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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude: The prelude is a time for quiet reflection and preparation. As the music begins, worshipers are invited to center their hearts on God and enter the presence of the Holy.

GLORIFY GOD ALONE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Aria in Classic Style (for Harp and Organ)". Marcel Grandjany

Frances Cobb Kenney, harp
Leo Davis, organ

Call to Worship: God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 6:1-3 Josh Preston

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 295 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name". . . .GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Words: Te Deum, attr. to Ignace Franz; tr. Clarence A. Walworth
Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna; harm. Conrad Kocher; arr. Paul Roberts / Isaiah 6:3

1. Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you; all on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
Three we name you; while in es - sence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."
set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee, while we sing this mys - ter - y.

Invocation: The word invocation means "to appeal to" or "cry out to." In this prayer, we lift our hands and call on our Father to come and help us worship Him for who He is and all He has done.

✦ INVOCATION

✦ PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed Shelley Hill (8:15)
Min Song (11:00)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead;**

The Apostles' Creed: This concise summary of core Christian beliefs offers a clear framework for understanding who God is, the work of Jesus, the nature of the Christian life, and our hope for eternity. Though not written by the apostles, it summarizes what they taught.

**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.**

**universal*

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

TRUSTING GRACE ALONE
THROUGH FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION John Knox (1514-1572), *Scottish Reformer*

**Almighty God,
we are unworthy to come into Your presence because of our many sins.
Yet You are a merciful God,
a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to You.
We humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son,
to show mercy to us and forgive us all our offenses.
Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age.
By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our lives
but also the words of our mouths
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by You.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.**

Assurance of Pardon: Having confessed our sins, the pastor declares God's promise of forgiveness—assuring us that through Christ's atonement, those who truly repent are freed from guilt and shame by His mercy.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Ephesians 2:8-9

*For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Trinity Te Deum" Ēriks Ešenvalds

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty; Thine honorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou'lt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
Whom Thou'st redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

Holy, holy, holy.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Danny Song

HEARING THE SCRIPTURES ALONE AS THE WORD OF GOD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" Getty Music

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - long.
Where is His grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with-in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com-mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm-y trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
and we will feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

Chorus



O sing, ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal,



O sing, ha - le - lu - jah, now and ev - er we con - fess,



Christ our hope in life and death.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 51:9–59:12
(page 612 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: “Is God Asleep?” George Robertson

- I. **Rebuked** (51:12b-20)
 - A. Man-fear (12b-16)
 - B. Spiritual desertion (17-20)
- II. **Response** (51:9-11; 52:11-12)
 - A. Help! (51:9-11)
 - B. Go! (52:11-12)
- III. **Ransomed** (51:12a,21-52:10)
 - A. Comforts (51:12a, 21-23, 52:9-10)
 - B. Clothes (52:1-18)

Expository preaching is central in our worship of the Lord. With God’s help, the preacher grounds his message in the text, aligns the interpretation of the text with the doctrinal truths of the rest of the Bible, and shows how Christ is the final fulfillment of the text’s theme.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 65 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG
Words and Music: Martin Luther; tr. Frederick H. Hedge; arr. Paul Roberts / Psalm 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,
 doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:
 and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

◆BENEDICTION

Benediction: God's people receive the Lord's blessing and are sent into the world, carrying the hope of the Gospel.

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

◆INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE:

"Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals op. 101, no. 5" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

James Ryan, conductor

◆Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Scott Moore, Mason Kibble, and Alissa Heirigs, trumpet; Caroline Kinsey, horn; Greg Luscombe, Mark Soueidi, and Rike Robinson, trombone; Ed Murray, timpani; and Frances Cobb Kenney, harp

Sermon Notes

A series of horizontal dotted lines for writing notes.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

The family of *Rick Johnson* on his death,
October 12, 2026, in Oak Park, IL.

Christy Young on the death of her father,
Dick Stanton, October 20, 2026. (*Richland Parish*)

Susan Riley on the death of her mother,
Ruth L. Thomas, October 20, 2026.
(*Germantown Parish*)

Trey Watkins III on the death of his father,
William Watkins, Jr., October 20, 2026.
(*Graham/Waring Parish*)

In the Hospital (as of 10/21/26):

Sam Large, *Baptist Rehab*
(*Germantown Parish*)

Bill Pickens, *Memphis Jewish Home*
(*Germantown Parish*)

Janet Cox, *Methodist University Hospital*
(*West Parish*)

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–David and Aliece: We have partnered with David and Aliece in East Asia for many years now. David is very busy providing theological education and his wife Aliece does Christian counseling while also homeschooling three of their children. Christians in China, along with their fellow citizens, are suffering from the choices that their government is making regarding everyday living conditions. As David travels around for the ministry work, he is very encouraged by the reactions of his fellow believers to these hard times. What a joy it is to know and love our faithful Lord! Pray for David as he leads his own family, that he and Aliece will seek the Lord with their whole hearts. Pray also for David's insomnia and their oldest son's collegiate studies. Finally, pray that their countrymen will know and praise the Lord!

