CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 29, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023 — Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Nursery is available in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Highland Cathedral"
Brian McElhinney, bagpipes

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. *Ps. 90:1–6*

People: In you, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

Leader: Before the mountains were born,
before you delivered the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

People: In you, we are home—we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

***Hymn #275** "A Mighty Fortress" Ein Feste Burg

***Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)**

Loving God, *1 Thess. 2:8*
you not only welcome us, you receive us into yourself.
Give us courage to be so open to others,
to let them become so dear to us,
that we might share not only your gospel but also our lives,
through Christ, who makes room for us all. Amen.

Call to Confession

Our spirits are like new grass: *Ps. 90:5–6*
at the dawn they spring up fresh,
but by sunset they dry up and wither, blown away in spiritual death.
Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy *1 Thess. 2:5–6*
to be entrusted with the good news of your grace;
we relate to others callously
as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves;
we seek to please and manipulate,
using flattery to gain praise and distinction;
we use condescension as a mask
to cover insecurity or a need for power.
Our motives are mixed, impure.
Lord, reassure and cleanse us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Kyrie *see insert* Alfred Fedak

***Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, *1 Thess. 2:7*
that in Christ we are accepted as we are.
Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight
of a nursing mother cherishing her child.
Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children of God.

***Gloria** *see insert* Alfred Fedak

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Message for Children

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through kindergarten are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service. Children 1st grade and older will stay in the Sanctuary for the rest of the worship service.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord Jesus, your understanding of Scripture *Matt. 22:34–46*
astonished and humbled all around you.
Send your Spirit to illumine this Word
that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"Moses Dies"* Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 168
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 239–40

Epistle Reading *"Paul's Ministry"* 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 959
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 248

Hymn #771 "What Is The World Like" New World
verses 1–2 all • verse 3 upper voices • verse 4 lower voices • verse 5 all

Gospel Reading *"The Greatest Commandment"* Matthew 22:34–46
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 804
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 30–31

Sermon Rev. Dave de Vries

"Hanging On for Dear Life"
"On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets"

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Built on the Rock" arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Built on the Rock, the church doth stand,
even when steeples are falling
Crumbled have spires in every land,
bells still are chiming and calling
Calling the young and old to rest,
but above all, the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones,
builded for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns
heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
with all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes telling how God did receive us;
the altar recalls Christ's sacrifice and what His table doth give us;
here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same
yea, and for aye our Redeemer. Amen.

***Doxology: Hymn #606** Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**

Holy God, *Ps. 90:16–17*
we offer these gifts to you.
May your favor be upon them
and prosper the labor of our hands,
that your glorious power may be manifest to all,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #643** "Now Thank We All Our God" Nun Danket Alle Gott

***Benediction**

Response: "Peace I Leave with You" Matthew Glandorf

Voluntary "La Rejouissance" G.F. Handel

All are invited to the courtyard to hear additional bagpipe music.

The bagpipe music is given in memory of Lloyd and Harriet Leadbetter.

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of October 29, 2023

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together…separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings: Worship texts for November 5, 2023

Mon: Revelation 7:9–17	Thurs: Matthew 5:1–12
Tues: Psalm 34:1–10, 22	Fri: Revelation 7:9–17
Wed: 1 John 3:1–3	Sat: Psalm 34:1–10, 22

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication

Preparing for Sunday, November 5, 2023
Consider: This week's readings describe the coming realm of God. How does the reality of heaven shape your life in prayer and in service?

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Activities for the Week of October 29, 2023

Sunday, October 29, 2023 ✠ Reformation Sunday

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various Locations)
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 p.m.	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
1:30 PM	Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group (Parlor)
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Friday

7:00 PM	Concert Series: Gesualdo 6 (Sanctuary)

Sunday, November 5, 2023 ✠ All Saint's Sunday

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various Locations)
9:15 AM	Confirmation Class (Youth Room)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:45 AM	Youth Group

