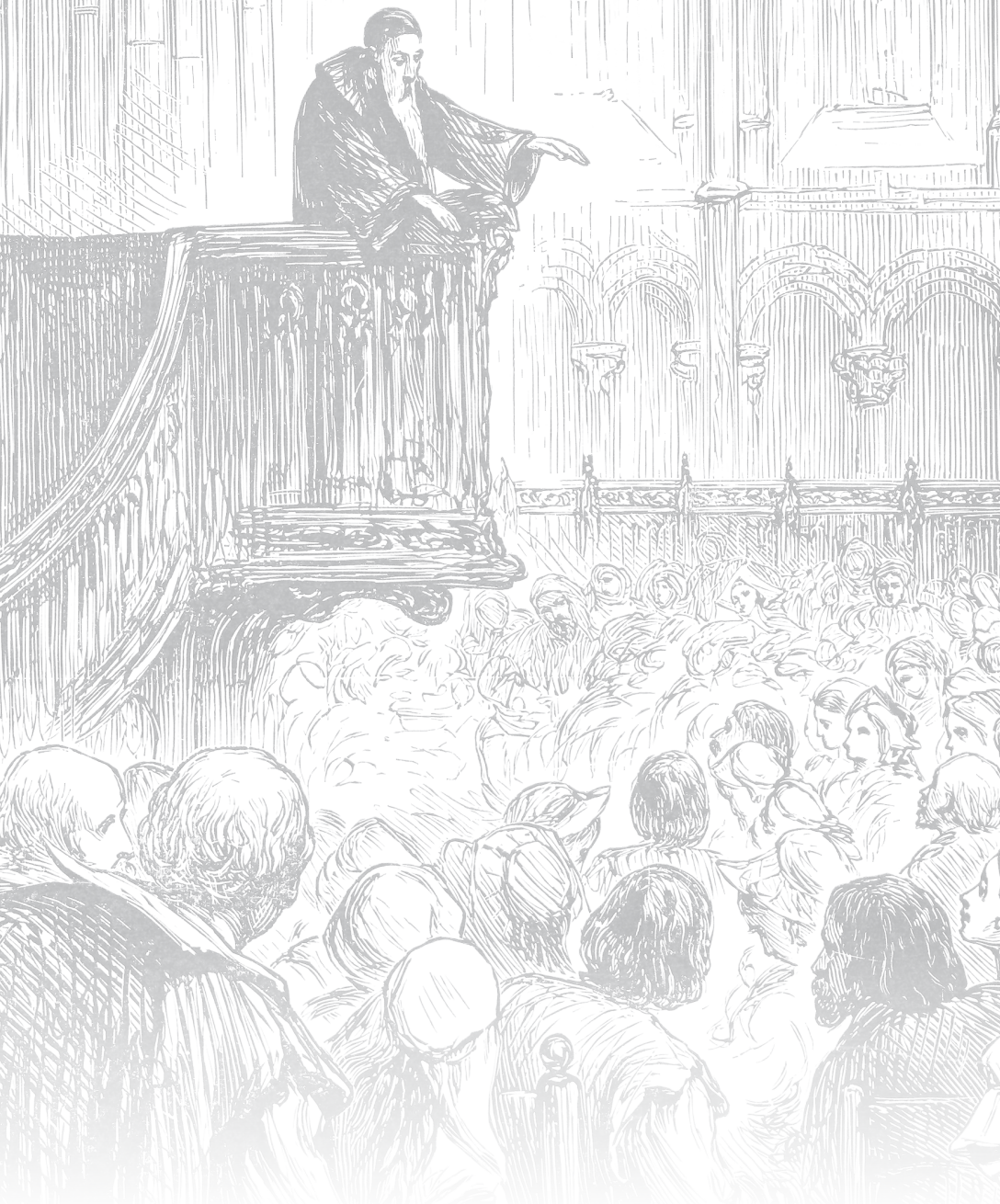


Reformation Sunday



Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 27, 2024
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

Welcome to Reformation Sunday. The Reformation sought to reclaim the Gospel: that we are saved by grace alone (sola gratia), through faith alone (sola fide), in Christ alone (solus Christus), on the basis of Scripture alone (sola Scriptura), to the glory of God alone (soli Deo gloria).

Today, we commemorate the Reformation and remember the ever-present call to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Missions.

The drawing on the cover is of John Calvin preaching his farewell sermon in expectation of banishment, Geneva 1537.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

Prelude

8:00

“Fanfare for Worship”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

“Fanfare”
Brass and Percussion Ensemble • Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Z. Randall Stroope

*Call to Worship

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

Minister: I will be glad and exult in You;

People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Minister: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

People: A stronghold in times of trouble.

