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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

October 30, 2016
Reformation Sunday


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

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

Today is Reformation Sunday when we remember and celebrate Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church on October 31, 1517.

At the core, we owe an immense debt of gratitude to him and the other Reformers for their courageous efforts in recovering the biblical gospel: that God accepts us sinners not because of any work or supposed merit of our own, but because of His own mercy, on the basis of Christ's finished work in which by grace we put our trust.

Reformation Sunday helps to crystallize the essence of the biblical gospel that we cherish at Second. You can summarize it in three words: Christ saves sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Christ saves sinners from beginning to end all by His grace alone. If that is true, then our lives should be distinctly marked by gratitude, humility and joy.

May the Lord so transform us that our lives would be more characterized by receiving a gift with open hands rather than keeping rules with clenched fists. If this happens, all of us will grow in gratitude, humility, and joy. Don't let this Reformation Day pass without praying this for yourself, your family, and your church!

RUN TO GOD'S FORTRESS

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Allegro assai" from *Symphony in F Major* . . . CPE Bach
Chamber Orchestra

CHORAL INTROIT: "Praise Ye the Lord" G.F. Handel

Praise ye the Lord, the Lord's name be praised forever.
Praise the Lord God. Amen, amen!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Joshua D. Yates

✦HYMN OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS:

No. 92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 46 Bill Jorgensen (8:15)
Haley Overcast (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.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE EIN' FESTE BURG

**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. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

REST IN GOD'S COMFORT

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Lord,
Your name is a strong tower.
The righteous run to it and are safe,
for You are the only refuge in troubled times.
Yet, we confess that our fears are legion.
We are afraid to love, afraid to commit ourselves,
afraid of what others think, afraid of rejection,
afraid of being hurt, afraid of failure,
and afraid of what the future might bring.
Show us that Jesus Christ is Your protection of us,
Your presence with us, and Your power in us.
Forgive us for the glory of our Savior's name,
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism 1 (1563 AD)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I belong — body and soul, in life and in death —
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood
has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me
from the dominion of the devil;
he protects me so well that,
without the will of my Father in heaven,
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

♣HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 455 “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” SAGINA
stanzas 1, 3 & 5

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. David A. Bowen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Ein’ Feste Burg, Cantata BWV 80” J.S. Bach

In praise to God we lift our song of grateful adoration!
We pray for strength in times of pain, to give us consolation.
God keeps us til the day when night shall pass away,
When hate and fear are gone and all our toil is done
And we shall sing forever!

♣DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

♣PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

TRUST IN GOD’S PLAN

♣GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) W. Brian Lewis

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Barbara Baugh, Bryan and Katie Boggs, Don and Cecilia Clanton, Bowers and Brooke Clement III, Ryan Combs, Shelley Cox, Cole Criddle, Anthony and Lindsay Degani, Hope Francis, Lucy Rose Franklin, Clay and Leslie Fuson, Brett Harris, Tyler and Morgan Hoog, Pete and Kelli Hunt, Allison Jones, Zach Katzman, Becca Kennedy, Abigail Lepsch, Annie Mahrt, Haley Menz, Owen Mercer, Luke Ogwen and Cecilia Nyamwandha, Teresa Pate, Jerry Sanders, Jr., Shelby and Chelsi Smith, Sirgregory Thornton, Grace Wegener, Michael and Allie Wiggins

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

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.**

