

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 30, 2011

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GATHERING: (A time to meet, greet and welcome one another.)

INTROIT: "Lord of the Dance" Chapman
Rising Spirit

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHIMES (The chimes call us to silent readiness.)

*INVOCATION

*HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #661

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #733

*RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 46:4-11

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Card

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Blessings"
Carol Sterup, soloist

Laura Story

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:7-12 p44,LP47
Liturgist: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:31-39 p919, LP138

SERMON: "I Will Be With You"

*CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism, Question 53

Q: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

A: First, that, with the Father and the Son, he is equally eternal God; second, that God's Spirit is also given to me, preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, that he comforts me and will abide with me forever.

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.

*HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" #77

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #507

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

***PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP
AFTER WORSHIP***

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S FELLOWSHIP

R	Head Usher:	Steve Hanna
V	Greeters:	Barb Grossman
I	Ushers:	Gary Duggan, Richard Pyle, Matt Pyle
C	Nursery:	Cathy & Cami Birrenkott
E	Coffee:	Audrey Binger, Karen Belisle, Carol Duggan, Faye Pyle

Weekly Financials

Giving Last Week: \$3,196.00

YTD Budget: \$134,375.00; YTD Giving: \$111,917.00; Variance: \$-22,458.00

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, remembering and honoring our ancestors in the faith who, during the 16th century, risked everything to reform the church according to the Scriptures, and founded our branch of the Christian family.

Today's hymns each have a close connection with the Reformation: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" was part of the *Genevan Psalter*, the hymn book of the church in Geneva, Switzerland, where John Calvin established the Reformed church; "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" is reputed to have been written by Calvin himself and was also sung in Geneva; and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was written by Martin Luther, whose posting of 99 arguments against the practices of the Roman Catholic Church in his day on October 31, 1517 is seen by many as the beginning of the Reformation.

FOR OUR VISITORS

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted listening devices are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher. Large print bulletins and songs are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher.

ROOM LOCATIONS

The nursery is on the same level as the Sanctuary on the west side of the south wing. Fully accessible Restrooms are immediately east of the Sanctuary on the upper level, and east of the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.

Please Note: Because it has been requested by some church members who have allergies, the Session would appreciate if you would refrain from wearing perfume or cologne during Sunday worship. Thank you for respecting this request.