Mission Memphis–Child Evangelism Fellowship: Child Evangelism Fellowship is a Bible-centered organization that evangelizes boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and establishes (disciples) them in the Word of God and in a local church for Christian living. Every year, their programming reaches thousands of children for Jesus in Memphis-area schools. Pray that the Lord would bring much fruit through the partnerships with current schools. Pray also that Jesus would redeem the children being reached and lead them to local Bible-believing churches. Lastly, pray the Lord would provide more volunteers for this ministry.

2PC Ministry–Senior Adults: Led by Chuck Jacob, Donna Sanders, and Lisa Ritenour, our Senior Adult Ministry seeks to care for and encourage the seniors of our church family, with particular attention to our homebound members and those in vulnerable seasons of life. Please pray that they would faithfully connect with and encourage our homebound members and support families in the final days of a loved one's life. Pray also that every funeral or memorial service would honor Christ, minister gospel grace to grieving families, and proclaim the hope of the gospel to all who attend. Finally, pray that our seniors would joyfully embrace the purpose the Lord Jesus has for them as patriarchs and matriarchs of their families and this church in these rich and fruitful years of their lives.

October Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Virginia and Ralph Braden* by their family; *Dr. Gerald Billions* on his birthday by his loving family; *Derek Clenin* by Rebecca, Quinton, Harris, and Mary Clayton Stine; *Mildred Neal Gadberrry* and *James Clayton Green* by Charlotte and Bob Neal; *James Marvin Garner* by Mary and Orin Davidson; *Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tarkington* by their daughter, Ferrin Mavar; *Ginny Towner* by her family; and *Blanche and Bob Webb* by their daughter, Judith Belisomo, and their grandchildren.

Reformation Service



Tonight at 6:00 p.m. at Independent Presbyterian Church

We look forward to joining with Independent Presbyterian Church (4738 Walnut Grove) in celebrating Reformation Sunday tonight. Last year, IPC joined us in our sanctuary, and this year, they'll graciously host our congregation in their sanctuary. Dr. Iver Martin, Principal of Edinburgh Theological Seminary, will serve as the guest preacher.

Nursery will be provided for children up to Junior Kindergarten; enter through the Avon Entrance to check in. Children in SK-5th grade will start the service with their families before migrating to "Four Corners." There, they'll discover God's mission for the world through hands-on activities that inspire them to give, serve, and pray for those in need globally.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to worship together at IPC and commemorate this important moment in Church history! *Note: This will take the place of our Sunday Night Worship service this evening.*

Women's Equipping Forum with Karen Ellis: October 29

Countless Christian brothers and sisters around the world are being oppressed because of their devotion to Jesus. What can and should we do about it? Our Women's Equipping Forum on Thursday, October 29, "Persevering with the Persecuted Church," will aim to educate Second's sisters and friends about the current experiences of our persecuted Christian siblings and train us in tangible opportunities that God is giving us as a local church to partner with them.

We'll meet from 6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our gathering will feature a presentation by Karen Ellis, founder and Executive Director of the Center for Christian Endurance, as well as a time of moderated Q&A with Karen and Andy Cheely, 2PC Director of World Missions. Visit 2pc.org/forum to learn more and register.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church: November 1

Join us on Sunday, November 1, at 5:00 p.m. in B101 for a special time of prayer for the persecuted church around the world. This year, we will focus particularly on those who face persecution from their own family members, while also praying for those who suffer persecution from other sources. This facilitated time of prayer will include helpful handouts, and you are welcome to participate silently if you prefer. Come join us as we intercede for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, following the example of Jesus, who intercedes for us even now. We will conclude in time for the evening worship service.

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General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
September	\$ 743,908	\$ 780,127	\$ 36,219	\$ 574,873	\$ 205,254
YTD 7/1/26–9/30/26	\$ 2,334,706	\$ 2,607,250	\$ 272,544	\$ 2,268,811	\$ 338,439

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