

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

October 28, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

The term "Reformed" is an historical term that refers to a period when the church underwent a Reformation in attempting to return Christianity to the authority of scripture. The desire of the Reformation was not to change God's word but rather to bring the church back into accord with it. Led by Martin Luther and John Calvin, the Reformation churches split off from the errors of the medieval Roman church and began what we know today as Protestantism. The Church celebrates Reformation Sunday on the last Sunday of October, commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg protesting abuses in the church.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Arr. by Stephen Nielson

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

*Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!*

*Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?*

*Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?*

*Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.*

**Psalm 85:4-7 (ESV)**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 1:2; Romans 3:24; Galatians 3:7; John 14:6; Romans 5:2 (ESV)**

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

**Leader:** Our delight is in the law of the Lord, and on Your law we meditate day and night!

**People:** **Scripture Alone!**

**Leader:** We are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**People:** **Grace Alone!**

**Leader:** Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

**People:** **Faith Alone!**

**Leader:** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"

**People:** **Christ Alone!**

**Leader:** Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**ALL:** **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!**

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #55 *To God Be The Glory*

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION Pastor Dave Stain

### \*WORSHIP IN SONG *In Christ Alone* *A Mighty Fortress*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION Martin Luther, "A Simple Way to Pray"

After the public confession below, you are encouraged to confess your sins silently to God.

O Dear Lord, God and Father, enter not into judgment against us because no man living is justified before you. Do not count it against us as a sin that we are so unthankful for your ineffable goodness, spiritual and physical, or that we stray into sin many times every day, more often than we can know or recognize. Do not look upon how good or how wicked we have been but only upon the infinite compassion which you have bestowed upon us in Christ, Your Dear Son. **[continued on next page]**

*\*For those who are able, please stand.*

Grant forgiveness also to those who have harmed or wronged us, as we forgive them from our hearts. They inflict the greatest injury upon themselves by arousing your anger in their actions toward us. We are not helped by their ruin; we would much rather that they be saved with us. Amen.

## COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

**Isaiah 53:5-6 (ESV)**

*But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

## THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he bore the pains of hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## \*GREETING OF PEACE

**Luke 24:36 (ESV)**

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

*Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you."*

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)**

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

*To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshiping with you. Thank you! The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

*But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly?*

*For all things come from you, and of your own have we given.*

**1 Chronicles 29:14 (ESV)**

## OFFERTORY

*God Is Our Refuge*

By Allen Pote

## SCRIPTURE READING (page 568 in blue pew Bible)

**Isaiah 2:11**

## SERMON

*"An Infallible Sign Of Revival"\**

Rev. David Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

\*an edited sermon preached by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, November 12, 1876, London

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE #733

*Doxology*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue*

By Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

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