

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Twenty-sixth Day of October, Two Thousand and Eight

Reformation Sunday

8:15 & 10:50 A.M. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please turn off your cell phone.*

STRINGS PRELUDE: “Allegro moderato” from Quartet No. 72, Op. 33 No. 3. . F. J. Haydn

CALL TO WORSHIP Jonathan R. Becker

CHORAL PRAISE: “Psalm XLVI” J. N. Beck

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed,
And the mountains be carried away to the very midst of the sea.
Though the waters roar and the mountains quake at His majesty.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacle, the holy place of the Lord.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
He shall defend her from the night through the dawn.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
Be still and know that I am God:
I will be exalted above all nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (10:50)
J.M. Hodges, Director of Music*

✠HYMN OF PRAISE No. 92: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG

✠GOSPEL LESSONMatthew 10:7, 8, 17-20, 28-31

As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.

Freely you have received, freely give.

Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues.

**On my account
you will be brought before governors and kings
as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles.**

But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it.
At that time you will be given what to say,

**for it will not be you speaking,
but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.**

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
apart from the will of your Father.**

And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

**So don’t be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.**

✠GLORIA J.M. Hodges
inside back cover of Hymnal

✠PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15
*Reid Austin Buchmann, born April 23, 2008, son of Paul & Lee Buchmann
Katherine Alexander Witherington, born February 8, 2008, daughter of Hunter & Molly Witherington*

10:50
*Scott Elliott Poore, Jr., born June 3, 2008, son of Scott & Meredith Poore
Lillian Grace Robbins, born March 17, 2008, daughter of Matt & Emily Robbins
Elijah Hudson Sprayberry, born February 25, 2008, son of Matt & Cathy Sprayberry
Margaret Kell Warner, born February 28, 2008, daughter of Keith & Meg Warner
Neely Hamilton Raby, born November 19, 2007, daughter of Van & Robyn Raby*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY: “Concerto in Bb Major, HWV 290, Op 4/2” . .G. F. Handel

✠CONGREGATIONAL THANKSGIVING CHRISTMAS

**We thank You for Your gracious love,
In You we will abide;
With naught to offer in return,
Only hearts are opened wide,
Our hearts are opened wide!**

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATIONMichael R. Gatliff

✠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) David M. Stenberg

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us pray unto the Lord.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our joyful duty that we should at all times and in all places bring our petitions to You, our God and Father; therefore, hear us, O Lord, as we pray:

We have violated Your commandments.

**Please forgive us for all our sins,
for we are truly sorry and do humbly repent.**

We need to believe Your Gospel more deeply.

**Help us, Lord, to trust the promise of Your forgiveness,
of Your cleansing, of Your indwelling power,
and of Your glorious inheritance in the saints.**

Hear us as we offer to You our prayers of intercession.

SILENT PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON II Corinthians 11:1-15
(page 1148 in pew Bible)

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;

**The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God stands forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Facing Today’s Challenges to the Gospel* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✠HYMN OF COURAGE No. 571: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”WEBB

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “A Mighty Fortress” arr. W. Held

✠Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778
Instrumentalists: Shelly Sublett, oboe; Long Long Kang and Andy Yu, violin; Michelle Walker, viola; Mark Wallace, cello

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. The Reformation began on October 31, 1517, when German monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This began the last great revival of true Christianity in world history. When summoned to appear before the Emperor at the Diet of Worms in April of 1521 to answer for his writings, Luther gave his timeless reply, “I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me, Amen.” The five pillars of the Reformation, on which our theology is based today, are that through Christ alone we are reconciled to God; the Bible alone is the Word of God; faith alone is all that saves us; grace alone is all that has made it possible; and to God alone be the glory.

DISCIPLESHIP

RED&BLUE

Sunday Night Worship

“The Issues of Our Time II”

Preaching: Todd Erickson · Testimony: Mike & Heidi Stokke

Our economy is failing. Millions of Americans do not have access to adequate health care. The definition and role of the family is changing. Unemployment is increasing every day. Our national debt is astronomical and the increase of taxes seems inevitable. All of this is happening just days away from a presidential election. What is the solution? Which candidate has the answers? Which of the domestic issues matter the most? What does all this mean for a follower of Christ? Join us tonight as we conclude our series, Red & Blue, where we have been learning how to develop a Gospel-shaped view of important issues surrounding this election.

Join us tonight at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

October Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of October are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: Joanne G. Brown by her family; Virginia and Ralph Braden by their family; Mildred Neal Gadberry and James Clayton Green by Bob and Charlotte Neal; Sara Crump Humphreys by her daughters Floyd Humphreys, Blanche Toms, May Fox and their families; C. Cobb Johns by Bill and Barbara Johns, his grandchildren and great grandchildren; Sam McCullough by his wife Irma, and children, Allan McCullough and Carol and Rick Kirby; H. Linden Wright by his wife Janet. And in honor of: Trudi and Jim Yarborough with love and thanks by Dr. Robin Gallaher Branch.

