

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida

October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation annually on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers.



— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

I WILL SING PRAISE

CHANCEL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

(PSALM 124:8 AND PSALM 46)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Amen.

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

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;

God will help it when the morning dawns.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Let us worship the living God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of restoration, help us to recognize your healing work in our lives and strengthen our faith for the seasons when that work is still in progress.

May we cultivate the kind of hope that teaches us of your love. As a prism spills colors through light, may we share your restoring love everywhere we go. Amen.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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 powers, 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 doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

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

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

(A Prayer by Martin Luther)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(a prayer by John Calvin)

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

Hear and believe this good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

***GLORIA**

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LORI WOLFORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(adapted from prayers by John Knox)

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, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

TRUST IN THE LORD AND DO GOOD

CHANCEL CHOIR

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:46-52

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 7:23-28

SERMON

HEALING WORDS

REV. LOU ELLEN HARTLEY

*HYMN #716

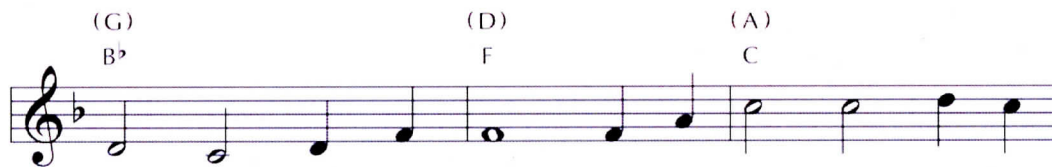
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

— Thanksgiving —

*DOXOLOGY #609

*INVITATION TO OFFERING

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

— Sending —

*HYMN #744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

*BENEDICTION

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Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Closed on Friday

Our Elders

Class of 2024: Caryl Birstler (clerk), Alicia Downing, George Schumacher, Carolyn Smith

Class of 2025: Barbara Dee Cawley, Jerry Reynolds, Leah Robinson

Class of 2026: Barbara Caudill, Bruce Cook, Lesa Shelton, John Morrison

Our Deacons

Class of 2024: Wilma Abel, Ron Shafer, Mary Beth Smith

Class of 2025: Toni Scott, Phoebe Schumacher, Amanda Morrison

Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo, Adele Wardrup

WORSHIP FLOWERS

Worship Flowers are given in loving memory of our father, George Spong.
The Spong Family

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

Infants and Pre-K

CE Hall, Room 2

Ms. Vicki

Elementary (K-5)

CE Hall, Room 4

Ms. Mary Beth

Men's Bible Study

CE Hall, Room 5

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

Adult Sunday School

Library

Barbara Caudill

Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron &

6:00 p.m.

Miss Kry

NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome two new members to our congregation: Julie Spong and Krys D'Aquino! Be sure to welcome them and introduce yourself.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Thank you to everyone who donated candy or helped with their trunk. The children had a lot of fun trick-or-treating, playing in the playground, and on the bounce house. It was a great success!

COME ONE - COME ALL!

The Christmas Memories Dinner is quickly approaching – circle the date of **December 13th**! Tickets go on sale this Sunday at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Bring your family and friends. We still need volunteers for hosts, cleanup, and donations for giveaways such as crafts, gift cards, anything else you can think of. Looking forward to having a great time! Contact Leah Robinson - 404-667-3198

LOCATION CHANGE FOR SET

Singles Eating Together will *NOT* meet at Sandra Koontz' home on **November 6th**. Instead, we will meet at **Chili's**, 800 W Main Street, Inverness, at **4:30 p.m.**

NEW STUDY FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have completed our study of "The Way – Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" and in preparation for the holiday season, Barbara Caudill will be teaching on Christmas traditions. Please join us in the Library on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**

THEOLOGY & WINE

Please join us on **Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m.** for conversation and fellowship. We will meet at Angelo's Pizzeria in downtown Inverness. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner! The Christian Education Committee has decided to sponsor 10 children from the Family Resource Center. The list arrived this week, and we are getting ready to put the Angel Tree up this week! Beginning **Sunday, November 3rd**, you will be able to take a child's name from the tree. All gifts must be returned by **Sunday, November 24th** in order to be delivered to the Family Resource Center before November 30th. If you have any questions, please see Lori Wolford or Krys D'Aquino.

GOD CALLING?

Is God calling you to get more involved in our church leadership? This is the time of year when we consider new candidates who may feel called to serve as an Elder or a Deacon for our congregation. Please speak to Ray Birstler, Bruce Cook, Bev King or Pastor Lou Ellen for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library
9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor
10:00 Sunday School-Children – CE Wing
10:00 Worship Service

Monday, October 28, 2024

5:30 Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

*9:00 Blessings
10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor
11:00 Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

*9:00 Blessings
9:00 Staff Meeting

Thursday, October 31, 2024

*9:00 Blessings
10:00 Thursday Bible Study – Library
4:30 – 6:00 Raise the Roof Festival Singers
Rehearsal

Friday, November 1, 2024

Saturday, November 2, 2024

*10:00 – 11:30 CCCC Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, November 3, 2024

All Saints Day/Communion Sunday

9:00 Adult Sunday School - Library
9:00 Men's Bible Discussion-Parlor
10:00 Sunday School-Children – CE Wing
10:00 Worship Service
6:00 Anchored Youth Group

*Outside Groups

** FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Jerry Reynolds

Ask Me Desk

*Maxine Henderson
Sandra Koonce*

