

# Reformation Sunday



# Celebration of Worship

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2025

## Prelude

*The Prelude is a time to begin transitioning from fellowshiping with our neighbors to preparing our hearts to worship God.*

*Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the service.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Welcome to all our visitors. Please fill out the guest registration to let us know of your visit.*

## Memory Verse of the Week – Romans 3:23-24

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

## Silent Prayer of Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Choral Introit

### *Change My Heart Oh God*

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God, May I be like You

You are the potter, I am the clay  
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God, Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God, May I be like You

\* Indicates please stand if able.

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

### from Psalm 46

**Pastor:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**People:** *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,*

**Pastor:** Come, behold the works of the Lord,... "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

**People:** *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

### \*Invocation and Adoration

*The invocation should acknowledge that our worship is in vain if it is not Spirit-inspired. Often, the invocation will also employ the language of adoration and praise, which is very fitting in light of the vertical, God-focused dimension of this prayer.*

### \*Worship in Song

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#### *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

### Public Confession of Sin *(in unison)*

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes.

Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away.

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Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Comfort and Assurance of the Gospel**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ~ Romans 8.1

## **Corporate Confession of Faith**      **from Westminster Larger Catechism**

**Leader:**      **Question 70:** What is justification?

**ALL:**      Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which he pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in his sight; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

**Leader:**      **Question 73:** How does faith justify a sinner in the sight of God?

**ALL:**      Faith justifies a sinner in the sight of God, not because of those other graces which do always accompany it, or of good works that are the fruits of it, nor as if the grace of faith, or any act thereof, were imputed to him for his justification; but only as it is an instrument by which he receives and applies Christ and his righteousness.

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## **PETITIONING GOD'S PROVIDENCE**

### **Testimony of God's Work**

### **Prayers of God's People**

*(The pastor will lead us in prayer, reading submitted praises and requests)*

## Public Reading of Scripture

## Judges 21:1-15

(*Lectio Continua* – the practice of reading Scripture in sequence)

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### Scripture Context:

*The recording of this historical event is not an endorsement of it. We must interpret this in light of the final verse. "Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."*

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Now the men of Israel had sworn at Mizpah, "No one of us shall give his daughter in marriage to Benjamin." <sup>2</sup> And the people came to Bethel and sat there till evening before God, and they lifted up their voices and wept bitterly. <sup>3</sup> And they said, "O LORD, the God of Israel, why has this happened in Israel, that today there should be one tribe lacking in Israel?" <sup>4</sup> And the next day the people rose early and built there an altar and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. <sup>5</sup> And the people of Israel said, "Which of all the tribes of Israel did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?" For they had taken a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the LORD to Mizpah, saying, "He shall surely be put to death." <sup>6</sup> And the people of Israel had compassion for Benjamin their brother and said, "One tribe is cut off from Israel this day. <sup>7</sup> What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them any of our daughters for wives?" <sup>8</sup> And they said, "What one is there of the tribes of Israel that did not come up to the LORD to Mizpah?" And behold, no one had come to the camp from Jabesh-gilead, to the assembly. <sup>9</sup> For when the people were mustered, behold, not one of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead was there. <sup>10</sup> So the congregation sent 12,000 of their bravest men there and commanded them, "Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword; also the women and the little ones. <sup>11</sup> This is what you shall do: every male and every woman that has lain with a male you shall devote to destruction." <sup>12</sup> And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead 400 young virgins who had not known a man by lying with him, and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

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<sup>13</sup> Then the whole congregation sent word to the people of Benjamin who were at the rock of Rimmon and proclaimed peace to them. <sup>14</sup> And Benjamin returned at that time. And they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead, but they were not enough for them. <sup>15</sup> And the people had compassion on Benjamin because the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Giving of First Fruits**

*Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ~Proverbs 3:9-10*

## **Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

### **\*Worship in Song**

#### ***Reformation Song***

1 Your Word alone is solid ground  
The mighty rock on which we build  
In every line the truth is found  
And every page with glory filled

2 Through faith alone we come to You  
We have no merit we can claim  
Sure that Your promises are true  
We place our hope in Jesus' name

#### ***Chorus***

***Gloria gloria glory to God alone  
Gloria gloria glory to God alone***

3 In Christ alone we're justified  
His righteousness is all our plea

\* Indicates please stand if able.

