

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, October 31, 2021

*Reformation Sunday*

11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

10:00 *Highland Cathedral*

Traditional

11:00 *Rowan Tree/High Road*

Traditional

Bart Davidson, piper

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Hebrews 9:11-15

Leader: When Christ came as a high priest,

**People: He entered once for all into the Holy Place,**

Leader: Not with the blood of goats and calves,

**People: But with His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.**

Leader: For if the blood of goats sanctifies those who have been defiled,

**People: How much more will the blood of Christ purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!**

Leader: For this reason he is the mediator of a new covenant,

**People: So that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God almighty: throughout the ages, You have sent prophets to call us to Your will, but we have not listened. Our need to confess is great, yet we pretend that we can hide our sins from You. Our faith is not pure, and our service is not faithful. Have mercy upon us, O God, and by the power of Your Spirit, reform Your church. Have mercy upon us, O God. By the power of Your Spirit, reform Your people, that we may better serve as disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace!*  
Bart Davidson, piper

GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
SCRIPTURE

**Mark 12:28-34**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Curtis Christian

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG

*God's Servant May I Ever Be*  
Chancel Choir

ST. PATRICK

TEXT God's servant may I ever be: this world my joy, that word my guide.  
O cleanse me, Lord, from secret sin: deliver me from selfish pride.  
Accept my thoughts and words and deeds: let them find favor in your sight.  
For you alone can make me whole, O Lord, my refuge and my might.

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Martin Luther

\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

**Thank you Bart Davidson for participating in our service this morning.**

*The flowers here today are dedicated to the members of First Presbyterian Church, all of whom have my heartfelt thanks for the many, many birthday cards for my 90th birthday. Your love is overwhelming and "awesome."*