
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Lord's Day — October 27, 2002

✿ **Reformation Day** ✿

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 68

*Prelude & Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Announcements - Associate Pastor Tommy Lee



The LORD Calls Us Into His Presence

Silent Preparation

Call to Worship: *Psalm 68:26, 32-35*

Pastor Chris Smith

†Psalm of Praise: *Psalm 68* "Let God arise and by his might" (see insert)

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

†Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

People: **Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh!

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth!

The LORD Forgives Us in Christ

†Pastor: Brethren, let each of you present yourself before the Lord's face, with confession of your faults and sins.

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and truly recognize, before your holy majesty, that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in sin and corruption, inclined to do evil, unprofitable for all good; and that from our vice we endlessly and ceaselessly transgress your holy commandments. In so doing, we incur ruin and damnation upon ourselves. Nevertheless, Lord, we are displeased with ourselves for having offended against you and condemn ourselves and our vices with true repentance, desiring that your grace support us in our calamity. Have mercy on us, God and Father, most blessed and full of mercy, in the Name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Silent Prayer. Amen!

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the Good News. . .

" . . . You shall call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

*The Prelude is a time for silent prayer in preparation for worshipping the Living God.

†The congregation stands.

"This is a faithful saying, that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15).

Let everyone, therefore, with Saint Matthew and Saint Paul, truly acknowledge this in his or her heart and believe in Jesus Christ.

May each of you truly recognize himself a sinner groveling before God and believe that the heavenly Father in Jesus Christ wills to look on you with favor. Unto all who in this manner repent and seek Jesus Christ as their salvation, I declare absolution in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

The Assurance of Grace: *The Rite of Holy Baptism* Pastor Tommy Lee

Scripture: *Matthew 28:16, Ephesians 6:4; Acts 2:38, 39; John 3:5, 6*

Parental Vows: *John & Sonja Maddox*

(see insert)

Holy Baptism: *Laura Elizabeth Maddox*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Elder John McGowan*

†We Renew of Baptismal Covenant: *The Lorica*

(see insert)

The LORD Consecrates Us By His Word

The Old Testament Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-18*

Pastor Chris Smith

The Epistle Reading: *Philippians 2:1-30*

†The Gospel Reading: *John 19:16-37*

†We Pray: Hymn #91 "Lord, Keep us steadfast in thy Word"

Sermon Text: *John 19:25-27*

Sermon: **THE REFORMED LIFE**

Pastor Tommy Lee

†Hymn #135 "I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art"

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem "The Son of God goes forth to war"

(see insert)

†Prayer of Dedication & Litany of Petition

(see insert)

†The *Gloria Patri*

The LORD Communes With Us at His Table

†The Nicene Creed

Pastor Chris Smith

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light,

John Calvin from his *On the Necessity of Reforming the Church* (1544)

"There is nothing to which all men should pay more attention, nothing in which God wishes us to exhibit a more intense eagerness than in endeavoring that the glory of his Name may remain undiminished, his kingdom be advanced, and that pure doctrine, which alone can guide us to true worship, flourish in full strength."

very God of very God, begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution & The Distribution of the Bread and Wine

†Communion Hymn #207 “Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands”

The LORD Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Closing Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress is our God” (see insert)

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

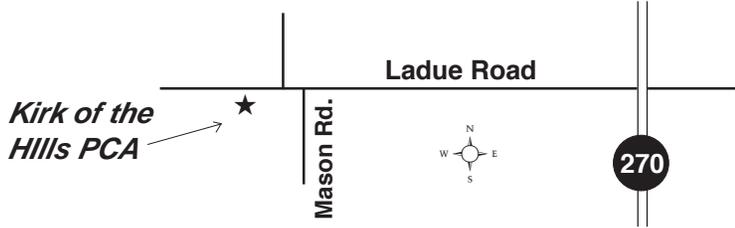
Tonight at 6 P.M.

Our Evening Service will meet at

✿ *Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church* ✿

Join us for a Reformation Day Worship Service

Sponsored by our own Missouri Presbytery (PCA)



The map shows a horizontal line representing Ladue Road. A vertical line representing Mason Rd. intersects it from the bottom. A star is placed at the intersection, with an arrow pointing to it from the text "Kirk of the Hills PCA". To the right of the intersection, there is a compass rose with N, S, E, and W markers, and a circular highway shield with the number 270.

WELCOME to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. We welcome all who are spiritually weary and seek rest, all who mourn and long for comfort, all who sin and need a Savior, all who are strangers and want fellowship, and all who hunger and thirst for righteousness. We welcome you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins.

The Sources for This Morning's Reformation Day Liturgy

Most of the content and music of this morning's liturgy has been taken from sixteenth-century Reformation sources.

