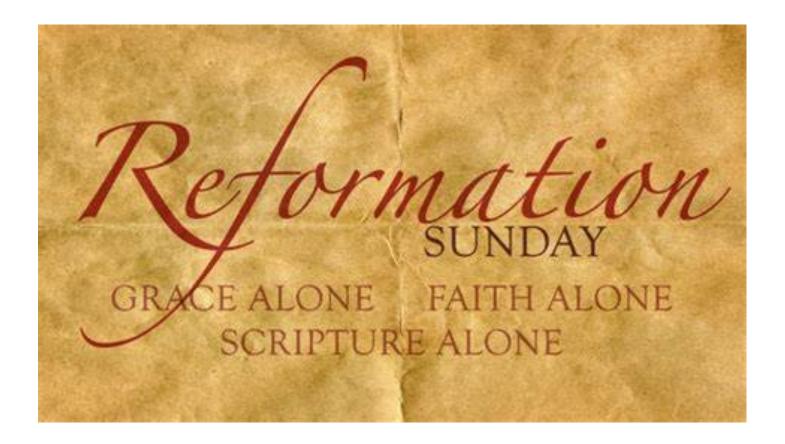


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October 27, 2024 Reformation Sunday Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Pavane Gabriel Fauré, arr. David Paxton

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to Rev. Susan. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

(GTG #418, vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Congregation: Amen.

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

Congregation: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

Leader: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Congregation: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

Leader: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

Congregation: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge Let us worship the living God!

CHILDREN'S TIME PRAYER OF THE DAY Anne Smart

(a prayer by John Calvin)

My God, my Father and my Savior, you have been pleased to preserve me by your grace through the night and you have brought me to this new day. Grant that I may use it entirely in your service, that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will. May all my actions be to the glory of your name and to the service of others. And just as you cause the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let your Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of righteousness. In everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honor and serve you, relying only on your blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to you. Amen.

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHORAL RESPONSE Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading (GTG #418, vs. 2) DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (a prayer by John Calvin)

Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI HYMN NO. 581

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!

Amen, amen

PEACE ANTHEM

Give to the Wind Your Fears

Robert J. Powell

Give to the winds your fears, Have hope, be not dismayed, God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.

Through waves and clouds and storms, God gently clears the way; Wait his own time, so shall this night Soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command, So shalt you, wondering, own that way, How wise, how strong his hand!

On God the Lord rely, And safe shall you go on; On God's work fix your steadfast eye; So shall your work be done.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(a prayer by Ulrich Zwingli)

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

| | SCRIPTURE READINGS | Pew Bible Page # |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| OLD TESTAMENT | Job 42:1-6, 10-17 | OT P 488 |
| PSALM | Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) | OT P 508 |
| NEW TESTAMENT | Hebrews 7:23-28 | NT P 222 |
| GOSPEL | Mark 10:46-52 | NT P 47 |

SERMON Reverend Susan Balfour

*HYMN 662 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death? That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

INVITATION TO OFFERING



Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



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OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY

The Abundant Life

Garrett Parker

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

(a prayer by Martin Luther)

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION Of or the wonderful love he has promised (GTG #418, vs. 3) POSTLUDE Yes, God is Good Richard Pantcheff

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Nancy Miller. Liturgy written by Matthew A. Rich , provided by *Presbyterian Outlook*.

Protestant churches celebrate the Reformation annually on October 31, the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of the celebration, this week's liturgy draws on prayers and liturgy from Protestant Reformers.



