



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 28, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

Reformation Sunday

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

\*Please stand if able

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one another.

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*This morning we celebrate Reformation Sunday and remember the faithful men and women who have lived and proclaimed the Gospel throughout the ages. The letter to the Hebrews tells of the heroes and martyrs of the faith, commending those like Rahab who placed their faith in the Lord. We are each called to run with perseverance by looking to Jesus and rejoicing at his love for us – love that took him to the cross.*

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

*(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist Margaret Bourke

*L: Throughout the human story the Spirit of God continues to speak,*

**P: in visions and voices, in images and ideas,**

*L: in all languages and all time, to all people in all places,*

**P: inviting the people of God to discover God's living Word.**

*L: To Abram it came as a sign in the stars . . . and still the Spirit comes to us today.*

**P: The Church Reformed, always willing to be Reformed by the wildly creative Spirit of God.**

*L: It may burn in our hearts like fire or whisper in the silence as a still, small voice.*

**P: It may sing to us from the stars or sneak up on us from within.**

*L: But we are here today because the Spirit speaks to us and we respond!*

### \*HYMN 457

*I Greet Thee, who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Eternal God, you have called us into covenant, yet our commitment is shallow and our love is weak. We place lesser concerns high on our list of priorities and give you whatever time is left. Forgive our sin, O God, and turn us again toward your purposes. Reform our lives by renewing our dedication to you. By your Holy Spirit, give us a new sense of our calling, a new zeal in our faithfulness, a new compassion toward neighbors in need, and a new appreciation for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. May we always be open to the reforming and refreshing wind of your Spirit. Amen.**

### \*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*L: Friends, believe the good news.*

**P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*Gloria Patri - 579** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen and Amen.*

### \*Passing the Peace and Greetings

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Halloween for Christians*

Puppet Ministry

*(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for Children's Church following the Children's Moment.)*

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Christ the Lord, Our Sure Foundation*

Lloyd Larsen

Danielle Bridges, student conductor

### Chancel Choir:

*Christ the Lord, is our sure foundation; Christ, the head and cornerstone; Chosen by our God most precious, binding all the church as one. Jesus Christ, the one rejected, by the faithless cast aside; Living Stone, ordained to live eternally on high. Chosen race, O holy nation, called from darkness into light; sing of grace and mercy and proclaim God's power and might. You are led by God's great light!*

**Congregation: Please join with the choir to sing all three verses of Hymn #447, also shown on the insert.**

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of truth, send your Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy scriptures. As we hear your word proclaimed, reveal to us your life-giving truth that we may be nourished in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SCRIPTURES** Psalm 34 (page 508 in pew Bible)

Liturgist Bourke

Hebrews 11: 29-39, 12: 1-2 (page 226 in pew Bible)

Helen King

*L. This is the Word of the Lord!*

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

*In the Cloud*

Helen King

## \*HYMN 364

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

*On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.*

### 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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.*

*Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."*

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP** (Christian Education)

*Committee on Puppets*

Puppets

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Choral Response

## OFFERING / OFFERTORY

**\*Doxology - 592** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise \*\*Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise \*\*Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

God of every good and perfect gift, our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect. We give, knowing our motives are mixed and our mission is unclear. Still, we offer these efforts with boldness and trust, knowing that your love is stronger than our imperfections. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## \*HYMN 260

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Choral Response

## \*POSTLUDE

### Worshipping With Children

- \* AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children's Corner.
- \* Nursery is available for infant thru age six downstairs.
- \* Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- \* Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- \* Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- \* All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children's Moment.
- \* Ages Pre-K through 6th are invited to Sunday School downstairs following the children's moment.

*You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.*

*Schedule: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday  
and  
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.*

**REVISED COMMON  
LECTIONARY**

*This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.*

*The three year cycle is split into years – A,B, and C. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading.*

*The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.*

*Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.*

**Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, October 28, 2018, the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Job 42:1-6, 10-17</b>
<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)</b>
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Hebrews 11: 29-39, 12: 1-2</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Mark 10:46-52</b>

**First Reading Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

1Then Job answered the LORD: 2'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 3'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 4'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' 5I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; 6therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

10And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. 12The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. 13He also had seven sons and three daughters. 14He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Kerenhappuch. 15In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. 16After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. 17And Job died, old and full of days.

