



C O M M U N I T Y
Reformation Service

October 25, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Order for the Public Worship of God

BRASS PRELUDE: “Festival Procession” Ed Willmington

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. James H. Grant, Jr.
Trinity Reformed Church

Based on Calvin’s Genevan Liturgy (1542)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Who made heaven and earth.

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. *Psalm 146:1-2*

✦ HYMN No. 53: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

INVOCATION/WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Sanders L. Willson
Second Presbyterian Church

Sola Scriptura (the Scriptures alone)

GENEVA CONFESSION (1536/37), Section 1 Rev. Joey Donahue
Providence Reformed Associate Presbyterian Church

First we declare that for the rule of faith and religion, we wish to follow the Scriptures alone, without mixing with it any other thing which might be fabricated by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God; and we do not pretend to receive any other doctrine for our spiritual government than that which is taught us by the same Word, without addition or reduction, according to the command of our Lord.

**“All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness,
that the man of God may be competent,
equipped for every good work.”** *II Timothy 3:16-17*

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. William Spink, Jr.
Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church

Based on Bucer’s Strasbourg Liturgy (1539)

As the word trains us in righteousness, let us make confession to the Lord:

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,
we confess and acknowledge unto You
that we were conceived in unrighteousness
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.
We do not fully believe Your Word
nor follow Your holy commandments.
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,
and for Your Name’s sake be gracious unto us,
and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*
Let everyone, with St. Paul, truly acknowledge this in his heart
and believe in Christ and receive the forgiveness of sins.

CHORAL REFLECTION: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON
arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Congregation stands and joins:

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

Sola Gratia Sola Fide

(Grace alone through Faith alone)

✦HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563), Answer 21 Rev. Kent Moorlach
Richland Associate Presbyterian Church

True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Ghost works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

**For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.** *Ephesians 2:8-9*

Solus Christus

(through Christ alone)

✦WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (1646), VIII.1
LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH (1689), VIII.1 . . . Rev. Phil Newton
South Woods Baptist Church

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

**For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time.** *I Timothy 2:5-6*

✦HYMN No. 508: “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” ABERYSTWYTH

**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.**

SERMON: "Professing an Honest Faith" Dr. Ligon Duncan

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. *I Timothy 6:11-16*

Soli Deo Gloria
(Glory to God alone)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*The offering taken this evening will benefit World Relief,
an organization ministering to those most vulnerable here and around the world.
Please make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.*

CHORAL ANTHEM: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a mighty source of hope and strength,
O God our help in ages past, our help for years to come!

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 doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r 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.
Dost 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 world shall fell Him.

Congregation stands and joins:

**That Word above all earthly pow'rs, 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.**

A strong and mighty fortress is our God!

✦ 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!**

✦ CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed) Rev. Ed Norton
Independent Presbyterian Church

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✦ HYMN No. 358: "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

✦ BENEDICTION: Number 6:24-26 Rev. Cole Huffman
First Evangelical Church

*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."*

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

"Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert; arr. Fred Bock

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*