

The Five Solas

1. Sola Scriptura (by scripture alone)
2. Sola Fide (by faith alone)
3. Sola Gratia (by grace alone)
4. Solus Christus (Christ alone)
5. Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone)

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
October 30, 2022 10:00am Service



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The Worship of God

October 30, 2022 Reformation Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Leader –

Sharing Our Vision

Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude ...



Welcome to our worship on Reformation Day. As Reformed Christians, we follow the Apostle Paul when he appeals to the church to NOT be conformed to the world, but to be transformed by God's Word. May we come to learn more about what it really means to be "Reformed" that we might be even more faithful witnesses to the love and grace of God.

Preparing to Meet God

Introit

When Morning Gilds the Skies

The Bell Choir

Call to Worship

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

P: *Yes, our help is in the name of God. May our worship bring him honor and praise.*

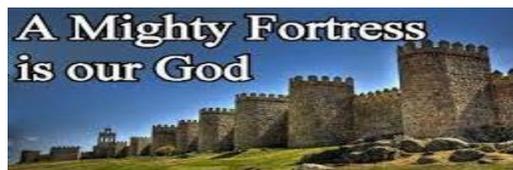
A: *Amen!*

*Hymn # 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*1-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.*

*2-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 win the battle.*



3-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,
His kingdom is forever.

4-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.

*Prayer of Confession

God of life, our hearts are heavy with all of the suffering through the ages – with wars and violence and much that hurts your children. We cry on behalf of our world that is too full of cruelty. God of life, you love and care for us as a parent. You sent your only Son, to share his life with us as a brother. But we confess that we failed him, and you, in our response to his precious gift of forgiveness. And so, we come to you now to ask for your forgiveness. Help us to honor you with our lives and to consider each other as siblings – as sisters and brothers of faith – who are committed to love and serve you with our lives. God of love and grace, you fearfully and wonderfully made us, and breathed into our nostrils the breath of life. May the way we use your gifts show how much we are committed live as your faithful stewards of creation And now, holy God, we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgivenessAmen.



Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News of the Gospel for God's people!

P: ***There is therefore now no condemnation, for the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death.***

L: Friends, believe this Good News and give thanks!

A: ***Alleluia! Amen!***

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

First Lesson *Psalm 104: 24, 27-30* *The Creator and His Creatures* Lay Leader



O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson *Matthew 22: 34-40* *The Greatest Commandment* Carol

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'



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Sermon *The Gift of Being Reformed*

Responding to the Word

***Hymn # 441** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

1-I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

3-For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.

2-I love thy church, O God;
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

4-Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

*Litany of Commitment to God's Word

L: Almighty God, by your holy Word, all that we know came into existence.

P: *You sent forth your Son to bring us salvation on a cross*

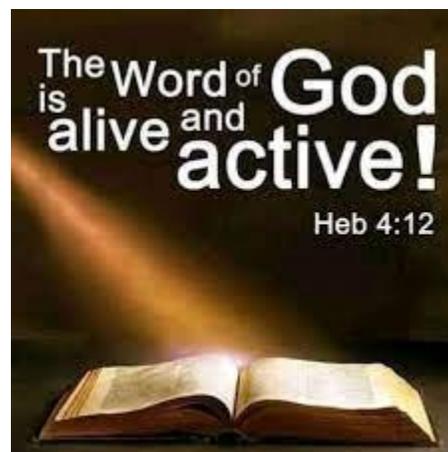
L: By your holy Word, we know that we live in grace and hope. Keep us ever close to your Word, that it might be written on our hearts.

P: *Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope.*

L: We commit our lives to your Word, O God, and all that is within us, we pledge to your service.

P: *Center our routines that keep us close to you, O Lord – in weekly worship – daily prayer – the mission of your church – the study of your Word – that we might be faithful stewards of all our blessings.*

A: *By your Word, O God, guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our burdens, and fill us with joy and hope, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom.*



Reception of New Members

Jim Inners and Bob Megonigal

Stewardship Minute for Mission

Fred Noll – Buildings & Grounds

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet. And anytime I don't know what to do, I case all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication: God of love and grace, thank you for all the ways you provide for our needs. Open our hearts – our hands – and our arms – that we might embrace your purpose and meet the needs of others. In your name we pray. Amen.

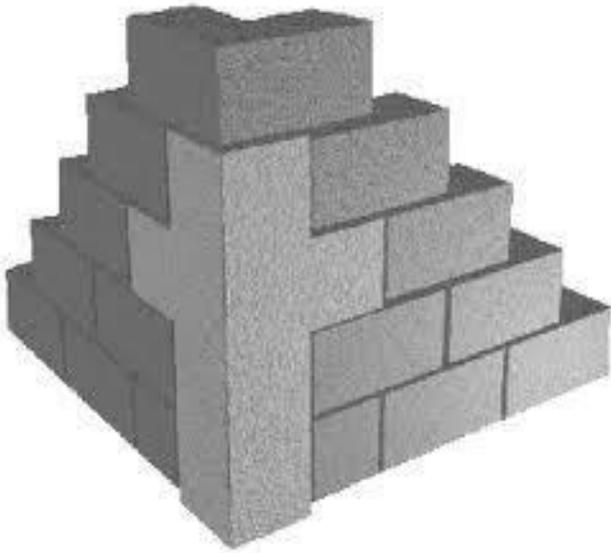
Going Out to Serve

*Hymn # 442

The Church's One Foundation

*1-The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation,
By water and the Word;
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.*

*2-Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.*



3-Though with a scornful wonder,
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4-Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

*Blessing

L: Grant us, O God, the vision of your kingdom -

P: *Forgiveness and new life, and the continual stirring of your Spirit,*

L: So that we may share your vision, proclaim your love, and change this world in the name of Christ,

P: *Continuing to reform the world and the church that we might reflect your purpose for us all.*

L: And may the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and forevermore

Response

*He is Lord – He is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

