

Reformation Day

October 31st, 2021

11:00 a.m.

About this morning’s service: Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, the Sunday closest to Reformation Day (October 31st), the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. This morning’s service is based on the worship reforms John Knox made to the Church of Scotland and is very similar to what you would have experienced had you attended a worship service at his church in Edinburgh around 1560 – minus the 1 hour and 20 minute sermon!

PRELUDE *Elegy* G.T. Thalben-Ball

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

CALL TO CONFESSION¹

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

O Eternal God and Most Merciful Father, we confess and acknowledge here, before Thy divine majesty, that we are miserable sinners, conceived and born in sin and iniquity, so that in us there is no goodness. For the flesh evermore rebels against the spirit, whereby we continually transgress Thy holy precepts and commandments, and so purchase to ourselves, through Thy just judgment, death, and damnation. Notwithstanding, O Heavenly Father, forasmuch as we are displeased with ourselves for the sins that we have committed against Thee, for Jesus Christ’s sake, be pleased to show Thy mercy upon us, to forgive us all our sins, and to increase Thy Holy Spirit in us: that we, acknowledging from the bottom of our hearts our own unrighteousness, may from henceforth not only mortify our sinful lusts and affections, but also bring forth such fruits as may be agreeable to Thy most blessed will; not for the unworthiness thereof, but for the merits of Thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior, whom Thou hast already given as an oblation and offering for our sins, and for whose sake we are certainly persuaded that Thou wilt deny us nothing that we shall ask in his name, according to Thy will. To Thee, therefore, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. So be it.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON³

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE⁴ *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #624, 1-3

THE DECALOGUE⁵

✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* #624, 4-5

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

THE OFFERING⁶

Offertory *Cantabile from Chorale in E* C. Franck
✦ Doxology⁷ *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #606
✦ Prayer⁸

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Within Your Shelter, Loving God* #168

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION⁹

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 46:1-11 p. 517 OT

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 27:1-44 (selections) p. 148 NT

THE WORD PROCLAIMED 10 **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE ESTATE OF CHRIST’S CHURCH¹¹

✦ HYMN OF SENDING *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* #45

✦ BENEDICTION¹² AND RESPONSE¹³

✦ POSTLUDE *Toccata in D Minor* J.S. Bach

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

Worship Notes

- There was no Call to Worship in John Knox’s Order of Worship. Knox believed that nothing said or done in God’s presence mattered unless we first admit that we are not worthy to be in the presence of God, so the first item of worship was calling people to confess their sin and the people admitting their sinfulness. This morning’s Call to Confession is adapted from The Scots Confession (1560), Chapter 15.
- This prayer, written by John Knox, is found in The Genevan Book of Order (1556).
- The assurance this morning is adapted from a statement by John Knox in The Scots Confession, Chapter 16, “The Kirk.”
- Knox, following the lead of Calvin, felt that only the Psalms should be sung during worship. The Psalms provide a sense of identity as the people of God, as well remind the people of their covenantal relationship with God. Knox writes, “following the confession the people sing a Psalm all together, in plain tune.” Knox and the Scots felt strongly that the music of the Latin Mass was inaccessible to the common person and that music should be sung by all people, not just a few. Elesha Coffman writes, “Instead of listening to a professional choir singing complicated polyphonic music, reformed Scots sang biblical Psalms set to contemporary tunes.” Knox did away with the choir, preferring that the whole congregation think of themselves as the choir. He encouraged his musicians to set the words of the Psalms to the drinking songs the people sang in the pubs so they would know the tunes and sing out during worship. All of our hymns this morning are from The Scottish Psalter those musicians created and the congregation is encouraged to think of themselves as the choir today.
- In both Knox and Calvin’s churches, the reading of the Decalogue (Ten Commandments) always followed the Assurance to be used as a guide to God’s forgiven people in their Christian life. Because we are free from sin, we are now free to follow the law.
- This would not have been present during the time of John Knox. The church was supported by the state – there was no separation of the two – and received money from the government. Additionally, every Christian knew his or her fiscal duty and regularly supported the church with tithes. As a result, a time for collecting an offering during the worship service was not necessary.
- The Doxology is from the Genevan Psalter of 1551. The tune is OLD HUNDREDTH and was originally a setting for Psalm 134. In 1561 a Scotsman, William Kethe, who was in Geneva to escape persecution set Psalm 100 to the tune and it stuck. We still sing that hymn today and know it as “All People That on Earth Do Dwell.”
- This Prayer of Dedication was written by Knox and is found in “The Works of John Knox,” ed. David Lang.

- Adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer (ca. 1540).
- Knox’s sermons were around 1 hour and 20 minutes long. And you thought Pastor Tim was long winded!
- This was the name given to the time of prayer in a service. The prayer this morning is Knox’s (with one minor change) and found in The Genevan Book of Order. This prayer always followed the sermon, unless a Baptism or The Lord’s Supper was being celebrated, in which case it followed the sacrament. There was also no “Affirmation of Faith,” except in connection with the celebration of a sacrament.
- This may or may not be based on a benediction written by Knox – scholars are not in agreement. It is, however, still used in many churches in Scotland, as well as at the Highland Games in Grandfather Mountain, NC.
- The *Nunc Dimittis* was sung at every service, as it points toward the one thing that should be our focus as we leave worship, Jesus Christ. Though it was sung in Latin in Scotland, the English translation does not stray far from the original.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Charles White – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
Justin Brueggeman – Guest Organist
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Betsy Foster, Tim Wright, Lisa Henley, John Henley
Technicians: Elizabeth Seastrunk, Dale Henley (video), Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently in a year-long sermon series on the book of Acts. Upcoming sermon texts/topics are:

Oct 31	Acts 27:1-44	Paul is Shipwrecked
Nov 7	Acts 28:1-10	Paul on the Island of Malta
Nov 14	Acts 28:11-16	The Journey to Rome
Nov 21	Acts 28:17-31	The End of the Journey – Paul in Rome

FACE COVERINGS ARE OPTIONAL IN WORSHIP for those who are fully vaccinated. We encourage everyone to still maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance between households while in the building. (Visiting outside in the courtyard before or after worship is encouraged!)

COVID PRECAUTION PHASES: Our current Covid Phase will always be visible on the home page of our website, where you can also find the guidelines for each phase. Additionally, signs on the doors of the building will alert you to the current Covid Phase. **We are currently in Phase Yellow.**

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY is Justin Brueggeman. Justin is a senior majoring in Biochemistry and minoring in organ performance at UT Knoxville. As an organist, Justin has performed throughout the United States as well as England and Romania. After college, Justin is planning on completing a research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, DC.

NEXT WEEK IS COMMUNION SUNDAY: Communion will be served via intinction, with self-serve cups available for those not comfortable coming forward.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are always welcome in worship, but a **nursery is available** for infants and children through age 6. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Hearing Devices** are available, if needed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex.

FELLOWSHIP & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

COMPASSIONATE CUISINE meals for the homebound: If you are interested in joining a cooking team to prepare meals for some of our homebound members, please contact Leslie Matthews at flowilly@gmail.com or 865.765.0549.

EXTENDED COMMUNION? If you are interested in being part of our Extended Communion Program, please contact Jan Barber.

VISITING SHUT-INS UPDATE: Some of our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities continue to be shut down due to Covid-19. Be on guard and call before visiting anyone who may be in a facility to get the latest updates.

STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION: The Second Readers group is once again collecting stuffed animals for Judge Irwin's juvenile court. These animals are given to children coming through his court and provide much comfort to these children who are experiencing very stressful circumstances. Animals may be left in the box in the Atrium/Narthex or, if you prefer, you may make a donation and we will shop for you. The animals must be new and around 12-16 inches in size. Thank you for your support and let's remember these families in our prayers. Questions, call Margaret Sullivan. 865-588-3103.

DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY is at 6:30 p.m. The Bible Study is currently in-person with a virtual option for those who wish to join from home. We also gather for dinner at 6:00 p.m. with each person/family providing their own "brown bag" meal. We will continue with the "brown bag" practice through December. **We meet in the Mary Chambers Room.**

THE FAITH SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:45 a.m.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: We are in search of volunteers to write for our annual Advent Devotional. This year's theme is "Making Room." We are asking volunteers to write devotions about making room, such as: preparing your home for a guest or new arrival, planning ahead, hospitality, time for God in your daily routine, family Christmas traditions, being open to joy even during hard times, etc. If you would like to participate or if you have questions, please email Jessica Lewis at jessica.k.lewis84@gmail.com. The deadline for Advent devotional submissions is November 15th.