The Reformers sought to restore vigorous Psalm singing to their congregations, so it is fitting that we are called to worship from Psalm 68, and then in response, sing a metrical version of the same Psalm. The music was composed by Louis Bourgeois (d. 1561) and used in churches pastored by Calvin (d. 1564) in Geneva, and Martin Bucer (d. 1551) in Strassburg. Louis Bourgeois, the foremost Reformation composer, has been called the father of the modern hymn tune. Psalm 68, named the "Battle hymn of the Reformation," was one of the favorite Psalms of the sixteenth-century Reformed churches. It became so identified with the Reformed cause in Catholic France that even the whistling of the tune was outlawed as a felony.

The next section comes from John Calvin's *Form of Prayers*. The call to confession, the prayer of confession, and the absolution are what Calvin and his congregation would have used every Sunday in Geneva.

We conclude our Scripture readings with another hymn by Luther (#91). The tune is taken from the Wittenberg church's 1543 hymnal (*Geistliche Lieder* = Spiritual Songs). Luther sang this very hymn with the congregation in Wittenberg.

The hymn of response after the sermon (#135) was composed by John Calvin while ministering to the French exiles in Strassburg. This music also comes from the Reformation composer Louis Bourgeois. The offertory anthem, "Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake," comes from the Church of England during the time of the continental Reformation (mid 1500s).

The prayer of petition and supplication is taken from the Scottish Reformation. It was published as part of *The Forme of Prayers* in 1556, written by the "Father of Presbyterians" — John Knox (d. 1572).

The hymn of triumph sung during the distribution of communion (#207) shows how profound a hymn writer Luther (d. 1546) was. The theme of Christ the Victor permeates the devotional life of both Calvin and Luther. This is a wonderful example of a non-inspired hymn that nevertheless draws its content exclusively from the sublime biblical doctrine of Christ's Person and work. The tune is based on the Easter hymn "Christ ist erstanden," which predates the Reformation by about 400 years.

We begin and end the service with "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott," apparently written by Luther for the Diet (Council) of Speyer, at which the German princes lodged their formal protest against the revoking of their religious liberties, thus receiving the name "Protestants." Today we will hear first and then sing a version of "A Mighty Fortress" which is very close to the original rhythm of the tune in Luther's day. The musical arrangement is by Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672), and comes from the Becker Psalter of 1628, which contains Schütz's masterful settings of German Psalm versifications (including Luther's) compiled by Cornelius Becker, theology professor at Leipzig.

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Litany of Petition

O God, in mercy remember Thine inheritance, and forget not the congregation of thy people forever. Thou art our Redeemer and the lifter up of our head, and under the shadow of Thy wings shall we find our shelter and our rest.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Preserve, O God, the Universal Church in holiness and truth, in unity and peace. May she ever advance the honor of her Lord, for ever represent His sacrifice, glorify His Person, and advance His kingdom, that being accepted of Thee, and filled with His Spirit, she may partake of His glory.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give the spirit of justice and righteousness to all Christian rulers and magistrates; grant that their people may obey them, and that they may obey Thee. Especially do we pray for our President and Congress, that they might conform their judgments more and more to Thy holy law, and further Thy kingdom in this world, the kingdom of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give to Thy servants, pastors, elders and deacons, the spirit of patience and humility, of holiness and diligence, of prudence and courage, to declare Thy will by a pure life and wise words, that they may minister to the good of souls, and find the reward of the Master's approval at His coming.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give to our relatives and friends pardon of sin and the support of Thy grace, comfort in their sorrows, strength in their temptations, and the guidance of Thy good Spirit; that doing Thy will and rejoicing in Thy mercies here, they may partake of Thy glories hereafter.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give protection to all widows and orphans, patience and submission to the sick, consolation to the afflicted, that they may be rewarded by Thy comforts for the days wherein they have suffered adversity.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Be Thou a star and a guide to them that travel by land or sea; the strength of them that toil on farms and in factories; give cheerfulness to sad hearts, maintenance to the poor, be a defense to the oppressed, and put a stop to the sins and miseries of all mankind.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give unto our enemies Thy forgiveness, charity towards us, and love for Thee. Bring all sinners to repentance, and all Thy saints to perfect love and holiness; bring all Jews, infidels, and all the heathen to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and all the benefits of His passion; to the glory of His name.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions.

Give to all merchants faithfulness and truth; to the farmer health, fair seasons, and reward his toil with the dew of heaven and the blessings of the earth. Give to all workman diligence in their callings, and a blessing on their labors; give to the old a mature religion, and desires after heaven; give to the young an early piety; give to all families Thy protection; and give to us all pardon, and holiness, and life eternal.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petitions. Amen.