HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

November 1, 2026

Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND

- **REFORMATION CELEBRATION DINNER**: This **Saturday** (Oct 31) at **6:00PM**. Hope will provide catered sandwiches, salad, and other sides (no need to bring anything). If you plan on coming, please *email Kathleen Hedman* to help us get an idea of how much food to provide.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**: Don't forget to "fall back" by setting your clocks back one hour this Saturday evening.

THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Join us at **9:30AM** before the worship service: youth downstairs and adults upstairs.
- **GUEST PREACHER**: Rev. Eric Landry will be preaching at both the morning and evening services. He is the senior pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Austin TX.
- **DEACON OFFERING**: Please remember to support Hope's diaconal ministries this Sunday**.**
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall. Our lunch theme this Sunday is a *baked potato bar*. Please use the signup sheet and *email Kathleen Hedman* to indicate what you're bringing.
- **CARE PACKAGES**: This Sunday is the last day to pick up a box to fill with goodies for our college students.
- **REFORMATION DAY SERVICE**: This Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. We are inviting neighboring churches, some of whom will participate in the service. (There will be a separate bulletin for this service). Please *email Kathleen Hedman* to let her know which refreshments you can bring.

THIS COMING WEEK

- **Bible Study**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans this **Tuesday** (Nov 3) at **7:00pm**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person (in the upstairs classroom) or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **Moving Help Needed**: Shannon and Mackenzie are moving on Saturday**, November 7**, and could use some assistance. Please let them know if you can help to load and unload the moving truck.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **Operation Christmas Child**: From **November 8–15** we will be collecting items for boys and girls ages 10–14. The boxes will be packed on November 15.

COMING UP

- **Baby Shower**: Ladies are invited to join us as we shower first-time mom Shannon Boudreaux with love, prayers, and blessings for the arrival of her baby boy. Saturday, **November 14** at **12:00pm** Lisa Woodruff's home. *Please RSVP to the Evite email* that you received from Lisa.

MORNING WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

MINISTER: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Creator, from Christ Jesus our Lord and our Savior, and from the Holy Spirit our Helper and our Comforter.

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 103:17–22*

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Gloria Patri" *#734*

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.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!" (Ps 103) *#53*

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health,
and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

Matthew 22:35–40

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Heavenly Father, full of goodness and grace, as You are pleased to declare Your holy will unto Your poor servants, and to instruct them in the righteousness of Your law, grant that it may also be inscribed and impressed upon our hearts in such a way, that in all our life we may endeavor to serve and obey none beside You. Neither impute to us at all the transgressions which we have committed against Your law: that, perceiving Your manifold grace upon us in such abundance, we may have cause to praise and glorify You through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 12:3–4

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

"Before the Throne of God Above" *Songbook*

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the Just is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless Righteousness;
the great unchangeable "I AM,"
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die,
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

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WE CONFES S OUR FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *Revelation 21:1–4, 22–27; 22:1–5*

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first
heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was
no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne
saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.
He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God
himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away
every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more,
neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain
anymore, for the former things have passed away."

22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord
God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need
of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it
light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations
walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,
25 and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will
be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the
honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will ever enter
it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only
those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of
the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also,
on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve
kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of
the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will

there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *#168 (vv 1–3)*

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

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PRAYER

Poland (prayercast.com):

Situated in Central Europe, Poland is a bridge connecting Eastern and Western Europe. Early in the eleventh century, while the Byzantine Empire dominated in the East, a rising Poland was establishing its own power across fertile plains and Carpathian mountains. In its golden age, Poland was one of the most powerful empires on the continent. Yet, being a bridge between East and West came at a terrible cost. Poland's flat, fertile plains left it wide open for foreign armies

to march through, leaving the country highly vulnerable to invasion. After WWII, Poland fell under Communist rule. Despite its diverse ethnic community before WWII, Poland is now one of the most ethnically homogeneous countries in the world.

After losing between 5.5 and 6 million people during WWII, Poland experienced economic difficulty under a Soviet-influenced communist government. Though Poland became a free state in 1989, it still faces corruption scandals and political controversies surrounding government authority and civil rights. Poland's birth rate has plummeted to one of the lowest on the globe, sparking serious concerns about a shrinking future workforce.

Saudi Arabia, despite its hostility towards Christianity and its majority-Muslim population, has more evangelical Christians than Poland. Though Catholicism is deeply woven into Polish national identity, few actively practice their faith. There is a desperate need for evangelical witnesses, as Pagan, Wiccan, and New Age religions are gaining followers. As a strategic bridge, Poland has the potential to change the spiritual wellbeing of Europe, but the Church there needs a movement of the Spirit. God has carried Poland through the years of tragedy and poverty, and He will continue to carry them still.

- Pray for deep, active faith rooted in Christ rather than dead tradition or cultural Christianity.
- Pray for a growing population and flourishing economy that provides opportunity and dignity.
- Pray for wisdom and Christ-like compassion as the Church provides care and hope to Ukrainian refugees.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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.

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of
the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

10 “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

SERMON

“The City of God”
Rev. Eric Landry

GRATEFUL PRAISE

“The Church’s One Foundation” #347

The church’s one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav’n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry 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 ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore 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.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.
WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.
GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS IN THE BOWL IN THE **CENTER** OF THE TRAYS.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

THE **SECOND** OFFERING IS FOR HOPE'S **DEACON FUND**.

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *#168 (vv 4–5)*

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

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"Doxology" *#733*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21

"It Is Well with My Soul" (refrain) *#691*

It is well *[it is well]* ***with my soul;*** *[with my soul]*
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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