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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP | THE LORD'S DAY | OCTOBER 6, 2024 | 10:45 A.M.

*The Call to Worship

*The Hymn of Praise No. 92.....“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*The Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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 forever. Amen.

*The Confession of FaithWestminster Shorter Catechism No. 96

Q. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. *The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, in which, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, His death is shown forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a bodily and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all His benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.*

The Call to ConfessionDeuteronomy 4:39–40

Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments.

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise Your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting Him up, we humble ourselves before You. We confess to You, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what You forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by Your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise You that He was born like us that we might become like Him.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Ps. 130:1

1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lam-en-ta-tion;
 2. To wash a-way the crim-son stain, grace, grace a-lone a-vail-eth;
 3. There-fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own mer-it;
 4. What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn ap-pear-eth,

Lord, turn a gra-cious ear to me and hear my sup-pli-ca-tion:
 our works, a-las! are all in vain; in much the best life fail-eth:
 on him my soul shall rest, his Word up-holds my faint-ing spir-it:
 my heart still trust-eth in his might; it doubt-eth not nor fear-eth:

if thou in-iq-ui-ties dost mark, our se-cret sins
 no man can glo-ry in thy sight, all must a-like
 his prom-ised mer-cy is my fort, my com-fort, and
 do thus, O ye of Is-rael's seed, ye of the Spir-

and mis-deeds dark, O who shall stand be-fore thee?
 con-fess thy might, and live a-lone by mer-cy.
 my sweet sup-port; I wait for it with pa-tience.
 it born in-deed; and wait till God ap-pear-eth.

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;
 his helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
 Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
 from all their sin and sorrow.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon.....Matthew 1:20–21

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

*The Psalm No. 554.....“From Depths of Woe” (Psalm 130)

~ We Respond to God’s Grace with Offerings of Ourselves and Our Needs ~

The Offering Encouragement to Give2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

The Old Testament Reading.....Genesis 29

The Great PrayerPastor Ryan Biese

~ God Speaks to Us in His Word ~

*The Psalm No. 54.....“By Your Name, O God, Now Save Me”

1. ¹By your name, O God, now save me; grant me
2. ⁴See how God the Lord up - holds me; he re -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/2 time with a key signature of three flats. The treble staff features a melody with three triplet markings. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

jus - tice by your might. ²Lis - ten to my
pays my foes their wrong. ⁵In your truth, Lord,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It includes a double bar line and a fermata over a whole note in the treble staff. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

words, give an - swer; O my God, now hear my prayer.
bring their end - ing; ⁶then thank of - f'ings I will bring.

³Strang - ers have come up a - gainst me, ruth - less
I will praise your name with glad - ness, for your

men who seek my life. They dis - dain the
name, O LORD, is good. ⁷He has saved me

God of heav - en, but my help - er is my God.
from all trou - ble; I in tri - umph see my foes.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
John 15:11

Capo 1: ♮ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) ♮ (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A)

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that on thee call;
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on thee still;
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

(E⁷) (A) ♮ (D) (D⁷) (Gmaj⁷) (D/A) (A) (D) ♮

from the best bliss that earth im - parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
• we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

SERMON NOTES

A. The Importance of the Resurrection

1. The Resurrection Demonstrates...
2. Jesus was delivered up for.... And raised for ...
3. Why is Christianity simply pitiful if there is no resurrection?

B. The First Day

1. Why is the emphasis on the *first day* odd?
2. What does the evangelist not record?

C. The Women

1. How many women went to the tomb?
2. **Application: *Love to Christ is very often exhibited in proportion to the grace received.***
3. What does John’s Gospel omit that is included in Mark’s Gospel?

D. The Announcement

1. What message does Mary Magdalen bring to Peter?
2. What does not seem to occur to anyone at this point?
3. **Application: *The Gospel accounts are reliable.***

~ We Respond to God Speaking in His Word ~

*The Hymn of Approach No. 646“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

~ God Shows His Commitment to Us ~

The Communion of Christ and His People at His Table

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

~ God’s People Respond to His Grace Displayed ~

*The Psalm of Praise No. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations” (page 7)

The Benediction

*The Response No. 733“The Doxology”

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Reformation Month History Series:

Remembering the Reasons for the Reformation

No. 1: The Spark: 95 Theses

October 31st marks the 507th Anniversary of what historians widely regard as the beginning of the Reformation. Its beginning was rather humble and unassuming: a local scholar and monk hung a poster - written in Latin - inviting philosophical debate over 95 separate theses.

