

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 182 - 6300 Courthouse Road
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Christians Who Love and Care.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' "
Psalm 122:1

October 28, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 28, 2012 - 11:00 am

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Reformation Sunday

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

Psalm 122:1

Let us prepare our hearts in silence to meet God's Spirit in worship!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Bond

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: We come today out of our aloneness, with a longing to know you, O God.

All: Though present already - according to your promise.

One: Give us such sensitivity to your Spirit,

All: That, as we meet,

One: And, as we leave again,

All: Each of us may say, "Surely God was in this place, and we need never be alone - for Christ goes with us. Amen."

*Opening Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

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*Congregational please stand, if able; **bold type read aloud.**

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

For our incapacity to feel the suffering of others and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice – God forgive us. For the self-righteousness that denies guilt and the self interest that strangles compassion – God forgive us. For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry out “Peace, peace” when there is no peace – we ask for your mercy. For our failings in community, our lack of understanding – we ask your mercy. For our lack of forgiveness, openness, sensitivity – God forgive us. For the times when we are too eager to be better than others; when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don’t really listen, and when we are too quick to act on motives other than love – please God, forgive us in Jesus’ name. Amen.

A Moment of Silent Confession

***Promise of God’s Forgiveness**

One: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ, prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone, a new life has begun.

One: Know that we have been forgiven and be at peace!

All: Hallelujah, Amen!

*Congregational Response (Hymn #734, Gloria Patri)

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Selves to God - Offertory

*Congregational Response (#34 Doxology)

*Prayer of Dedication

WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

Time for Children

Susan Walker

Choral Anthem “Blest Are They”

(Children ages 3 – 1st grade are invited to leave for Junior Church; Older children may pick up a “Worship Board” in the right front pew for their use.)

Bible Readings	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Old Testament	Page 424
	Mark 10:46-52	New Testament	Page 823
Sermon	“The Price of Renewal”		Rev. Beverly Bullock

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Reflective Hymn	"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"	Page 506
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***We Affirm Our Faith - A Litany for Reformation Sunday**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church	<i>[Nicene Creed]</i>
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the holy catholic Church; Apostles’ Creed the communion of saints.	<i>[Apostles’ Creed]</i>
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This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with the Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.	<i>[Scots Confession]</i>
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We believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life.	<i>[Heidelberg Catechism]</i>
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The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits which are freely offered through Christ.	<i>[Second Helvetic Confession]</i>
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**The visible Church,
which is also catholic or universal under the gospel,
consists of all those throughout the world
that profess the true religion,
together with their children;
and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ;
the house and family of God.**

[Westminster Confession of Faith]

The visible church has the privilege
of being under God's special care and government;
of being protected and preserved in all ages,
notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies;
and of enjoying the communion of saints,
the ordinary means of salvation,
and offers of grace by Christ, to all members of it,
in the ministry of the gospel,
testifying that whosoever believes in him shall be saved,
and excluding none that will come unto him.

[Larger Catechism]

**The church's commission,
upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message
of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ's stead,
and therefore in the ministry
of his own Word, and work
through sermon and Sacrament.**

[Theological Declaration of Barmen]

The church confesses its faith
when it bears a present witness
to God's grace in Jesus Christ.
The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.

[Confession of 1967]

**With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

[Brief Statement of Faith]

*[This litany for Reformation Sunday is composed of excerpts from the
Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church
(U.S.A.); Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)]*

Prayers of the People (in unison)

God of love, who shelters us like a mother hen and welcomes us like a father, hear the prayers of your Church:

God of hope and healing, we bring before you this day those who suffer from chronic illness or disability that profoundly affects their lives. **When they feel diminished**, remind them that you call them by name and hold them in the palm of your hand. **When they feel fragile and broken**, mould them and heal them, reminding them that are made in your image. **When they are reminded of different times in the past**, lead them to grow in the faith that you love them today, just as they are, in this place and time. **When they feel uncertain about the future**, lead them to that perfect love that casts out all fear. **When situations remind them** not of what they can do, but what they cannot do, remind them that “love never fails”, and that living in your love, they will bear your fruit and bear it abundantly. **May all of us**, whatever our circumstances, see and respond to the needs of others and may we live with courage, the challenges that we face, in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray. *“Our Father Who Art In Heaven...”*

*Departing Hymn “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

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Blessing

One: We have been blessed!

All: We have met for divine worship, as God’s people.

One: We have been blessed!

