

First Presbyterian Church of Springfield
Order of Worship for the Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Linda Thomas

Welcome and Announcements

We Approach God

Call to Worship

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains crumble into the heart of the sea.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day O God, from whom all good counsels and just works proceed: give to your church the peace which the world cannot give, so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and free from the fear of our enemies we may pass our time serving you in trust and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Glory to God 275

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us, we will not fear for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also, The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Call to Confession

First John 3:18-20 says, “Children of God, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything.” In faith, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession Our good God, we bow before your majesty, in recognition of our faults, praying that you may make us feel them so that we may be drawn to true repentance. Help us by your Spirit so that we may not seek anything except to serve and honor you and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May you be pleased to bear with our weaknesses and pardon us for the vices which remain in our hearts, until you have completely purged us of them. May you continue your grace until you receive us to yourself and bring us fully into your heavenly realm. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Hear the good news: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Believe the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Gracious God, enlighten us by your Holy Spirit in true understanding of your holy Word, enabling us to handle it faithfully, and to receive it in true reverence and humility. May we be taught by Scripture to put our full confidence in you, that we may glorify your holy name with our whole life and edify our neighbors by our good example. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Old Testament Passage Jeremiah 31:31 – 34

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Moment with Young Disciples

New Testament Passage Romans 3:19 – 31

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Journey to Wittenberg" The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

We Respond to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith *Genevan Confession of Faith 1536*

First we affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone as rule of faith and religion, without mixing with it any other thing which might be devised by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God, and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us by the same Word without addition or diminution, according to the command of our Lord. ...

We acknowledge that there is only one God, whom we are to worship and serve, and in whom we are to put all our confidence and hope; having this assurance, that in him alone is contained all wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. And since he is spirit, he is to be served in spirit and in truth. Therefore we think it an abomination to put our confidence or hope in any created thing, to worship anything else than him, whether angels or any other creatures, and to recognize any other Savior of our souls than him alone, whether saints or men

living upon earth; and likewise to offer the service, which ought to be rendered to him, in external ceremonies or worldly observances... or to make an image to represent his divinity or any other image for adoration.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Call to the Offering “The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the world, and those who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). Let us return to God the offerings of our life.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication **Dear God, we praise you, for you speak peace to our hearts. By your power, 'steadfast love and faithfulness will meet, righteousness and peace will kiss each other.' We live in gratitude for the reconciliation you have brought through Jesus Christ your Son. We dedicate ourselves to your service and our offerings to the mission of the church in his name. Amen.** (Psalm 85)

God Sends Us into the World

Hymn of Dedication

“To God Be the Glory”

Glory to God 634

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our redemption through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction

Dr. Anderson

Announcements

Sunday, October 25, 2020

A Note from the Alexanders *Thank you to our church family for the many prayers, cards, and well-wishes. Having a church family is a blessing and in times like these we feel so fortunate to be part of the First Presbyterian family. Ed and I are getting stronger and better every day. Take care of yourselves, this is one nasty virus! Peace and love, Rosanne and Ed*

Special Thanks to Rosemary Sprague for all the thoughtful, creative work she did on the joyful “Books for Bryson” virtual baby shower for Will, Jonna, and Bryson last week.

Adult Sunday School How can our life reflect the divine love we have received? First Corinthians 13 is the passage for our study with Pastor Rosanna via Zoom at 9:45 a.m.

Zoom Coffee Hour Join us for a time to catch up with others right after worship.

Fall Fun for Youth! Let’s decorate some pumpkins on Sunday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Stacey Willoughby at 615-681-2051.

“Wisdom in Proverbs” What are the characteristics of a person of valor? We will talk about Proverbs in our midweek Bible study this Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mission Opportunities Please contact Ross or Linda Thomas for drop off information at 615-772-4870. We are collecting **loose change** for The Master’s Table, **plastic bags** for Meals on Wheels, and the targeted food item for October is **canned fruit**.

Prayer List If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please notify Administrative Assistant Megan Lowe at the church office at 1stprez@bellsouth.net. Please provide an address if the person is not a church member so we may send them a prayer card.

Linda Alldredge Dale Boyter Ethelene Burnett Louis Burnett Phyllis Gunn
Betty Murphey Jerry Stuard Daniel Piper (Pastor Rosanna’s Dad) Elizabeth Read
all affected by wildfires in CA, OR, CO, and all individuals/families affected by Covid-19

Worship Services Online Out of love and concern for our congregation and community, we have suspended all congregational and public gatherings in our church facilities while COVID-19 is circulating in Robertson County. Join us for worship on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7GCqiHtl7JXZln1_fzePSg at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays. More information is posted on the church’s Facebook page and our website <https://www.springfieldpres.org/>.