Your law's demands are satisfied  
His perfect work has set us free

(Chorus)

4 By grace alone we have been saved  
All that we are has come from You  
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved  
Now by Your pow'r have been made new

(Chorus)

And on this **Reformation Day**  
We join with saints of old to sing  
We lift our hearts as one in praise  
Glory to Christ our gracious King

(Chorus)

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## ***Justified***

### VERSE 1

When my heart is dark and low  
When my soul is sick with shame  
I can trust your word alone  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

### VERSE 2

When I'm lost and far from home  
When I doubt that I'm your child  
I am safe in Christ Alone,

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By the blood of Christ I'm justified

**CHORUS**

**By your wounds, I am healed  
By your Word, I am restored  
By your grace, I'm redeemed  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified**

**VERSE 3**

Not by works that I have done  
Not by any good in me  
Saved by grace through faith alone  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

**CHORUS**

**VERSE 4**

When my life on earth is done  
I will sing, oh how I'll sing!  
For Your glory, God Alone  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified

**CHORUS**

**By your wounds, I am healed  
By your Word, I am restored  
By your grace, I'm redeemed  
By the blood of Christ I'm justified**

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**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reading & Prayer of Illumination**

**Sermon Text:**

**Luke 18:9-14**



# Preaching of the Word

*The Solas are Still Relevant*

## \*Closing Hymn

### *In Christ Alone*

#### **Verse 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

#### **Verse 2**

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

#### **Verse 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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### **Verse 4**

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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### **\*Benediction**

Just as God has the first word in worship, he also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

### **Postlude**

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Sermon Notes  
**The Solas Are Still Relevant**  
Luke 18:9-14

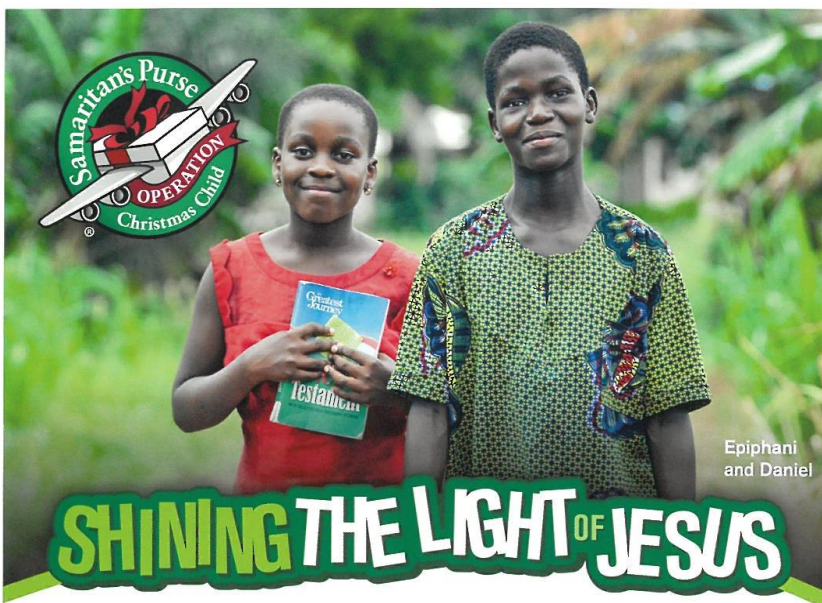
1 \_\_\_\_\_ **Alone**

2 \_\_\_\_\_ **Alone**

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**W**hen an 11-year-old girl in the western African country of Ghana learned about Jesus through Samaritan's Purse programs Operation Christmas Child and *The Greatest Journey*, she decided to follow Him as Savior and boldly share her faith. The girl's name is Epiphani.

"Through the program, I now know who Jesus Christ is," said Epiphani about *The Greatest Journey* follow-up evangelism and discipleship program for shoebox recipients. "The classes changed my life. I put my trust in Jesus."

Shining the light of Jesus Christ in her community led Epiphani to notice a boy picking through trash for metal scraps to sell for food. She gave him the Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift she had received—filled with items such as pencils, books, and a pair of blue sandals. She had loved the gift but decided that the boy named Daniel needed the treasures more. He wears the sandals nearly every day.

Daniel was so intrigued by Epiphani's thoughtfulness, as well as her excitement and love for Jesus, that he accepted her invitation to attend church and began studying the Bible. Before long, Daniel gave his life to Christ. He plays drums during the church's worship services.

After Daniel told his mother about Jesus, she also accepted Jesus as Savior and became part of the church. Praise God for how He is shining His light into families, beginning with boys and girls who are making disciples by sharing the gift of Jesus Christ.



Scan to hear  
Epiphani's  
testimony.