Martin Luther, whose *95 Theses* kicked off the Reformation, did not intend to start anything of the kind. Luther merely posed the question of whether it was right for the church to be selling “indulgences” to those who could afford them. According to the Church of Rome, an “indulgence” is a removal of the penalty for sin. He posted his theses on the church door, which functioned as an “academic bulletin board” hoping for a scholastic debate on the legitimacy of this practice.

At that time, the Pope of Rome wanted money to build a new basilica and to finance it, he authorized the sale of indulgences. These indulgences promised remission of the penalties of sins in exchange for money.

While Luther's own prince banned the sale of these indulgences within his territory, Luther was outraged at the idea that his parishioners might be traveling to a neighboring town to buy them. Luther's *95 Theses* decried the sale of indulgences by developing a number of themes:

First, *the Christian life is to be one of repentance and daily turning from sin rather than doing things (penance) to obtain pardon and removal of penalty.* Here he was critiquing the Roman Catholic sacrament of penance.

Second, *the church, and particularly the pope, lacks the authority to forgive sins, only God can do this.* Later the Reformers would further develop this point: the Church may declare and proclaim the forgiveness of God to all who seek His mercies through the means He has revealed. But only God can forgive sins.

Third, *he criticized the Roman officials for their accumulation of massive wealth and palaces rather than caring for the poor and needy.* Luther even went so far as to suggest the Pope build the basilica out of his own money rather than by inducing poor people to buy indulgences!

As you might imagine, the Roman church hierarchy did not take kindly to this assault on their fortunes, and they went to great lengths to silence Luther. In spite of their attempts, by God's grace a great revival broke out in Northern Europe as people heard the gospel, the words of Christ, and of salvation by grace alone in the Scripture. Preaching played a crucial role in the spread of the Reformed faith.

The teaching and action of Luther even had an impact on some practices of the Roman Church. For example the outright sale of Indulgences was banned by Rome in 1567, although to this day charitable contributions can still help one earn an indulgence according to the Church of Rome.

For us, we must not simply celebrate the events of the Reformation, we must embrace the salvation proclaimed by the Reformers, which is found in the pages of the Holy Scripture.

Reformation Feast & Thanksgiving

5 p.m. Saturday, October 26

Please register for the meal:



Psalm 117

¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;

²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.

For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;

ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 6, 2024

Announcements are due 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and must be emailed to office@fpfo.org.

- + There is no evening worship tonight, but evening worship resumes next week.
- + If you are interested in helping with activities for children in conjunction with the Reformation Feast & Thanksgiving, please let Ryan Biese know.
- + **Reformation Hymn Festival:** On Sunday, October 27, at 6:00, the evening service here will be suspended in order to join other PCA congregations at 1st Presbyterian of Chattanooga to sing great hymns of the faith and to mark the significance of Reformation Day.
- + Dr Jonathan Master will be preaching at FPFO on October 27 for morning worship and at Cornerstone OPC for evening worship that Lord's Day.
- + The next Stated Session Meeting is Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Keep Up With the Worship & Work of the Church

- + Sign up for text message alerts and updates by texting *FPFO* to 84576.
- + To subscribe to the prayer list, please contact the church secretary: office@fpfo.org.
- + Contributions may be received by placing your offering in the box at the auditorium doors, mailing a check to the church office, or online: [FPFO.org/give](https://www.fpfo.org/give)

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FPFO Weekly Activities Schedule

The Lord's Day

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Sermon Broadcast

WAAK 94.7 FM

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

(excluding First Sundays)

5:55 p.m. Covered-Dish Supper

6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting

6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Song Class

Children are always welcome in worship, but a nursery is also available for children 3 and under.

Nursery: Oct. 6: B. Rowan & M.L. Wilson

Oct. 13: H. Rowan & A. Wilson