

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026



— GALATIANS 6:9-10 —

Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,
especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

2027 Stewardship Campaign Dedication Sunday

First Presbyterian Church
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Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Will Frazier

Prelude: I Love Coffee
Jack Hardy, piano

arr. Bernard & Carolyn Shaak

Water Lilies
Linda Cykert, flute

Herman Beeftink (b. 1953)

Welcome

Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing the friendship register.

*Call to Worship

All that we are is a gift from God.
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
all that we have is a gift from God.
The world, and those who live in it;
there are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.
For God has founded it on the seas,
rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.
Let us worship God!

***Processional Hymn — No. 611:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Call to Confession

*Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
You call us to love one another,
yet too often we withhold our love in pursuit of worldly goods.
You call us to serve one another,
yet too often we choose to serve ourselves instead.
Lord, in your mercy,
forgive us, renew us, and reform us.
Equip us to love and serve one another,
to give generously of our time, talent and treasure,
that, together, we might embody your reign of justice and peace.

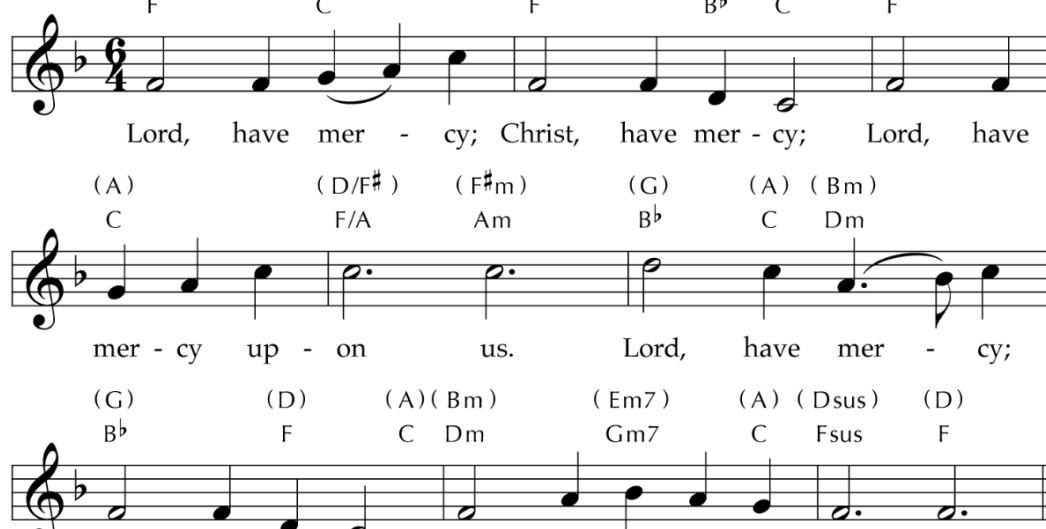
*Silent Prayer of Confession

When this symbol () precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

***Congregational Response: Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie eleison*)**

LAND OF REST

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
F C F B $\flat$ C F



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

(A) (D/F $\sharp$) (F $\sharp$ m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B $\flat$ C Dm