# WHAT WILL I PACK?



Gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are delivered together with **the Good News of Jesus Christ** as expressions of God's immense love for a child. ***So, be sure to make them ...***

**FUN:** Include a quality "wow" item to delight the child, such as ...

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal

**FULL:** To fill empty spaces, add school supplies and personal care items, such as ...

- Pens, pencils, crayons, and notebooks
- Sunglasses
- Flashlights

**PERSONALIZED:** Make sure every shoebox is unique and covered in prayer.

Include a note of encouragement and photo of you, your family, church, or group to further personalize the gift. These personal letters often are children's favorite shoebox items!

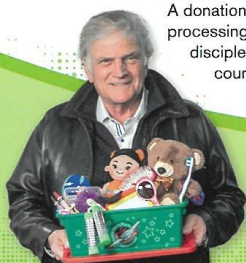
Wondering if certain items are OK to pack?

**See our gift suggestions and search tool:**



## WHERE WILL IT GO?


A donation of \$10 per shoebox is critical to help cover collecting, processing, and shipping gifts to equip local churches for evangelism and discipleship. Give online through Follow Your Box and discover the country destination of your gift through our Look-up Tool.



**"Shoebox gifts are like snowflakes—no two are alike!"**

—Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

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**All boxes must be returned by Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. See Sherry Bacchieri for additional questions.**

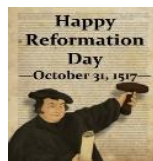
# Announcements



**1 Chronicles 29:9** “Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly. For with a whole heart, they had offered freely to the Lord.” Prayerfully consider what God is placing in your heart to donate toward the expansion and growth of our church. Please pray for the committee as they continue to make decisions.

**Reminder: Hymn Sing** will resume January 2026!

**Come and celebrate the Reformation with us!**  
Tonight, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. There will be food and games for the kids. We will have a special guest.



**Men of Fairfield**, join us Saturday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 8AM. We are currently going through *Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Breakfast is provided. Study meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. See Pastor Ralph for more information.



Our **Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. We are looking forward to you and your family celebrating with us. Please see insert for volunteers and food needed. See Sharon Raymond for additional questions.

**Reminder** there are children's bulletins located by the back sanctuary.

**This Week at Fairfield Presbyterian Church**  
***Monday, October 27 to Sunday, November 2***

***Tuesday – October 28***

6 PM .....ESL Class

***Wednesday – October 29***

5:15 PM.....Church-wide Dinner

6 PM.....Sermon in Review/Prayer

6 PM .....Catechism Class

***Thursday – October 30***

9 AM .....Homeschool Co-op Group

***Saturday – November 1***

8 AM .....Men’s Fellowship

***Sunday – November 2***

9:30 AM.....Sunday School

10:15 AM.....Coffee & Fellowship Time

10:45 AM.....Worship Service

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***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.”  
Matthew 28:19-20***

**Our Missionaries Around the World**

Chris & Savanna\* ..... Europe  
Julian & Rachel\* ..... Belgium  
Franklin & Beth\* ..... Persian Ministry  
Dorothy Anderson..... Germany  
John & Lu Elliott..... Costa Rica  
Donny & Mel Harwood..... Scotland  
Kelly & Caroline Jackson..... RUF & FSU  
Patrick & Regina Lennox..... Native Americans  
Brett & Valerie McAlpin..... England  
George & Susan Sayour..... Ministry to State  
Robert & Lisa Stewart..... Japan  
Cosmo & Susette Tomaselli..... Romania & Moldova  
ThirdMill..... Worldwide Ministry  
Tom & Teresa Wilson..... Japan

\*These missionaries have requested their last names not be identified.

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## **WELCOME...**

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;** to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**We are a member congregation** of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The PCA was formed in 1973 to be a denomination that is "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission".

**Our Session:** Ralph LaGuardia, Ricky Wells, Lew Bacchieri, Ken Peebles, and Joe Taverniti

**Our Deacons:** Doug Wassmer, Byron Bauer, Matt Bacchieri, Brandon White and Winford Wilson

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### **Greeters:**

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**This morning: (October 19): Paul & Lyn Milne**

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Next Sunday Morning (October 26): Winford Wilson & Anna Crow

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### **Nursery:**

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**This morning: (October 19): Robin LaGuardia**

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Next Sunday Morning (October 26): Amy Benson

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### **2025 - Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly General, Building, etc. budgeted amount	\$3321.62
General, Building, etc. amount given last week	\$3079.10
Weekly Missions budgeted amount	\$ 548.07
Missions amount given last week	\$ 460.00

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