All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We now go out into the world as the body of Christ, witnessing to the
Risen Christ. We have been blessed indeed. Hallelujah, Amen!**

*Pastoral Benediction

*Choral Benediction

-WELCOME TO GREGORY MEMORIAL! -

We hope and pray that as you worship with us today you may experience the love of God and be encouraged for the coming week. Visitors, make sure to let us know of your presence by completing one of the registration cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. We invite both visitors and “regulars” to use the cards to let us know of your prayer requests or special needs.

VISITOR INFORMATION – We have special informational packets for our visitors, both adults and children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

2012 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

The Facts:

Annual budget expense	\$137,754
Pledged & projected income	\$133,804
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,480
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,650

The Figures:

Offering 10/07	\$3,587.06
Offering 10/14	\$1,930.25
Offering 10/21	\$1,068.75
Offering 10/28	

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today	November 4th
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond	Wayne Powers Verne Smith Bobby Allen Marguerite Bishop
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Susan Walker
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	David Johnson Evelyn Lichvar

ATTENDANCE: October 21

Sunday School:		Worship
Spiritual Enrichment	6	61
Fellowship	6	
Youth	1	
One Room	2	

OCTOBER GATEKEEPER

Bobby Allen

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: October 28– November 10, 2012

	Week of October 28	Week of November 4
Today	28 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 5 Cents A Meal Offering	<u>2:00 am Daylight Saving Time Ends</u> 4 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Dedication Sunday</i>
Monday	29 2:00 pm Line Dancing	5 2:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm Missions
Tuesday	30	<u>Election Day</u> 6 12:30 pm Day Circle 7:00 pm - Facilities Comm. -Worship Comm. - Congregational Care Comm.*
Wednesday	31 7:00 pm Choir	7 7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	NOV 1 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	8 2-8:00 pm Cleaning
Friday	2	9
Saturday	3 8:45 am Bull Hill Rd. Clean Up	10

OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN.....

Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
PNC	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)
Don Vtipil	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Gladys Wiseman	Jessica Griffin (Niece of Sheila Fields)
Audrey Turner	Harvey Spain (Father of Keith Spain)
Christine Belsches	Inez Paul (Mother of Mary Holc)
Aida Faries	2012-2013 School Year
June Hawks	Mary Key Schroeter
Marian McDonald	Pamela Harsh
Katherine Tompkins	Clara Smith

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We offer engaging classes each Sunday for all ages beginning at 9:45 am. Children, youth and one adult class meet on the second floor of the Educational Building, and another adult class meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee in the kitchen before and after class!

NURSERY & JUNIOR CHURCH

During the worship service, we provide loving child care for infants and toddlers. Children ages pre-K through 1st grade are invited to join their parents in the service through the Time with Children after which they can follow their leaders to a worship-based activity appropriate for their age. For children who remain in the worship service, there are "worship boards" in a box in the front right pew for their learning and enjoyment during the service.

Reminder That Cleaning Volunteers Are Urgently Needed! If you have approximately an hour that you would be able to help clean the Church at a time convenient to your own schedule, please sign up on the Cleaning Sheet on the Narthex table before you leave today. Call Jerry Bond or the Church Office to arrange access. Thanks to all who have given their time to clean.

Holiday Operating Schedule for Church Office Hours, as approved by Session:

Week of Nov. 18-24 (Thanksgiving): **Nov. 20 (Tues.), 21 (Wed.) & 23 (Fri.)**

Week of Dec. 23-29 (Christmas): **Dec. 26 (Wed.), 27 (Thurs.) & 28 (Fri.)**

Week of Dec. 30-Jan. 5 (New Year's): **Jan. 2 (Wed.), 3 (Thurs.), 4 (Fri.).**

CALLING ALL ELDERS! If you are an Elder (“Once an Elder, always an Elder”...) and wish to participate in the Worship Committee’s rotation list for serving communion, check out the form on the inside back cover of this Bulletin to indicate your preference for serving. Forms are also available in the Narthex, if you prefer to leave your Bulletin intact. Indicate your preferred available and unavailable service dates, along with your name and leave it in the collection plate, or drop it off in the Secretary’s Office Mailbox.

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**CALLING
ALL ELDERS!**

Rev. Bullock reminded us all during her sermon on September 16, “once an Elder, always an Elder.” Even though you may not be currently serving on Session, in the eyes of the Church, you remain an Elder and have the right to participate in the serving of communion.