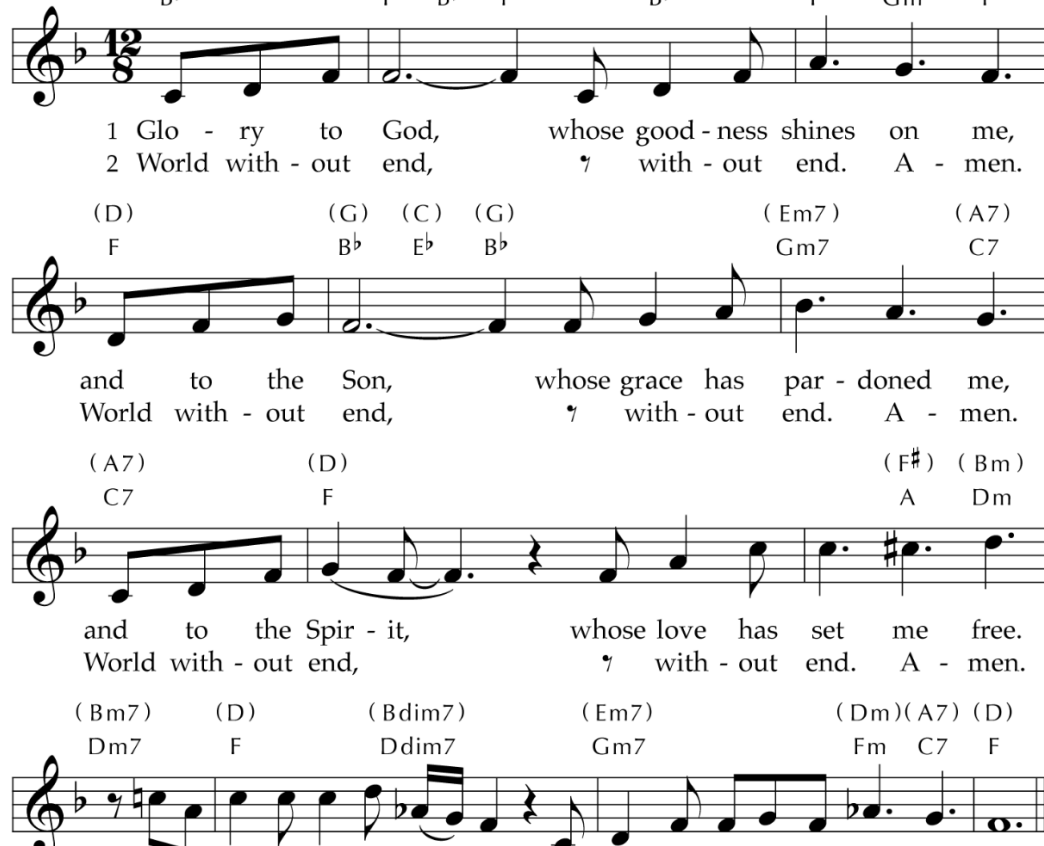
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B $\flat$ F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response: Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

GLORY TO GOD

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F B $\flat$ F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ Gm7 C7

(A7) (D) (F $\sharp$) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm) (A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

***Passing the Peace, Love and Joy of Christ to Others**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Listening for the Word

Story Telling

Anthem: Go Now to Love and Serve the Lord

Dolores Hruby (1923-2008)

Children's Choir/Youth Choir

Linda Cykert, flute

Nan Wooten, conductor

Go now to love and serve the Lord;
Go now to love and serve each other;
Made strong by the Word which we have heard,
Fed by the love of Jesus Christ.
Remember that when we love each other, we love God:
And when we serve each other, we serve God:
So go now to love and serve the Lord;
Go now to love and serve each other;
Made strong by the Word which we have heard,
Fed by the love of Jesus Christ:
Go now to love and serve the Lord.
-Dolores Hruby

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Children's Chime Choir

ST. ANNE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:7-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Together We Love, Together We Serve

Dr. Jim Lunde

Responding to the Word

***Hymn of Response — No. 767:** Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

Reception of New Members

***Affirmation of Faith**

-The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost,
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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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.

Moment for Stewardship

Dr. Bob Carter

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Music at the Offertory: God Is Our Hope and Strength
Chancel Choir/Youth Choir

Ronald Arnatt (1930-2018)

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble;
Therefore will we not fear though the earth be moved,
And though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters there of rage and swell
And though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
There is a river the streams whereof make glad the city of God;
The Holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
Be still then and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations and I will be exalted in the earth.
God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble;
The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
-Psalm 46

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***Congregational Response:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



***Litany of Dedication for Stewardship Pledges**

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,
bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today.
These pledges represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams,
and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.
May they be the first fruits of all we have,
and not what we have left over.
May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,
and not a gift of obligation or exchange.
May we use them wisely for your service,
to reflect your love to this city and this world.
May they move us to be more faithful disciples,
and energize us for lives of generosity.
In gratitude for the grace of God,
in the warmth of God's hospitality,
and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ,
We dedicate these pledges to the work of God.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Closing Hymn — No. 727:** Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: Toccata on A Might Fortress

Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

James Lunde, D. Min., Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications
W. Matt Brittain, D.M.A., Director of Music and Organist
Charlotte Nance-Allbright, M.A, C.C.E., Director of Faith Formation

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us this Sunday. We hope in this service you will encounter the living Christ and experience the warmth of our caring family of faith. If you are visiting with us and in search of a church home, we invite you to become a part of our church family here at First Presbyterian Church. Please let us know of your interest by speaking to one of our ministers. If you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter, please feel free to contact the church office at 336-228-1703 to be added to the weekly email list.

