

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

*Service for the Lord’s Day*

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2017

11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

*To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever*

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Pachelbel

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 46)*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.

People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam.  
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

People: The Lord Almighty is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress.

\* HYMN NO. 260

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, through your son you have given us the great institution known as the Christian Church. It is to be an assembly of the faithful who gather in your name to worship you and give praise, to support one another in times of trial, to be an expression of your kingdom to the world. But we confess that through history we have used the church for our own gain, to accumulate power and wealth. We have twisted scripture to our own purposes. We have abused the sacraments. We have embraced false doctrines. Forgive us, we pray. Make us whole; make us the church. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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

Ephesians 4:1-16

*We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine,  
by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love,  
we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

arr. Mary McDonald

*Alleluia, alleluia! Sing to God a song of praise! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.*

See the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever does their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Hail Him now, our glorious King!

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN                      Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON    *Truth At All Costs: Theological Declaration of Barmen*    Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 82                      *O Lamb of God Most Holy*                      O LAMM GOTTES

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      THEOLOGICAL DECLARATION OF BARMEN

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and sacrament.                      (from sections 8.11, 8.14, 8.17, 8.26)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY                      *Sonatina #6*                      Clementi

\*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                      (Traditional) Hymnal Page 16

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 483                      *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*                      MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE                      *Ein fest Burg ist unser Gott*                      Walther

REFORMATION SERMON SERIES

October 31 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day in 1517 that Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses (titled “Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences”) in Wittenburg, 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*

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| October 1  | 1. The Scots Confession (1560)              |
| October 8  | 2. Heidelberg Catechism (1563)              |
| October 15 | 3. Second Helvetic Confession (1566)        |
| October 22 | 4. Westminster Confession (1646)            |
| October 29 | 5. Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934) |