The Worship Committee would like to begin a rotation list for serving communion. If you are an Elder and would be willing to participate, please fill in the “tear-off” slip below and leave it in the collection plate, or place it in the Secretary’s mailbox.

..... [TEAR OFF HERE].....

NAME: _____

I would be willing to serve:

_____ Sunday

_____ Maundy Thursday

_____ Christmas Eve

_____ Homebound

_____ Other Special Services

I would not be available to serve during this time:_____.

PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS

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Essential Tenets of Presbyterian Reformed Faith

I. Presbyterians as Christians (Shared beliefs with other Christians)

- A. The mystery of a triune God: *We share with Protestants, Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox. One God who Scripture shows is creator, reconciler, and sustainer.*
- B. The incarnation of the eternal Word of God in Jesus Christ: *That we are not alone. Emmanuel, God with us.*

II. Presbyterians as Protestant (Shared beliefs with other Protestants)

- A. Justification by Grace through Faith: *We have not fulfilled God's law of loving God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and neighbor as ourselves. So we are not justified in and of ourselves to approach God. We are not righteous. But God's love in Jesus Christ saves us and draws us back to God.*
- B. Authority of Scripture: *Lies at the center of Christian faith. The lens through which we know God, who we are and how we must live. Points to the truth.*

III. Presbyterians as Reformed (Beliefs emphasized for Reformed Presbyterians)

- A. God's sovereignty: *God and God alone is the source and power of all that exists.*
- B. Election of God's People for Service and Salvation: *One important characteristic of our heritage is that the law comes after our grace, which is a way we show our gratitude for the grace given to us, whereas, by contrast, Lutherans would see the law as pointing to our sin and coming before our grace.*
- C. God's Covenant with Chosen People: *God called ordinary people and entrusted them to follow God's guidance in spreading God's love and living holy lives. "I will be your God, you will be my people." And, "I will be with you till the end of the age." We are all chosen.*
- D. Faithful Stewardship of Creation: *Responsibility on us to care for each other as well as creation.*
- E. Recognizing Human Tendency Toward Idolatry and Tyranny, Which is Sin: *We do not believe in atheism because we believe that everyone believes in something, it just may be wrong.*
- F. That God's People Work Toward the Transformation of Society by Seeking Justice and Living in Obedience to the Word of God: *Our task is not to be successful in bringing in the Kingdom of God, but to be obedient in trying.*

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- These Tenets all come from Chapter Two of the Book of Order
 - Confessions are the authoritative and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do. The Confessions lead us back to the Scriptures.
 - The Second Helvetic Confession contains a great deal of pastoral material.

Reformation Sunday

October 28, 2012



John Sartain after Hans Holbein the Younger,
Martin Luther. Mezzotint (Philadelphia: 1835).

Martin Luther and Congregational Song

Martin Luther (1483-1546) is considered the founder of the German Reformation. An ordained (and later excommunicated) priest, doctor of theology, and professor of biblical interpretation at the University of Wittenberg, Luther launched a movement against the Catholic church's practices in 1517 when he posted his *95 Theses, or Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences*. Luther contributed to major theological reform by translating the Bible into vernacular German, which allowed people to hear and read the gospel of Jesus Christ in their own language.

Luther also strove to bring people closer to their faith by promoting the use of religious music. Luther loved music and believed that it was a gift from God that could both inspire and teach in church and at home. A musician, singer, writer, and composer, Luther began authoring hymns in 1523. He converted portions of the liturgy into easy, joyful congregational song for all (as opposed to chanting by the priest and choir alone). In his lifetime, he completed more than thirty hymns, the most popular of which is "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," written and composed in 1529.

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress is Our God)", excerpt from *Vollständiges Marburger Gesang-Buch...* (Full Marburger Song-book) (Germantown, [Pa.]: Christoph Saur, 1770), p. 102.

CLIV. 154. Der 46. Psalm.
Ein feste burg ist unser
Gott, Ein gute wehr und
waffen :: Er hilft uns frey
aus aller noth, Die uns jetzt
hat betroffen : Der alte böse
feind, Mit ernst ers jetzt meynt
Groß macht und viel list Sein
grausam rüstung ist, Auf erd
ist nicht seins gleichen.
2. Mit unser macht ist nichts
gethan, Wir sind gar bald ver-
lohren :: Es streit für uns der
rechte mann, Den Gott selbst
hat erkohren. Fragest du, wer
er ist? Er heist Jesus Christ,
Der Herr Zebaoth, Und ist
kein ander Gott, Das feld muß
er behalten.



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