

REFORMATION SUNDAY
 Sunday, October 29, 2017
 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AMONG US

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *He Has Made Me Glad* Leona Von Brethorst

*A REFORMATION DAY ACT OF PRAISE See Insert

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 NT 187

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:34-40 NT 23

ANTHEM *God Is Our Refuge* Allen Pote

CHILDREN'S SERMON *The Free Gift of God's Love*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *The Warrior Within*

*REFORMATION LITURGY

One: We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit whose light brought new understanding of both the Living Word and the written Scripture.

All: We give thanks for the reminder of consistent grace and mercy from God through Jesus Christ.

One: We are grateful for the inspiration that lead to the printing press, enabling the spread of information and the sharing of the gospel in many languages.

All: We thank God for the technologies that can be used for good for the support of communities and individuals.

One: We remember the lives that were lost in the struggle to reform the church on earth – those who were martyred, those who died fighting, those who perished in hiding, and who were killed on all sides.

All: We remember also the lives that have been lost throughout history in the name of religion and for those who die today for daring to believe.

One: We thank you for the instruction that comes through our church heritage – the teachings, the understanding of the saints, the gift of community, and a deeper appreciation of God's gift of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

All: We thank you for the presence of Jesus Christ – in us, with us, and for us – and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.

One: God of stability and change, we thank you that true reformation is always your work and always being done in us out of your love for your whole creation. We are ever reformed by the work of your love. Semper Reformanda.

All: We are ever reformed by the work of God's love. Semper Reformanda.

(Note: Semper Reformanda is Latin for "always reforming.")

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER *In Christ There Is No East or West* UMH 548

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Dedication of the Offering

*HYMN OF PROMISE

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES FORTH

*BENEDICTION

May the Lord, Mighty God

Carl Ashley

May the Lord, mighty God, Help you in ev'ry endeavor. May the Lord, mighty God,
 Bless you and keep you forever. Long may His grace be kind to you Bless you and keep you forever,
 By His grace and His might May it fail you never. Bless you and keep you forever.

*POSTLUDE

* = Please stand as you are able.

NT = New Testament, OT = Old Testament

TFWS = The Faith We Sing, UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

A fully staffed and stocked nursery is available for your convenience.
 Also, the rocking chairs in the Sanctuary are for rocking your little ones.
 Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory and praise of Almighty God and in honor of Patrick, Casey, Caitlin, and Payton on their 19th birthday by Steve, Mary Ellen, Christopher and Kyle.

PROTESTANT REFORMATION TURNS 500!

In the year 1515, the Catholic Church began selling indulgences to raise money for the rebuilding of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. An indulgence was said to provide God's forgiveness. For a price paid to the Church, God would forgive sins through a slip of paper – even if that slip was purchased in advance of the sinful behavior!

One Catholic monk, named Martin Luther, very strongly felt that repentance was necessary for forgiveness. He was incensed by this corrupt practice of selling indulgences, and he wrote a list of 95 sentences he hoped would encourage debate on the custom. On October 31, 1517 (500 years ago!), Martin posted his writing on the neighborhood bulletin board – the church door. His intention was to have a couple of people read it and enter into conversation. However, with the recent availability of the printing press, Martin's 95 Theses were quickly reprinted and distributed throughout Europe resulting in a full-blown protest against the Catholic Church and eventual schism.

The schism reformed the way the people approached their relationship with God, and the protestors became known as Protestants. Today we remember the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation giving thanks to God for the gift of God's loving and reforming work. Semper Reformanda. (Latin for "always reforming.")

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

BY OUR PRAYERS...

Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests remain on this list for thirty days. We have an active prayer chain. If you have need for immediate prayer, please call the church office or Joanne Taylor at 910-892-7034.

Lou Allred	Polly Clapp	Anne Johnson	Kinsley Vann
Mary Lemuel Blalock	Nancy Cooper	Ida Lawrence	Dollye Walters
Julie Bradford	James Cooper	Janice Lever	Irvin Warren
Chris Byrd	Susan Crooks	Rochelle Pope	Terry Waterbury
Kim Byrd	Elliott Gifford	George Rawls	Grace Welch
Dianne Callahan	Sarah Herring	Robert Smith	
Larry Carmichael	Susan Horton	Nancy Thomas	

BY OUR PRESENCE AND GIFTS 10/22/17...

Sunday School Attendance	23	Offering Received	\$ 7,395.61
Worship Attendance	75	Weekly Cash Needs	\$ 6,726.27

BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS...

Serving This Week

ACOLYTE	Oct 29	Jackson Crumpler
ALTAR FLOWERS	Oct 29	Steve Parker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Oct 29	Cindy Coats Willie Ferrell
FINANCE	Oct 29	Jim Schmidlin
GREETERS	Oct 29	Cindy Coats Joyce Draughon
NURSERY	Oct 29	Grace Welch
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS	Oct 29	Kristie Apperson
	Nov 1	Steve Parker

Serving This Month

ALTAR GUILD	Oct	Caroline Wilson Heidi Hamilton
LITURGIST	Oct	Craig Strickland
USHERS	Oct	David Ennis, Charlie Crumpler, Al Gower, Open

Serving Next Week

Nov 5	Beth Cowling
Nov 5	Virginia King
Nov 5	Hope Tyndall Caitlin Parker
Nov 5	Open
Nov 5	Dennis and Patricia Hollowell Open
Nov 5	Ligon Holder
Nov 5	Steve Parker
Nov 8	Cathy Cowling

Serving Next Month

Nov	Brenda Johnson Open
Nov	Gary Ronnfeldt
Nov	Bob Johnson, Larry Johnson, Rudy King, Mike McLeod

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Bill Creel	14	Virginia Rouse	27	Caitlin Parker
5	Addison Apperson	15	Lou Allred	27	Casey Parker
5	Maize Eason	15	Sharon Hundley	27	Payton Parker
9	Lin Ferrell	17	Robert Jernigan	27	Patrick Parker
9	Beth Gaines	19	Jacinda Williams	28	Anne Marsh
12	Edna Peterson	20	Peggy Warren	28	Roy Queipo
14	Wilma Byrd	21	Kyla Ross	30	Damian Williams

Is your birthday missing?

Please call the church office so we can be sure to add you to our records.



A Place to... Belong... Believe... Become

October 29, 2017

Divine Street United Methodist Church

Rev. Elizabeth Gaines, Pastor

Rev. Kristina Yeatts, Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Amy Stovall, Director of Music Ministries

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