Minister: And those who know Your name put their trust in You,

People: For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Psalm 9.1-2, 9-10

*Fanfare, Procession, and Hymn of Gratefulness

Hymn No. 98 in the Trinity Hymnal

“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be



voic - es, who won - drous things hath done, in whom His world re -
near us, with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to
giv - en, the Son, and Him who reigns with them in high - est



joic - es; who from our moth - er's arms, hath blessed us on our
cheer us; and keep us in His grace, and guide us when per -
heav - en; the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a -



way with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Sam Leopold 8:00
The Rev. Mark Davis 9:30/11:00

**We affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone
as rule of faith and religion,
without mixing with it any other thing
which might be devised by the opinion of men
apart from the Word of God,
and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government
any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us
by the same Word
without addition or diminution,
according to the command of our Lord.**

from the Geneva Confession, 1536 by John Calvin and William Farel

***Musical Acclamation**
9:30/11:00

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Brass and Percussion Ensemble

original setting by
Martin Luther

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Leopold 8:00
Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found.

Psalm 32.3, 5-6a

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Psalm 130.4

*Whoever would deal with Thee must deal so that this
confession proceeds from his heart, which says:
“Lord, if Thou be not merciful all is lost,
no matter how pious I may be.” —Martin Luther*

Scriptures and explanation for the Confession and Assurance are taken
from Luther’s sermon, *Confession and the Lord’s Supper*, published in 1524-25.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Hymn of Response**

“In Christ Alone”

Townend/Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain: Then burst-ing forth in glo - r'ous
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm.
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save:
 Day up from the grave He rose a - gain!
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 'Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as He stands in vic - to - ry sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in
 God was sat - is - fied For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; 'Till He re - turns or calls me



All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine— bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Leopold 8:00
 Mr. Davis 9:30/11:00

In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at pcpc.org/give or text "give" to 214-833-7724.

Musical Offering

8:00

"How Firm a Foundation"
 Mr. Nielson, piano

FOUNDATION
 arr. S. Nielson

9:30/11:00

"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord"
 Chancel Choir • Brass and Percussion Ensemble
 Nathan Davy, organ • J. Marty Cope, conducting

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one Church for which He died, one voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in You all. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

***The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures
here below; praise Him above ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*During the 9:30 service, 1st and 2nd graders may exit at this time using the doors at the front-right of the Sanctuary to meet their teachers for Worship Explorers. **Children must be checked-in and have a nametag.** A check-in kiosk is available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.*

Extending Christ's Kingdom: Short-Term Missions Lindsay and Scott Schardt,
9:30/11:00 Henry and Hattie

***The Scripture Reading: John 3.22-36**

After this Jesus and His disciples went into the Judean countryside, and He remained there with them and was baptizing.

²³ *John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized*

²⁴ *(for John had not yet been put in prison).*

²⁵ *Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification.*

²⁶ *And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, He is baptizing, and all are going to Him."*

²⁷ *John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven.*

²⁸ *You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before Him.'*

²⁹ *The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.*

³⁰ *He must increase, but I must decrease."*

³¹ *He who comes from above is above all. He who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks in an earthly way. He who comes from heaven is above all.*

³² *He bears witness to what He has seen and heard, yet no one receives His testimony.*

³³ *Whoever receives His testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true.*

³⁴ *For He whom God has sent utters the words of God, for He gives the Spirit without measure.*

³⁵ *The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.*

³⁶ *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

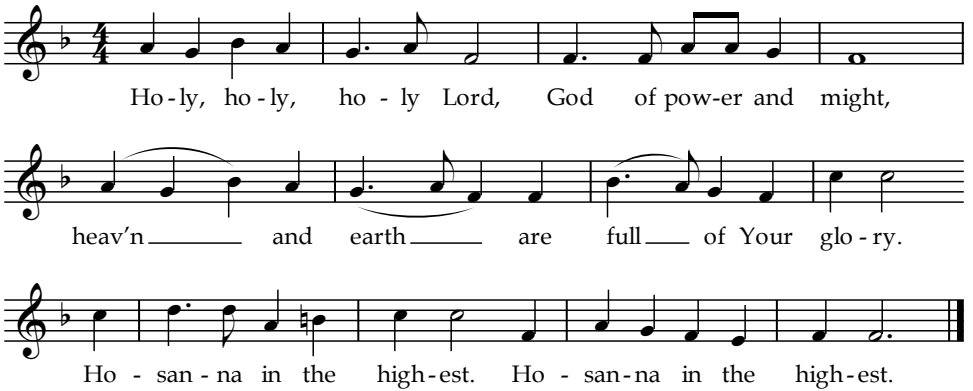
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

***The Words of Institution 8:00**

Communion 8:00

*Please remain seated.
 You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake together when so instructed by the pastor.
 (The bread being served is gluten free.)*

***Closing Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

Hymn No. 92 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no



bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er He a -
striv - ing would be los - ing; were not the right Man
threat - en to un - do us, we will not fear, for
thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the



mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing,
on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing,
God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus it is
The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al -



woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with
He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His name, from age to
him; his rage we can en - dure, for lo, his
so; the bod - y they may kill: God's truth a -



cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

***The Benediction**

Minister: The Lord bless us, and save us;
The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us;
The Lord turn His countenance towards us, and grant us His peace.

