Reformation Sunday

October 26th, 2025 **10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* *arr. Heather Sorenson*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT

✞CALL TO WORSHIP *from* Psalm 46

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.
One: God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress.
All: Though the earth trembles, and mountains slide into the sea, we will not fear.
One: Waters may rise and roar, and mountains may quake at their surging;
All: but the God of hosts is with us – our stronghold, the God of Israel.
One: Even if nations are in chaos and kingdoms fall, God's voice resounds!
All: Yahweh is with us; the God of Israel is our stronghold.
One: Come! See the deeds of the Most High, the marvelous things God has done on earth. Be still! And know that the Lord is God, exalted among the nations, exalted upon the earth.
All: The Most High is with us; the God of Israel is our fortress!

✞HYMN OF PRAISE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **#275**

✞PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you have never stopped moving in the world or calling your church to follow your lead. Forgive us, O God, when we think of ourselves as reformed only in the past tense. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to follow the winds of your spirit leading us to change. Forgive us, O God, when we are stuck in our ways, hesitant to listen to your message coming to us through the voice of a neighbor, a stranger, or a new generation. Forgive us, O God, and grant us assurance that you have never stopped reforming your church. For you are the one who makes all things new and forms life even from ashes. Amen.

✞ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

One: Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God!

✞THE DECALOGUE

✞PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

✞RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* **#581**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Registration Pad found at the end of the row and pass it along.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Following this time, children through 1st grade are invited to Children's Church.

✞HYMN OF PREPARATION *I'll Praise My Maker* **#806**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Joel 2:23-29 p. 848 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Servants of Peace* *K. Lee Scott*

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 3:1-10 p. 193 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Hushed October Morning Mild* *Brad Jacobson*
✞Response *Doxology* **#606**
✞Prayer of Dedication

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from* The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

✞HYMN OF SENDING *God of Creation, All-Powerful* SLANE

✞BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

✞POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* *arr. Raluca Bojor*

✞PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT, AS YOU ARE able

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sarah Morgan – Pastor
Tim Reynolds – Pastor
Zach Wright – Liturgist
Matthew Mimbs – Director of Music & Arts
2nd Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Ushers: Lauren Dodson, Betsy Foster, Kim Hudgens, Bill Ragsdale, and Janis Smith
Technicians: Neal Henley (video); Paul Sexauer (audio)

WORSHIP

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS: We are currently following the Revised Common Lectionary, a common set of readings from Scripture that Christians across the world hear together each week in worship.

Oct 26	Ephesians 3:1-13	The Sovereignty of God
Nov 2	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	When the Wicked are Winning
Nov 9	2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17	The Day of the Lord
Nov 16	Isaiah 65:17-25	God's Kingdom Come, Will Be Done

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given to the glory of God.

SARAH WARNER is currently on her honeymoon.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, the Sunday closest to Reformation Day (Oct. 31st). This is the date Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517. This public expression of his "protestations" against the Catholic Church initiated the Protestant Reformation.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is next Sunday. If you have a friend or loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like their name to be read in worship, please email Pastor Sarah (smorgan@2ndpres.org).

DON'T FORGET TO "FALL BACK" one hour on Saturday night!

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are excited to have you with us today and hope you feel at home! We are honored you are here and pray you will feel God's presence in this place. If you do not have a church home, we would love for you to be a part of the 2nd Pres. Please let us know a bit about you by completing a Visitor's Card or by filling out your information in the Friendship Register. Children are welcome in worship. There is a **family worship area** down front. There is also a "crying room" next door in the Library where the service is live streamed. **Children's Worship Bags** are available in the Narthex. Children ages 2 through 1st grade are invited to **Children's Church** following the children's time in worship. A **nursery is available** beginning at 9:15 for infants and children through age 2. **Hearing Devices** are available if needed.

CONNECT

FELLOWSHIP TIME: All are invited to stay for coffee, cookies, and a time of fellowship following worship each week.

FOOD & FRIENDS is a ministry to college students and young adults. On the 2nd Sunday of each month, all college students and young adults are invited to have lunch together at a local restaurant paid for by the church.

GROW

THE FAITH, SCIENCE & THE FUTURE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS meets in the Barbour Room at 9:30 a.m. weekly. This class studies current events through the lens of faith using a weekly curriculum called *The Wired Word.* All are invited – join us!

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: The Pastor's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Barbour Room. We are reading and studying *Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe* by Ronald J. Allen & Robert D. Cornwall.

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MENTORS NEEDED AT WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY: West View Elementary has over 20 students whose families have requested school-based mentors for them. A mentor would be someone who comes and meets one-on-one with their mentee once a week at the school (usually during lunch/recess time). Savannah will be happy to help you get started with that process. West View would love to get to a point where all the children on the list are getting the extra support, care, and stability that comes from having a mentor. If you are interested in becoming a school-based mentor at West View, please contact Savannah Smith, the Community Schools Coordinator for West View. 865-306-2494 or smiths@unitedwayknox.org.

SUPPORT

GIVE ONLINE: Visit us at www.2ndpres.org/give, text *2ndPresKnox* to 73256, or scan the QR code to the right.

FRIDAY E-NEWS: If you are not receiving the Friday E-News and would like to, please email Tuesday Reynolds (jrosamond@2ndpres.org).

WHAT DOES THIS CHURCH MEAN TO YOU? The Stewardship team is asking for your short response – one or two sentences-- to this question. Answers will be shown on the sanctuary screen during November. Please send your one- or two-sentence response and your name to marykay.sullivan@maryvillecollege.edu.

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, October 26th
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Courtyard)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Tuesday, October 28th
- 9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. UKirk Visioning (Barbour Room)

Wednesday, October 29th
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Fall Festival (Gym)

Thursday, October 30th
- 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study (Barbour Room)

Sunday, November 2nd
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Faith, Science & The Future Class (Barbour Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Courtyard)
- 1:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice (Choir Room)

PRAYER CONCERNS

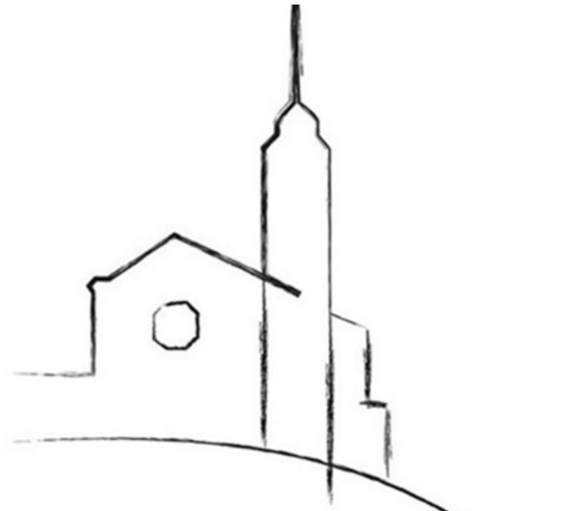
The Family of Donna Downen, Mancil Milligan, Mark Jenkins, Fran McLean, Bill Roach, Jr., and Arlys Milligan

*Please notify the office if you are sick, in the hospital, or have a prayer request.
Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer.

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we are a welcoming, faithful, and hopeful community,
following Jesus and serving him in the world.

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