LIMITED MOBILITY

Helen Danuser

CHURCH FAMILY:

Wesley Applebury, cancer recurrence and treatment, attending seminary in Atlanta, Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030

Jack Bivens, ongoing health concerns- at Autumn Lane in Gray, GA Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns Ellen Thompson, waiting on double hip replacement

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues Brad Blackham, friend of Jennifer Flory, open heart surgery/valve replacement and recovery

Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns Blake Connlly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing health concerns Taylor Crogan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer

Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer

Marshall Hodgman, Donna Gautier's son, recovering from heart surgery at home

Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melenoma

Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns

Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns

Ben Morgan, Jennifer Flory's brother, ongoing concerns

Charles Morgan, Jenifer Flory's father, recovering from surgery

Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon

Paul Orman, Barbra Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns Ambriea Pearson, granddaughter of Sunda, ongoing health concerns Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall Paul Schrage, Carrie Cook's father, ongoing health concerns Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns Special friend of Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments

Jeanene Vinson, former secretary at FPC, ongoing health concerns Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

George and Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549
Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Nancy Holbrook, The Dublin Place, 504 Fire Tower Rd, Dublin GA 31021
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place
Jackie Northington, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place, Ste 118
Suzy Smith, Savannah Court 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro GA 30642

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: October 27- November 3

| Today | 9:30 | Sunday School |
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| · · | 10:15 | Children's Sunday School |
| | 11:00 | Worship |
| | 12:00 | Milly Free Fridge Service Opportunity |
| | 12:00 | Youth Group |
| | 1:00 | The Bridge UMC Worship |
| Monday | 7:00 | MSG |
| Tuesday | 9:30 | Food Pantry |
| - | 12:00 | Kiwanis |
| | 5:30 | Family Fun Hike at Lockerly |
| Wednesday | 6:30 | Pot Luck and Bible Study |
| • | 6:30 | The Bridge UMC Women Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9:30 | Sunday School |
| | 10:15 | Children's Sunday School |
| | 11:00 | Worship with Communion |
| | 12:00 | Congregational Meeting |
| | 12:00 | Youth Group |
| | 1:00 | The Bridge UMC Worship |





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Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*

www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781

Passcode: 085809

Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying Living the Resurrection

by Eugene H. Peterson, meeting in the Parlor Room

10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class, singing, crafts and stories,

meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs

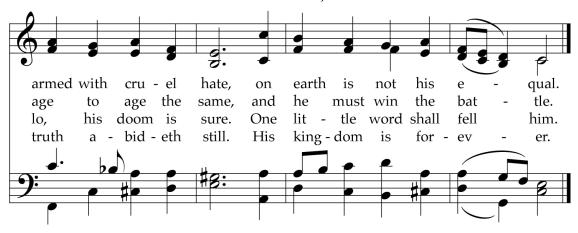
Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study, studying

the video series "Living the Questions 2.0", meeting in the

Fellowship Hall



Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.



CELEBRATING TIME

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies 662



- 1 Christ, whose glo ry fills the skies; Christ, the true, the on ly light;
- 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un ac com pa-nied by thee;
- then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



tri-umph o'er the shades of night; Sun of Righ-teous-ness, a - rise; joy - less is the day's re-turn till thy mer-cy's beams I me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;





Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear. they in-ward light im - part, cheer my eyes and warm my heart. more and more thy - self dis - play, shin-ing to the per-fect day.



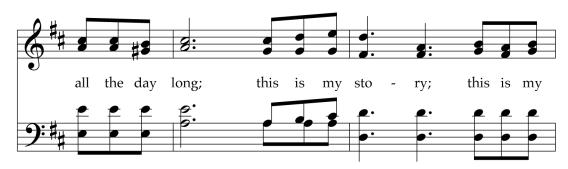
This well-crafted morning hymn opens by celebrating daylight as an image of Christ, the true Light, then ponders life without light, and culminates in a prayer for inward light. The tune's name honors its German roots: Ratisbon is the former English name for Regensburg.

MUSIC: German folk melody; adapt. Johann Werner, 1815; harm. William Henry Havergal, 1847

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.





KOREAN

- 예수를 내가 주로 믿어 성령과 피로써 거듭나니 이세상에서 내 영혼이 하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요 이것이 나의 찬송일세 나사는 동안 끊임없이 예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영 온전한 기쁨을 누리면서 자비와 사랑 속삭이는 하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼 주안에 복되고 평안하니 세상도 없고 나도 없고 사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