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

—compiled and edited by John Knox

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Postlude

8:00

“The Church’s One Foundation”
Mr. Nielson, *piano*

AURELIA

9:30/11:00

March Triomphale on
“Now Thank We All Our God”
Dr. Davy, *organ*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.

*“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.” John 8.12*

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:

Stuart Stephenson, *trumpet*
Cody McClarty, *trumpet*
Andrew House, *trumpet*
Alex Kienle, *horn*
Megan Boutin, *trombone*
Jacob Muzquiz, *trombone*
Jarrod Robertson, *tuba*
Joe Ferraro, *percussion*
Mike McNicholas, *percussion*



Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

Reformation Sunday



Martin Luther
1483-1546

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen.

—Martin Luther, Diet of Worms 1521

Today we remember and commemorate the Protestant Reformation. According to God's sovereign providence, there were many people and events which helped launched the Reformation; Martin Luther's nailing of the ninety-five theses on October 31, 1517—and the ensuing debate it initiated—has come to represent the beginning of this pivotal movement. At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire.

An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Eph. 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He reformed the Latin mass by putting the liturgy in the common tongue so that non-scholars could hear and understand the preached word of God and worship the Lord with clarity. Luther lifted the unbiblical ban on marriage for the clergy and by his own teaching and example radically transformed the institution itself. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

Today, Luther's legacy lives on in the creeds and confessions of Protestant bodies worldwide. As we consider his importance, let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

—Robert Rothwell (ed.)

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SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What are the "Five Solas" of the Reformation? What do these five statements teach us about the Gospel?
2. What is the difference between the baptism done by John the Baptist and the baptism done by Jesus? (See John 3.25 and Matthew 3.11)
3. Why did John the Baptist say, "I am not the Christ"? Why are these important words for us to say both to ourselves and to others?
4. Why does the Bible describe Jesus as the bridegroom? (See John 3.29)
In what way are we both the best man and the bride?
5. What did John the Baptist mean when he said, "He must increase, I must decrease"? What does this look like in your own life?
6. Read John 3.36. What is the difference between believing in the Son and not obeying the Son? Do you believe in the Son? Why or why not?

Highlights

OCTOBER 27, 2024

What's Next?

We have friendly faces waiting to help you connect to Christ and one another at PCPC just as you exit the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Connect banner on your way to the Grand Hall. We would also love to help you abide in and extend Christ. You can find out more at the Information Center in the Grand Hall. Download the free PCPC mobile app to explore more.



Connection Card

Thanks for joining us today! If you are new or looking to connect at our church, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connection Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect.

pcpc.org/connect

Faith & Culture: Politics

Mondays, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 & 11

12:00-1:15 P.M. | CLASSROOM 9 (DOWNSTAIRS)

Join us as we explore how the gospel applies to politics in this season through biblical reflection and discussion led by Pastor Sam Leopold. Box lunches (\$10) will be available.

pcpc.org/events



60+ Community Fellowship

Friday, November 1

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Angela Thomas, MSN RN CMC, founder of Caring with Grace, will speak on *Metabolic Aging and Nutrition*.

pcpc.org/events

Grandparenting Luncheon

Sunday, November 3

12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL C

Join Dr. Pete Deison for lunch and training on the "Strange New World Your Grandchildren Face—The Genesis of Gender?"

pcpc.org/events

Young Adults Night of Worship

Thursday, November 7

7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Gather for a night of singing and prayer in the Chapel. Dress casually and bring friends!

Tenebrae Concert

Sunday, November 10

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC's Performing Arts Series welcomes the UK's award-winning vocal ensemble Tenebrae, renowned for its passion and precision. A paid ticket is required.

pcpcconcerts.org

Mission Trip Showcase

Today

Explore how you could be "Sent" this next year! PCPC's Missions Department will host a Mission Trip Showcase for congregants to hear stories of past trips and learn about upcoming opportunities to Go.

pcpc.org/short-term



Special Events

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

RESERVE ONLINE

The Gathering (High School)

OCT. 30 | 7:15 P.M.

Faith Driven Entrepreneurs

NOV. 8 | 8:30 A.M. | LOFT (LEVEL TWO)

Parent Equipping:

Marriage

NOV. 13 | 6:30 P.M. | MEZZ B (LEVEL TWO)

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2024/2025 Operating Budget	\$17,200,000
Jul 1, 2024–Oct 20, 2024 Budget	\$4,058,697
Jul 1, 2024–Oct 20, 2024 Giving	\$3,577,174
Budget Variance	(\$481,523)