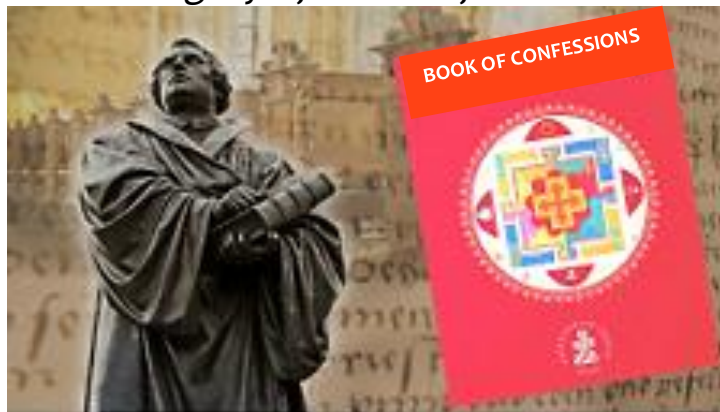


John Knox Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

A Legacy of Faith Reformation



Welcome! Please be seated and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

THE CHURCH ARISES

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Arr. Thomas Keesecker

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

*** Hymn** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" #108

NICENE CREED

It was 381 AD. diverse traditions across the world.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CHURCH IS REFORMED

For nearly 1500 years... .. diverse ways of being the church.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and gracious God, we confess today to the
same sins that have always plagued your church:
we are too stuck in our ways,
too resistant to your Spirit,
too attracted to power and privilege,
too quick to build walls,
too slow to build bridges.
Send more reformation our way
until we are formed perfectly by you.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

*Friends, hear the good news! Sin has always been at work in the world, yet God's grace meets it toe-to-toe. We believe that when the story is over, it is forgiveness that will have the last word.
In Christ we are forgiven, now and as often as we come before him. Alleluia! Amen.*

* Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

#275

Time with God's Children

THE SCOTS CONFESSION

The Scots Confession... .. one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

*Over on the mainland... .. proclaim for ourselves the trust we have in Christ.
What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

**That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of evil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing
and ready from now on to live for him.**

SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSION

Our final Reformation confession... ..and steadfast prayer.

* Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" #321

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory

"Sanctus"

JKPC Choir
Arr. Roger Emerson

* Response

"Give Thanks"

#647

* Prayer of Dedication

Church and Community Life

**THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS
SHORTER WESTMINSTER CATECHISM**

A generation after the Reformation... .. children to memorize!

What is the chief and highest end of humanity?

Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy God forever.

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein God pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in God's sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all privileges, of the children of God.

What is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

Assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Prayers of the People

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.***

The Lord's Prayer

AND ALWAYS BEING REFORMED...

Historians talk about the Reformation... Tarboro, North Carolina in 1935:

* Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" (3 times) #288

BARMEN CONFESSIO

It was 1934, and the Nazi Party... .. prevailing ideological and political convictions.

CONFESSIO of 1967

The 1960s turned America upside... final triumph of God.

BELHAR CONFESSION

It was 1986, and apartheid... original Afrikaans.

* *We believe*

- **that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;**
- *that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;*
- **that God calls the church to follow him in this, for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;**
- *that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;*
- **that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;**
- *that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;*
- **that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;**
- *that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;*
- **that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

* **Hymn**

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

#853

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

It was 1983... ... words of our ancestors as today’s charge.

* **Charge**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples
to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for
God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

Benediction

Please remain seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress”

Martin Luther
Arr. Faye Lopez

Liturgist: CJ High

Pastor: Rev. Maggie Lewis

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Music Director: Anna Robinson

Pianist: Bethany Cozort

Church and Community Life

REFORMATION SUNDAY is always celebrated on the last Sunday in October. It marks the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany protesting what he felt were abuses by the Catholic Church and the church's departures from how the Bible presented God's gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as *Presbyterian* is in the Reformation, which coalesced our focus on the Holy Spirit's ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. Martin Luther helped us to understand and acknowledge that the institution of the church is not equal to God. We are called to worship the triune God alone, to claim Jesus Christ as Lord of the church, and to seek the ongoing sanctification of the Holy Spirit.



You should have received your ballot by now. The closest ballot drop-off box is at Keizer City Hall, and there is still time to mail it this week. Your vote matters. Please vote!

FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS (also known as pledges) will be received and dedicated on November 10. You will receive a letter in early November with information and a pledge form. If you have questions, please see Eileen or Bronwyn.

APPOINTMENTS WITH MAGGIE are available any time via Zoom, phone, or in person. She is generally in Salem on Thursdays (but not always!). Just let her know you'd like to visit and you can make plans that work for both of you.

CHOIR rehearses at 9:30 on Sundays in the classroom. New/more voices are welcome any time! See Anna for more information or if you have questions.

KEIZER COMMUNITY FOOD BANK PAPER DRIVE During the months of October and November your mission team is heading up a paper drive with the items collected being given to our local food bank. We will build a tower in the narthex with your donations of toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, diapers and baby wipes. Monetary donations will be accepted too, with your mission committee making a purchase for you. Designate "paper drive" on your donation. If you have any questions, ask Sheila.

BACKPACK BUDDIES has started up again for the new school year. Designated monetary donations are always appreciated, as well as 16-oz jars of peanut butter and plastic grocery bags for the kids to safely carry the food home in any weather.

This gathering of JKPC is occurring in the traditional land of the Kalapuya people and their many tribes.

We are grateful to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded it through the generations.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thurs. Oct. 31 Halloween

Fri. Nov. 1 All Saints Day

Fri-Sat Nov 1-2 Cascades Presbytery meeting at Ashland First Presbyterian Church

Sun. Nov 3 **“FALL BACK” TO STANDARD TIME**
Set back your clocks 1 hour
9:30 Choir Rehearsal in classroom
10:30 Worship with Communion



Tues. Nov. 5 **COMPLETE AND TURN IN YOUR BALLOT if you have not already done so.**
Polls are open until 8 pm.



Sun. Nov 10 Receive and dedicate financial support commitments (aka pledges) for 2025
9:30 Choir Rehearsal in classroom
10:30 Worship

Thurs. Nov 14 **7 pm** Downtown Peace Walk

Looking toward December

Donations for **GIFT CARDS** for youth in Marion County DHS foster care can be made any time between now and December 8. The cards will be delivered December 11. More information will be coming.

SAVE THE DATE! The all-church Christmas party is Saturday, December 14 in the afternoon (time TBD), at the church. More information coming.

Join Salem First Pres and many other area churches for Salem Peace Walks!



These walks are a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community to promote peace and support one another. All walks begin at 7:00 pm.

When and Where

- **2nd Thursday:** St. Thomas Church, 546 High St. NE
 Union St., Marion Square Park, Court St., Transit Station, Church Street (1.4 miles)
- **3rd Thursday:** Edgewater and Kingwood, West Salem
- **4th Thursday:** Northeast Salem, in the former Big Lots parking lot

We can make a positive impact together!



October Birthdays

1	Cariana High	13	Ben Dake
14	Rosemary Willhite	22	Randy Lodić
24	Shirley Bond #101!	29	Paul Cozort

November Birthdays

5	Maggie Lewis	22	Joan Allen
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November Anniversaries

25	Glen and Bronwyn Curtis
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