LITURGY TODAY IS from Christian Smith (*A Liturgy for Stewardship Sunday*, Ministry Council of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church) and *Call to Worship*, PCUSA.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of, our children and grandchildren: Ann Bradey, David, Lenoir, and Bennett Sapp; Virginia, Patrick and Lewis Cable by Penny and Bob Lewis.

PASTOR ON-CALL INFORMATION: If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may contact the pastor on call by calling the church at 336-228-1703 and pressing 9. You will then be connected to the pastor on call.

FPCB YOUTH today 10/25 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Meet at Craft Axe in Graham. \$20 for axe throwing. \$5 for dinner. Come and hang out even if you don't want to axe throw.

MEMORIAL PW SERVICE AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP CEREMONY

Presbyterian Women would like to extend an invitation to the congregation, our families, and friends to attend our annual Memorial Service and Life Membership Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**, and will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. This annual service is an opportunity to recognize and honor the ladies in our church who have passed away during the past year. The PW will also recognize two women who have served our congregation faithfully with PW Honorary Life Memberships. Following the service and ceremony, Presbyterian Women will gather in the Witherspoon Room for a potluck supper. Come join us for this beautiful service and opportunity for fellowship.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY (NOTE – NEW DATES ADDED): We are trying something new. We will be creating the pictorial directory in-house using the photographic talents of Rev. John W. Johnson and our new Realm database. This will be an opportunity to get your photo taken and update your personal information in the Realm database. This will allow us to have an updated printed directory as well as an updated online directory with only having to have one photo taken!

Please do your part by coming to the church to get your photograph taken! Rev. Johnson will be taking photos on Sundays November 15, November 22, November 29, December 6 and December 13 before and after worship. He will be set up in the Witherspoon Room. Call the Church Office at 336-228-1703 to make your appointment.

ANNUAL ALL SAINTS' WORSHIP SERVICE: On Sunday, November 1st during the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary A Prayer of Thanksgiving will incorporate the names of those saints in this congregation who entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. This worship service will also feature a brass quintet.

TAIZÉ WORSHIP: In following our mission statement, the youth are exploring different worship styles to deepen their understanding of what worship can look like. For the month of November, you are invited to join the youth group in an evening of Taizé worship.

Taizé is a monastic community in France with a distinct worship style. People around the world come to Taizé for the simplicity of living, connection with other spiritual seekers, and intense periods of prayer and devotion. Services occur three times a day, led by the brothers, denoted by simple meditative chants in a variety of languages and a period of silent prayer. Led by Eleanor Hill, church intern and youth advisor, we will be having our own Taizé service in Williams Chapel on Sunday, November 1st at 5:00 p.m.

More information can be found about the community here, <https://www.taize.fr/en/>. For questions about the service, please email youth@fpcburlington.org.

DAYS FOR GIRLS WORKSHOP: We will hold a Days for Girls Workshop on November 15th in Room 122 from 2 – 5 p.m. A lot of help is needed to put ribbon in bags, mark serging lines on liners, mark shield patterns on fabric, serge flannel and prepare kits.

2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: The Gratitude and Generosity Team's formal 2027 Stewardship Campaign - *Together We Love, Together We Serve* (inspired by Galatians 6: 9-10) - continues through today. Each member (or member family) should have received a campaign letter together with a 2027 pledge card. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex.

Through October 22, we have received \$537,088 toward our 2027 pledge goal of \$1,250,000. Confidential pledges may be submitted by mail to FPC-B's Financial Administrator, Tori Stadler, or electronically through the "Pledge Online" application of the church website's home page, or by utilizing the QR code below. Those who prefer may present an in-person pledge during worship today.



NOTE: As you begin to consider your calendar year-end giving, keep in mind that you may make gifts through donations of appreciated stock, and for those who qualify, you may utilize your IRA assets to make a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD), which might also help satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You are encouraged to seek advice from your financial planner as you ponder these decisions. We sincerely appreciate for your generous commitment to the continuation of God's work.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: To access the activities calendar, please visit the website at www.fpcburlington.org or scan this QR code.



Moment's Meditation

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?
- Corrie Ten Boom