**Gospel Mark 10:46-52**

46They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." 50So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." 52Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin  
 CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel  
 Administrative Assistant: Jane Baker

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart  
 Organist: Janice Robison  
 Choir Director: David Tadlock

**Deacon for October - A friend to call in time of need** - Harold Robison - hrobison@columbus.rr.com - 740-592-1450  
**For November** - Mary Costello - mbcostello@hotmail.com or 740-592-3444  
 Liturgist - Margaret Bourke Ushers - Linda Parsons and Harold Robison  
 Chancel Prep - Harold Robison Acolytes - Alexia Gyftopoulos and Andersen Trachsel  
 Puppets - Bobbi Conliffe, Neal Nesbitt, Becky Pankratz and Bob Stewart

**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, October 28th - Reformation/Food Pantry Sunday**

9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Book Study, library  
 9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room  
 10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
 10:00-10:20 A.M. - Trail Mix assembly, fellowship hall  
 10:30 A.M. - Minute for Stewardship during Worship with Helen King as guest speaker, Sanctuary and Children's Church, classrooms  
 11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
 11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall  
 11:35 A.M.-Noon - Trail Mix assembly, fellowship hall

**MON., 29th - Noon - Al-Anon, library**

6:00-7:30 P.M. - FPC Christian Education committee to hand out info/treats during uptown Trick or Treat  
 6:00-8:30 P.M. - Calliope choir rehearsal, fellowship hall

**TUES., 30th - Noon - Bible study, library**

**WED., 31st - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women's Wednesday Circle meeting, home of Helen King, 6773 Beechwood Drive  
 Noon - Women of Faith Book Study, library  
 6:00 P.M. - Bell choir rehearsal, bell choir room  
 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURS., November 1st - All Saints' Day**

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. - College lunch and fellowship, kitchen and fellowship hall  
 2:30-6:30 P.M. - Special Group, various rooms

**SUNDAY, November 4th - "Fall Back" time change**

**All Saints' Sunday**

9:00 A.M. - Women of Faith Book Study, library  
 9:45 A.M. - Chancel Choir rehearsal, choir room  
 10:00 A.M. - Children's chime choir rehearsal, classroom 3  
 10:30 A.M. - Communion and Minute for Stewardship during Worship, Sanctuary and Children's Church, classrooms  
 11:30 A.M. - Children's crafts, classroom 3  
 11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

**Sunday, November 11th  
 2019 Pledge Sunday**

**Anniversary Card Shower**



Bob and Marlene Weinfurtner will be celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on November 12th and family has asked to *shower them with cards!* Cards can be mailed to:  
 Bob and Marlene Weinfurtner  
 26 Canterbury Drive  
 Athens, OH 45701

**Pamphlets** - A new pamphlet on the history of the church's windows is available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

This new history includes the stained-glass windows of the sanctuary, as well as the art-glass windows in the classrooms downstairs. It also includes information on some of the symbology found in the images.

**Outreach/Mission Committee - Recovery House at the Gathering Place**

The Gathering Place is opening a new recovery house. This will be a residential facility to support individuals with a dual diagnosis (addiction/mental illness). The funds to purchase the house have been successfully raised through a state grant as well as support from other sources. There are still some unmet needs related to furnishing and household and kitchen items. A wish list form the Gathering Place detailing these needs is posted on the Mission and Outreach bulletin board in fellowship hall. If you have any of these items to donate, please either contact:

Carla Boyle (cehboyle@hotmail.com) or  
 Mary Kneier (Gathering Place - mary@thegpathens.com)

**Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Sunday**

- Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed. Use brown envelopes (back of pews - check *Food Pantry*) for monetary donations. Food can be dropped off at the church/church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823) for more info.

**Trail Mix Ministry Assembly**

- Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it) as well as in kind donations are appreciated. **Next date is October 28th.**