Safe Harbor Needs

During the month of October, we are collecting diapers for Safe Harbor. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Jones.

### Operation Christmas Child

You may choose to fill your own box or donate to the monthly cause each month. The OCC boxes will be blessed on **November 9**. Questions, contact Donna Jones. **October: small stuffed animals, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, Slinkys, balls; November: Money** for postage.

### Collecting Donations for Ashland Youth Service Center

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets through **November 2**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. Thank you for your giving spirit! Items needed are located on the table in the Narthex.

### All Saints Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is **Nov. 2**. Please join us as we pay homage to our dearly departed saints and loved ones. If you have a loved one who has passed into the kingdom **within this last year**, please notify the office by **Sunday, Oct. 26** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.





You are invited to the First Presbyterian Women's

# Well-Being Weekend

## JOIN US

**CLOTHING SWAP | Sat. Nov. 1 | 1-4 p.m.**

**CRAFTERNOON | Sun. Nov. 2 | 12:15 - 2:30 p.m.**

### CLOTHING SWAP

*It will be located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – rooms 11 & 12*

*Join your friends and bring a friend for an afternoon of “FREE” shopping. Appetizers and drinks will be served.*

*Questions, see Barb Payne*

### CRAFTERNOON

*It will be in the Bethesda Community Hall. We will have craft stations for TAKE & MAKE: Holiday Wreaths, Paper Crafts, Homemade Cookie Class, Junk Prayer/Gratitude Journals, and Bible Tassel Bookmarks.*

*Lunch will be served\*: Jimmy Johns Subs, Salad, Fruit, Cookies and Drinks.*

**FRIENDS ARE WELCOME! CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED.**

*\*A love offering will be received at the door to help cover costs of lunch.*

**PLEASE RSVP BY SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 25 IN THE NARTHEX or  
TEXT Kelly Hanni (606.923.7826)**

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

### **Week ending October 23, 2025**

Geraldine Batchelor (Susan Martell)

Grace Brown (Susan Martell)

MaeCile Eastin Brown (Bettie George Frye's sister)

Christina Cumber (Greg & Geri Willis)

Charline Eastin (Bettie George Frye)

Preston Eastin, his students & their families (Bettie George Frye)

Angel Horn (Nanette)

Kyler Kingery (Ashton Wheeler)

Family of Dickie Martin

Ben Steele (Heather Shay & Angie Lewis' co-worker)

### **Week ending October 16, 2025**

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Bryan & Anna Conley (Teresa Cassity's brother/sister-in-law)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Mike Myers (Judy Sanders' nephew-in-law)

Skip Saunders (Greg & Geri Willis)

### **Week ending October 9, 2025**

Family of Michelle Stemmer Gifford (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

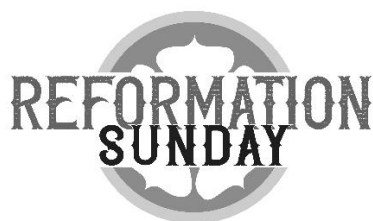
Linda Smithson (Kim Smithson's mother-in-law)

**Ongoing:** Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Keith McClelland; Kenny McGill; Bob Miller; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

**Kingsbrook Care Center:** Barry Barbour

**The Lantern:** Carolyn Graber

**Military:** Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



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## STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*  
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*  
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*  
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*  
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

## SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*  
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*  
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

| 2026                        | 2027                 | 2028                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Mitch Hall*</i>          | <i>Jimmy Hall</i>    | <i>Teresa Cassity</i> |
| <i>Jan Holbrook</i>         | <i>Lee McCloud *</i> | <i>Kelly Hanni *</i>  |
| <i>Ryan Whitman*</i>        | <i>J.T. Norris *</i> | <i>Donna Jones</i>    |
| <i>*2nd term of service</i> |                      |                       |

## MINISTRY TEAMS

|                                             |                                      |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Building & Grounds:<br><i>Glen Thomas</i>   | Membership:<br><i>Teresa Cassity</i> |
| Christian Education:<br><i>Lee McCloud</i>  | Mission:<br><i>Donna Jones</i>       |
| Congregational Life:<br><i>Cathy Wilson</i> | Personnel:<br><i>Janet Holbrook</i>  |
| Finance:<br><i>Trish Hall</i>               | Worship:<br><i>Ryan Whitman</i>      |

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