STEWARDSHIP

THE NOVEMBER SECOND EDITION is now available! Hover over the 'Resources' tab on our website and select "Monthly Newsletters" to read online, or pick up a hard copy in the vestibule/narthex.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 31st

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 1st

6:30 p.m. BSF (All Facilities)

Tuesday, November 2nd

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Barbour Room)
5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee (Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Care & Compassion (Barbour Room)
7:00 p.m. Service & Outreach (Barbour Room)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Gym, Scout Room)

Wednesday, November 3rd

2:00 p.m. Compassionate Cuisine (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Mary Chambers Room)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study (Mary Chambers Room)

Thursday, November 4th

10:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts (Room 227)

Sunday, November 7th

9:45 a.m. Faith, Science, & the Future Class (Barbour Room)
11:00 a.m. Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Scott Farris, Fran McLean, Alex & Phyllis Robinson, and Joshua Peter Hamilton.

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request. Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

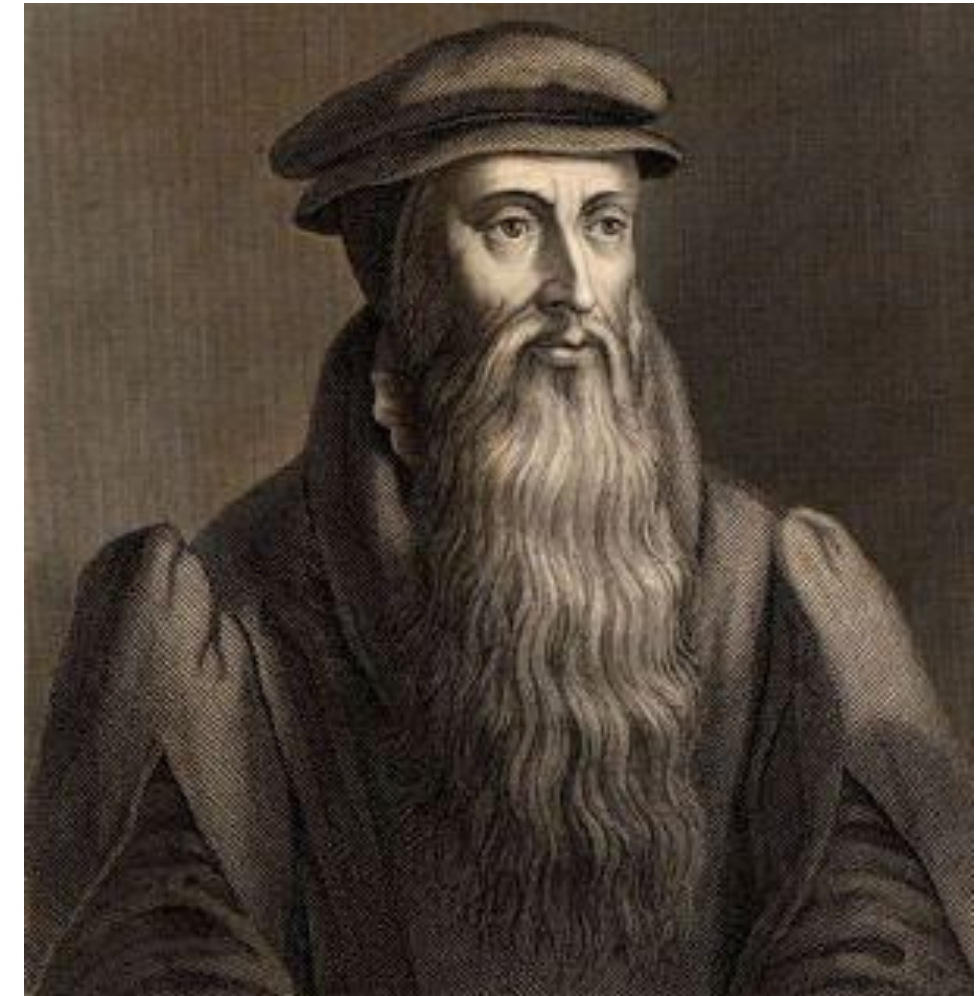
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Check out our blog: 2ndpresknox.blogspot.com

OFFERING PLATES are at the entrances/exits to the sanctuary. If you are not comfortable passing the plate when it comes to you, please use these plates to offer your gift of thanksgiving as you enter or leave.

WI-FI NETWORK: Our Wi-fi network is for use by anyone who visits the building. The network is "Second Presbyterian Church", and the password is *Psalm100*.



*Responding in gratitude to God's love and grace,
we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.*

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