the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



October 25, 2026, 10:30 am

Reformation and Heritage Sunday

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Please note your presence with us in the friendship pad. Our ushers can provide information about childcare, assisted listening devices, large-print bulletins, restrooms, or access to the Ed building during worship. Our service is livestreamed via YouTube. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. We are glad you are here!

We are glad you are here as we give glory to God together!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠We rise in body or spirit.
We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Centering Bells

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Prelude *"Voluntary on Old 100th"* Henry Purcell

Silent prayer of preparation from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg by Martin Bucer, circa 1540.

Almighty and ever gracious God, all our salvation depends upon your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introit *Great God of Nations* Johann Franck

Call to Worship *Psalm 124:8* Liturgist: Lewis Lowery

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
With true and believing hearts, let us give worship and praise to God.

✠Hymn 385 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)*

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make; we are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure; his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

✠Prayer of Confession *adapted from John Calvin's "Form of Church Prayers"*

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

. . . through the faith we have in Jesus Christ, our hearts are cleansed. **May Jesus, the true Savior of the world, who died for us and is seated in glory at the right hand of the Father, dwell in our hearts through his Holy Spirit, that we are wholly alive in him, through living faith and perfect love. Amen.**

✠ Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)

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, amen.

Celebrating our Heritage (see insert)

✠Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 90:1-6; 13-17* p. 673 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem *Let Everything That Hath Breath* Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12* p. 239 in the pew Bible

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon For All Generations

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

✠Affirmation of Faith *from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, **the holy catholic church; the communion of saints.**	Nicene Creed **Apostles' Creed**
This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, . .	Scots Confession
We believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life.	**Heidelberg Catechism**
The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits which are freely offered through Christ.	Second Helvetic Confession
The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel, consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children; and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; the house and family of God.	**Westminster Confession of Faith**
The visible church has the privilege of being under God's special care and government; of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies; and of enjoying the communion of saints, the ordinary means of salvation, and offers of grace by Christ, to all members of it, in the ministry of the gospel,	Larger Catechism

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.	**A Brief Statement of Faith**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

. . . forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . .

Presentation of Offerings

Whether your gift is placed in the plate, given online, or shared through your time and talents, all are invited to pause as the plate is passed to you for a prayerful moment of thanksgiving.

Offertory *Prelude on DUNDEE* Healey Willan

✠Doxology (Hymn 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠Hymn 275 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Children will remain in the pews today to join us for the photo after worship, then will be dismissed for Covenant Choir.

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing.
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and,
armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must with the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* J. S. Bach

Please join us on the church steps for a church family photo.
If you are able, move toward the middle of the steps. Chairs are available in the front.

Serving in Worship Today:
Guest Organist: Brooks Kuykendall
Director of Music: Mike McCarthy
Ushers: Laura and Jesse Chewning
Elevator Assistant: Kurt Chewning
Sanctuary Guild: Piper Foresman
Videographer: Bill Nix, Ed Foresman

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Heritage Sunday
October 25, 2026

We honor the following who have been members of our church for:

25 Years (joined: 2001)
Tina Christie, Beth Huber-Sherenco, Carol Johnson, Justin LeFebre, Eleanor McCord, Bill Nix, Courtney Nix, Jacqui Nix, Annie Pates, Alicia Veil, Jeff Veil

30 Years (joined 1996)
Caroline Deaderick, Ed Foresman, Helen Fortune, Pearl Miller

35 Years (joined 1991)
Meredith Beattie, Michelle Early, Tina Evans-Zook, Ben King

40 Years (joined 1986)
Ellie Bell, Jean Calloway, George Cralle, Elliott Farley, Gyles Norwood

45 Years: (joined: 1981)
Ed Allison, Greg Allison, Joyce Allison, Gaye Copley, John Copley, Dee Kindred, Bob Lang, Doreen Vaughn, Gary Vaughn, Cindy Watson, Leonard Watson

50 Years or more:
Louis Illi (1976)
Paul Leimer (1976)
Lee Woolf (1976)
Gwen Woolf (1976)
David Peterson (1976)
Diane Peterson (1976)
Mollie Creasey (1976)
Shirley Eye (1976)
Betty Merrill (1975)
Sammy Merrill (1975)
Mike Gibson (1974)
David Hancock III (1974)
Debbie Leimer (1974)
Ted Williams (1972)
Harry Farley (1971)
Joanne Farley (1971)
Don Newlin (1971)
Ann Lewis (1971)
Lynne Rawlings (1970)
Dorothy Rice (1970)
Judith (Judy) Hansen (1970)

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50 Years or more (continued):

Linda Spratt (1969)
Jean Mitchell (1969)
Dr. J. Richard Garnett, Jr. (1968)
Ann Harry (1968)
Shirley Kutz (1968)
Dr. C. Kinsey (Kin) Glover (1967)
Ann Glover (1967)
Joanne Kinnamon (1967)
Nancy Wilson (1966)
Doris Miller (1965)
Dr. James Campbell III (1963)
Virginia (Gina) Whitticar (1963)
Jacqueline (Jackie) Hollister (1963)
John Garrison (1961)
Barbara Spangler (1960)
Joyce Nichols (1960)
Cary Beverley (Bev) Newlin (1956)
Elsie Janney (1948)