

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

Service for the Lord's Day

October 15, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Pavonne

Chambonnières

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Second Helvetic Confession)*

Leader: We teach that the true God alone is to be adored and worshipped.

People: This honor we impart to none other,
according to the commandment of the Lord,
“You shall worship the Lord your God
and him only shall you serve.”

Leader: God created all things.

People: This good and almighty God created all things,
both visible and invisible, by his co-eternal Word,
and preserved them by his co-eternal Spirit.

Leader: What is the Church?

People: The Church is an assembly of the faithful
called or gathered out of the world;
a communion of all saints,
namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve
the true God in Christ the Savior,
by the Word and Holy Spirit,
and who by faith are partakers of all benefits
which are freely offered through Christ.

* HYMN NO. 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Second Helvetic Confession)*

Leader: In the beginning, man was made according to the image of God,
in righteousness and true holiness, good and upright.

People: But when at the instigation of the serpent and by his own fault
he abandoned goodness and righteousness,
he became subject to sin, death and various calamities.

Leader: By sin we understand that innate corruption of man
which has been derived or propagated in us all
from our first parents, by which we, immersed in perverse desires
and averse to all good are inclined to all evil.

People: Full of all wickedness, distrust, contempt and hatred of God,
we are unable to do or even to think anything good of ourselves.

Leader: Jesus Christ our Lord is the unique and eternal Savior of the human
race, and thus of the whole world, in whom by faith are saved all
who before the law, under the law, and under the Gospel were
saved, and however many will be saved at the end of the world.

Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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.*

* THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture;
give us eyes to see your story in the faces of those that surround us;
and give us faith enough, that by your grace,
we might serve you until the end of our days. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:37-42

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord, the Almightyarr. Walter Ehret

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!
Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been granted in what He ordaineth?
Praise to the Lord, O that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

Truth At All Costs: Second Helvetic ConfessionRev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN NO. 101

When I Survey the Wondrous CrossHAMBURG

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Cornet VoluntaryTravers

* DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

* HYMN NO. 417

Christ Is Made the Sure FoundationREGENT SQUARE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet VoluntaryBennett

REFORMATION SERMON SERIES

October 31 marks the 500th anniversary of the day in 1517 that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses (titled “Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences”) in Wittenberg, Germany, thus beginning the powerful movement of faith known as the Protestant Reformation. In anticipation of this anniversary, we are having a five-week sermon series visiting five creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian Church.

Truth At All Costs: Creeds of the Reformation

- October 11. Scots Confession
- October 82. Heidelberg Catechism
- October 153. Second Helvetic Confession
- October 224. Westminster Confession
- October 295. Theological Declaration of Barmen