

October 30, 2022; 9:00 am
Reformation Sunday

We Gather Together

Prelude: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Fantasie) *arr. Michael Praetorius*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

Welcome & Announcements

Entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Eddie Hayes

God is a hiding place.

Christ preserves us from trouble.

The Spirit surrounds us and keeps us safe.

Take refuge in the triune God, to whom be all glory and honor this day!

***Prayer**

Great God of Constancy and Constant Change, we praise you for your Spirit of Reformation.

Your love for us is constant, never changing. Yet you are constantly at work among us, leading us to reform our loving and our living to be more like yours.

Thank you for leading us in your steady, stable, and constantly changing direction. Amen.

***Hymn PH 260 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

Laurie Christie

***Call to Confession**

Anyone who has a repentant heart, let Jesus embrace you.

We come before Christ and offer ourselves in earnest confession.

***Confession**

Loving God, here we are again, creatures who turn to you for help. Some of us are content, some unhappy; some confident and some anxious; some are light hearted and some low spirited; some find faith easy and some find faith difficult.

Into your waiting, open arms we come. Please, welcome us and save us from our sin and ignorance.

You are aware of our circumstances. Some of us come from secure homes and some from temporary lodging; from an environment of nurturing love or from isolated aloneness; from daily work that satisfies or from work that wears us down.

Into your warm embrace we come. Please, welcome us and save us from our sin and ignorance.

You know the true condition of our spirits. Some are free and happy, some in bondage and shame; some have few regrets, some have many; some are repentant, some in denial; some are thirsty for better things, some are apathetic.

Into your warm, unconditional love we come. Please welcome us and save us from our sin and ignorance.

Holy One – we all have two things in common: we know that we have fallen short of the goal you have set for us, and we know that you are a God of forgiveness and regeneration. Please, deal with each of us as you think best.

By your free grace in Christ Jesus, let us know the peace of being put right with you and one another. For your love's sake. Amen!

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

My siblings in Christ, God gets no pleasure from watching us writhe in guilt. God sent God's Son not to carp and criticize, but to rescue and heal. In Jesus' name, receive the mercy of God that is renewed every morning.

In Jesus the Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

***Hymn PH 577 "Glory Be to the Father"**

Beloved in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken, and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate our freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at baptism.

I ask you now to once again reject sin, and to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, in which we were baptized.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

(*catholic" (small "c") in this creed simply means the Church (capital "c") that is universal, everywhere)

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Recognition of 50 Year Member

Nancy Hilbert, Loving Team

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

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

Amen.

Offering: "A Mighty Fortress"

arr. by Paul Karvonen

(We encourage you to share from your abundance to support the ministries and outreach of our church. You may give in person during the service, mail your check to our church office or give electronically through our website.)

***Offertory: PH 428 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs1)**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn PH 526** For All the Saints

***Charge and Benediction**

Let all God's people say,
Alleluia, Amen!

***Closing Refrain**

Shalom Chaverim (Blue Hymnal 537)

(Together)

Farewell, good friends,
Farewell, good friend's,
Shalom, Shalom!
Till we meet again,
Till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.

(In Round)

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| Farewell, good friends, | ☞ Shah-lom, kah-vey-reem! |
| Farewell, good friends, | Shah-lom, kay-vay-rote! |
| Shalom, Shalom! | Shah-lom, Shah-lom! |
| Till we meet again, | Lah-heet –rah oat |
| Till we meet again, | Lah-heet-ra-oat |
| Shalom, shalom. ☞ | Shah-lom, Shah-lom |

Postlude: "Sine Nomine"

arr. Robert A. Hobby

Prayers

Brian C.
Gary G.
Pat D.
Gib D.
Arnold L.
Pauline W.
Nenad Malic*

The family of Ruth S. **
Jesse F.
Silas W.
Liam A.
Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G. and Joan S.
Jolene S. - sister and her husband

*First Presbyterian Church helped Nenad and his family settle in Fond du Lac. He has been undergoing cancer treatment; however, the treatments were unsuccessful. You can send cards or correspondence to:
394 Grant St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935.