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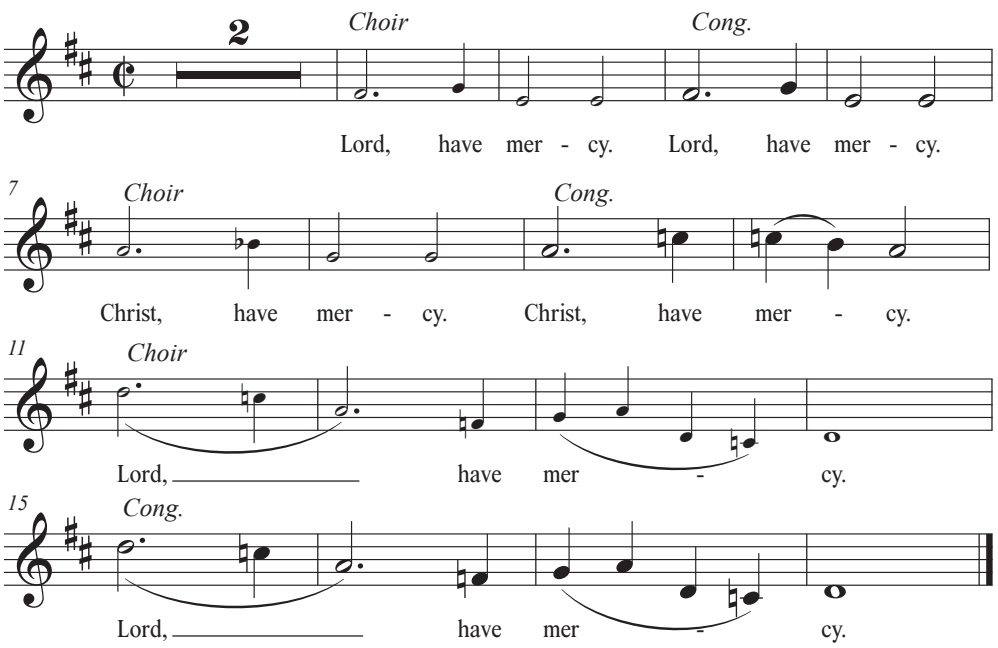
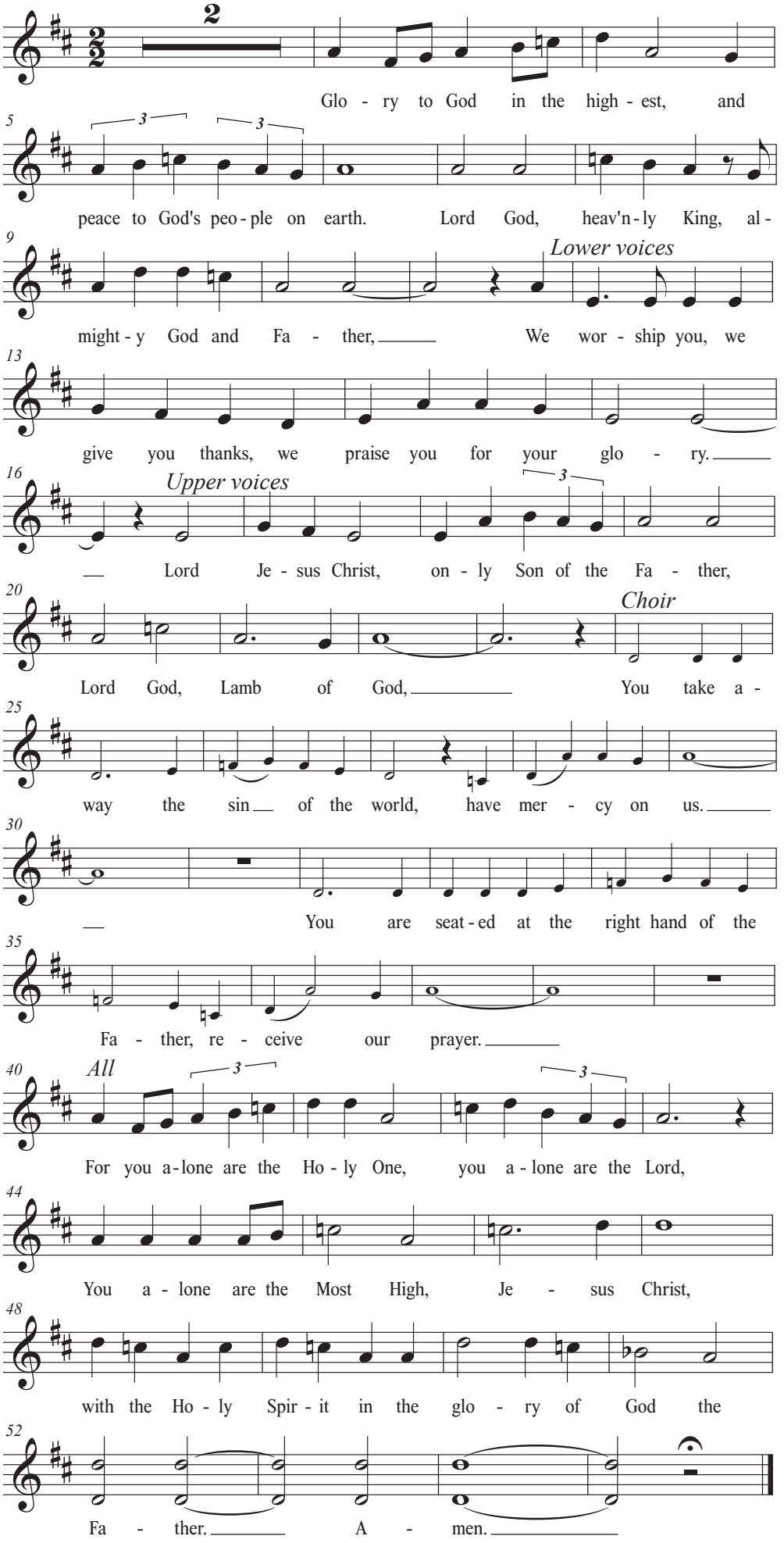
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