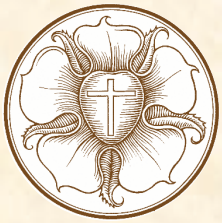
LAKEMONT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Reformation Sunday, October 25th, 2026



Sola Scriptura
"Scripture Alone"
The Bible alone is our highest authority.

Sola Fide
"Faith Alone"
We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Sola Gratia
"Grace Alone"
We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus
"Christ Alone"
Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

Soli Deo Gloria
"to the Glory of God Alone"
We live for the glory of God alone.

The Order of Worship

October 25th, 2026 - Reformation Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Meditation in Preparation for Worship

"So soon as any great temptation apprehends us, then we begin to doubt if ever we believed God's promises—if God will fulfill them to us if we abide in his favor, if he regards and looks upon the violence and injury that is done unto us—and a multitude of such cogitations, which before lurked quietly in our corrupted hearts, [now] burst violently forth when we are oppressed with any desperate calamity. Against which is this remedy: once to apprehend and still to retain God to be our God, and firmly to believe that we are his people whom he loves and will defend, not only in affliction but even in the midst of death itself." - John Knox, sermon: 'Life Shall Devour Death', August 1565

"To love God in heaven is no wonder. To love God when He chastens us discovers sincerity." - Thomas Watson

A CALL FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP
In this way, our gathered worship is a conversation initiated by God between himself and his people.

† **Call to Worship** .....Psalm 46:7-11

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

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Leader: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

All: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† **Corporate Prayer of Invocation** ..... John Calvin

All: Almighty God, you have spared nothing to help us onward in the course of our faith. Burt despite that, with our laziness we hardly advance a step. So help us now strive to benefit more from all the helps you have provided us. Awaken us more fully with the Law, the Prophets, the voice of John the Baptist, and especially the doctrine of your only-begotten Son. And may we not only hurry to Jesus, but may we also move ahead constantly on our course, persevering until we ultimately receive the victory and crown of our calling—because you have promised an eternal inheritance in heaven to all who do not give up, but who wait for the coming of the great Redeemer. Amen[1]

† **Hymn of Praise** .....*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*
Hymn No. 92

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH
We stand shoulder to shoulder with those saints who have gone before us and embrace the timeless doctrinal truths of the Gospel

† **Confession of Faith** Based on the Five "Solas" of the Reformation

Leader: Let us confess with great thankfulness, the truths of Scripture that were rediscovered during the Reformation. Christian, what do you believe?

All: We believe in Sola Scriptura, that Scripture alone is our highest authority, the only rule for faith and life. We believe in Sola Gratia and Sola Fide, affirming that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone. We believe in Solo Christo, that it is Christ alone who saves us, and who alone is our Lord, Savior, and King. And we believe and proclaim, Soli Deo Gloria, that we live all of life for the glory of God alone.

GOD CLEANSES US
Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not shame, to consider our sins. God loves us despite our sins. We rehearse this truth each week by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into his renewal, restoration, and cleansing.

Confession of Sin ..... Martin Luther

Leader: Let us now confess our sins before our God:

All: I come to you, dear Father, not by my choice nor in my own worthiness, but because of your command and promise, which cannot mislead or deceive me. Please forgive me, not because I can make restitution or because I merit anything by my works, but because you have promised and set your seal to the promise, making it as certain as a 'not guilty' verdict spoken by yourself. Amen.[2]

Moment for Silent Confession of Personal Sin

PROMISE OF PARDONING GRACE.....1 Peter 3:18

Leader: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

CHORAL ANTHEM ..... *Ancient of Days*
Lyrics pg. 6

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ..... Elder John Etheridge

WORSHIP THROUGH THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† **DOXOLOGY AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**
Children, ages 4 – 1st grade, may be dismissed for Children's Church.

SONG OF PREPARATION ..... *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Lyrics pg. 6

GOD COMMUNICATES WITH US
God's Word itself has power. The Preaching of God's Word is one of the chief means of grace by which God's people grow.

READING OF GOD'S WORD.....Psalm 44:1-26

PROCLAIMING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD Rev. Dave Vosseller

"As Sheep to Be Slaughtered"

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE** .....*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*
Hymn No. 168

† **BENEDICTION**.....Romans 11:33-36

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

† **Please Stand**

Preaching: Rev. Dave Vosseller **Leading Worship**: Elder, John Etheridge

[1] 'All The Help We Can Get', in Grace from Heaven: Prayers of the Reformation ed. by Robert Elmer (Lexham Press, 2024), pg. 91.
[2] 'You Pronounce Me Not Guilty', in Grace from Heaven: Prayers of the Reformation, op. cit., pg. 117.

SERMON NOTES

Theme: What does real faith look like when we face crushing circumstances?

I. The Confidence We Must Cling To (v. 1-8)

II. The Lament We Can Utter (v. 9-16)

III. The Questions We May Bring (v. 17-22)

IV. The Bold Prayer We May Cry (v. 23-26)

CHORAL ANTHEM - Ancient Of Days

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

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SONG OF PREPARATION - All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
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Heroes of the Reformation

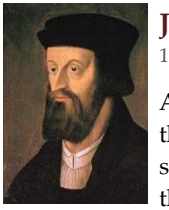
Seven men God used to bring His people back to the truth of His Word



John Wycliffe

1325–1384 · England · *"Morning Star of the Reformation"*

An Oxford professor who taught that God's Word, not the Pope, is the only source of religious truth. He made the first English Bible (1377, copied by hand) and sent out evangelists across England. His writings shaped Jon Hus.



Jon Hus

1370–1415 · Bohemia · *"The Bohemian Goose"*

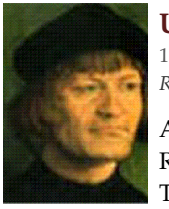
A follower of Wycliffe who preached that only Christ forgives sins and spoke against indulgences. Burned at the stake, he foretold a "swan" 100 years later. His death inspired others to stand on God's Word.



Martin Luther

1483–1546 · Germany · *Founder of the Reformation*

Nailed his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door on Oct. 31, 1517, and refused to recant at Worms. He taught Scripture alone, faith alone, grace alone, translated the New Testament into German, and wrote "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."



Ulrich Zwingli

1484–1531 · Switzerland · *"Third Man of the Reformation"*

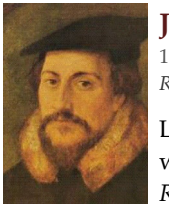
A Zurich priest who carried the Reformation into Switzerland. Through his 67 Theses and faithful preaching, Zurich ended the Mass. He met Luther at Marburg (1529) and died as a chaplain, refusing to recant.



William Tyndale

c. 1494–1536 · England · *"Father of the English Bible"*

First to translate the Bible into English from the Hebrew and Greek, so "a boy that driveth the plow" could know Scripture. His smuggled New Testaments (1526) form up to 90% of the King James Bible. He was martyred in 1536.



John Calvin

1509–1564 · France & Geneva · *Theologian of the Reformation*

Led the church and city of Geneva and wrote the *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. He was the main force behind the Geneva Bible, and his teaching and church government are the roots of the Presbyterian Church.



John Knox

1514–1572 · Scotland · *"The Thundering Scot"*

Survived 19 months as a galley slave and studied under Calvin in Geneva. Back home, he led Scotland to adopt the Reformed faith and a Bible-based confession. He prayed, "Give me Scotland or I die."

"Unless I am convicted of error by the testimony of Scripture, I cannot and will not recant anything… Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen."

— Martin Luther, Diet of Worms