**Ruth Smith passed away on Tuesday, October 25. Ruth had been an active member of our church for twenty years. She was well-known and well-loved by our church family. On November 14, she would have celebrated her 95th birthday. Ruth's funeral is Tuesday, November 1. Visitation is at 11:00am, followed by her service at 1:00pm. A funeral luncheon is being planned to take place immediately after the service. Please keep Ruth's family and friends in your prayers.

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This Week at Church

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| Sunday 8:00-8:30am 9:00-10:00am 10:15am 10:15-11:15am 12:00-1:30 6:00-7:30pm | 10.30 New Member Meeting Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. New members are being received. 50-year member celebrated. Sanctuary & Zoom Fellowship Time Growing Connections for All Ages "The Language of Music" We will learn some music basics and we'll end our time together by playing "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee". Fellowship Hall & Zoom PYA - SPIN Boy Scout Meeting |
| Monday 10:00-11:30am 11:00-1:00pm 1:00pm | 10.31 Staff Meeting Smith Funeral Visitation Service, followed by Luncheon |
| Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm | 11.1 Book Study (Zoom) |
| Wednesday 8:00-9:00am 10:30-11:30am 3:00-4:00pm 7:00-8:00pm | 11.2 Men's Breakfast - Pump 'n Pantry Book Study (Church) Growing Connections Planning Confirmation |
| Thursday 9:00-10:30am 4:15-5:15pm | 11.3 Kaleidoscope Quilting Group Serving Team |
| Sunday 9:00-10:00am 10:15am 10:15-11:15am 11:30-12:30pm 6:00-7:30pm | 11.6 Worship and Communion Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom Fellowship Time Growing Connections for All Ages CMST Final Presentation Fellowship Hall & Zoom PYA (Fellowship Hall) Boy Scout Meeting |

Wednesday Updates / Sunday Reminders

Watch for these in your inbox around 11:00am, on Wednesday and Saturday.

Looking Ahead to November

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| Loaves and Fishes | November 16 | 4:00pm |
| Thanksgiving | November 24 | |
| Church Office is Closed | November 25 | |
| Church Office is Closed | November 26 | |
| Christmas Decorating/Angel Tree | November 26 | |



Reformation Sunday

November 1st is All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows. Since at least the 4th century, Christians have been annually celebrating the saints of history and their own deceased. The early Christians held the celebration on the first Sunday after Pentecost. In the 8th century, the Pope moved the date to November 1st.

During the Middle Ages, it was widely thought that the spirits of the dead (ghosts) roamed the earth on All Hallows Eve (October 31, aka Halloween), the night before All Hallows. Many people thought that this was a propitious time to pray to the saints and ask them to intercede for them with God.

Martin Luther was strongly opposed to this practice. He believed that we do not need to pray to saints. Rather, we are all free to pray directly to God. He expressed his view by nailing his 95 Theses, his objections to the teaching and practices of the Catholic Church, to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31st, 1517.

Luther's protest has been widely hailed as the start of the Protestant Reformation. Thus, October 31st is known as Reformation Day. Reformation Sunday is the Sunday before October 31st.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 13 After Worship

There will be a congregational meeting at the end of worship on November 13 for the purpose of electing church officers.

Weekly Statistics

| DATE | ATTENDANCE | WEEKLY INCOME | NOTES |
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| OCT 23,2022 | 74 | \$2,497.00 | OFFERINGS/TITHES |
| OCT 23,2022 | | \$0.00 | RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN |
| 10/17--21/2022 | | \$2,726.00 | VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS |
| 10/17--21/2022 | | \$0.00 | VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS |
| | | \$5,223.00 | TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK |
| | | \$47,181.97 | TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND |
| 10/23/2022 | 5 | | ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 10/23/20 |