Weekly Focus on Mission Partners

World Missions: Second Presbyterian recently received an urgent prayer request asking that we pray for Christians facing severe persecution in India. They are being slaughtered by Hindu militants for one reason only — they bear the name of Christ. Please pray for calm in Orissa and that authorities will step forth and provide protection for these people. According to an authoritative source, Christians are the most persecuted religious group in the world and this is intensifying. Leading up to the observance of the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (November 9), Second is joining Christ United Methodist Church in an invitation to see “WEARING the CROWN,” a stunning multimedia concert designed to challenge what each of us believes about truly living for Christ. The presentation will be at Christ United Methodist Church, 4488 Poplar Avenue, Saturday, November 8. There is no charge for admission. Doors open to the public at 5 p.m. Appropriate suggested age: 12 and up. Childcare will NOT be provided.

MissionUSA: Citizens for Community Values of Memphis: Please pray for the women and teaching leaders in A Way Out (AWO) who are in the Intensive Outpatient Addiction and Life Skills Program. It is AWO’s desire that the women develop trust with the leaders quickly and that the classes will help cement the women’s recovery process and their walk with the Lord. Pray that God will send the committed volunteers needed in AWO. Please continue to pray for wisdom for George Kuykendall as he monitors club activity and continues to work with elected officials and law enforcement for a safer environment in the Greater Memphis area.

Announcements

THE BOOKMARK SALE: The final day for The Bookmark bookstore’s pre-Christmas sale is today! It features boxed Christmas cards, Christmas ornaments and assorted other Christmas merchandise. Items will be 40-50% off of retail prices.

MISSION USA MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING: Join us to pray for our city and our MissionUSA missionaries and ministry partners tonight, from 5:25 to 5:55 p.m., in B102.

COMMUNITY REFORMATION SERVICE: Join us November 2 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary, as nine congregations from Greater Memphis celebrate the heroic heritage of The Reformation, giving thanks to God together. This hour-long service, with all nine senior pastors participating, will be followed by a reception in our Gathering Area near The Bookmark. At the reception following the service, The Bookmark and Growing Place Library will be open and featuring selected books on The Reformation. Second Cup will be open and serving specialty drinks.

A MOTHER’S HEART AND THE WALK BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION: A Mother’s Heat and The Walk Bible studies held on Tuesday mornings will begin registration Tuesday November 4. You may complete a registration card in your class or call the WIM office to sign-up at 454-0034. A Mother’s Heart, led by Craig Harcourt and Carol Overcast,

will be studying from *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow. The Walk, taught by Lisa Colcolough, will be doing an in-depth study on the book of Proverbs. Both second semester studies will begin January 13, 2009. Anyone needing nursery care for children 3 months to 5 years of age must be registered and have paid for their respective study by December 12. The nursery operates on a first come first serve basis for paid registrants. Early registration is recommended for those wanting childcare.


3M NOVEMBER LUNCH: The 3M Luncheon will be November 10, at noon, in C310. Join us for a Thanksgiving message by Andy Wells, our minister to Senior Adults, and music by his wife Carolyn. To make a reservation call the church, 454-0034, no later than noon, Wednesday, November 5. Come and bring a friend!

GARDEN OF READING BOOK GROUP: The Garden of Reading women’s book discussion group will meet Monday, November 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Salmon Room. *In Secret Believers—What Happens When Muslims Believe in Christ*, Brother Andrew takes us behind the headlines to experience the true story of the Church’s struggle in Islamic countries today. Hear the stories of our fellow believers, be encouraged by their faith, and learn how you can make a vital difference in their lives. Please join us even if you have not had a chance to read the book.

JR. HIGH YOUTH: Jr. High Fall Retreat returns at 2 p.m. today and Three Degrees will NOT meet. Join us for Tuesday morning prayer at the Jorgensens’, 2097 Firefly Cove. Three Degrees Small Groups meet Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. For more info, check our website: www.2pcyouth.org!

SR. HIGH YOUTH: True North Small Groups meet this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Join us for Tuesday morning prayer at the Jorgensens’, 2097 Firefly Cove. True North meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Sign-ups for the True North Fall Retreat are going on now! Don’t forget to check our website: www.2pcyouth.org!

KAIROIS COLLEGE MINISTRY: All college students are invited to our Sunday morning time of teaching and fellowship at 9:45 in the college classroom (upstairs in the Activities Building). Parents of college students, please join us for a weekly time of intercessory prayer for our church’s college students and ministry. Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the youth department conference room. For more information contact Mary Edwards, Leesa Jensen or Susan Warner. For more information about the College Ministry, visit www.2pckairos.org.



January 23-25, 2009 · Christian Life Conference

Jesus Christ: Name Above all Names!

with Alistair Begg and Sinclair Ferguson



FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 6-8 PM

FUN · GIANT SLIDE · CANDY CAKE WALK · GAMES · PRIZES

FACE PAINTING · MOONWALKS

NO SCARY COSTUMES, PLEASE!

CHICK-FIL-A AVAILABLE

Bring a bag or two of wrapped candy to the Children’s Ministry Office by Wednesday, October 29. Call 454-0034 for more information.