

Order of Worship

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday



Prelude

Fantasia on "Austrian Hymn," Paxton

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: We gather here to worship God.

All: We gather as Christ's body.

One: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

All: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

One: We are here to worship and to be transformed.

All: Let us worship the Triune God!

Hymn No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Stewardship

Kimberly Farr

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, how often we neglect the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of friends, family, and those whose opinions we value, forgetting that our one job is to please you, above all others. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with all that we are — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Moment for Silent Confession

Kyrie No. 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 1

Word to Grow By

Sacrament of Baptism: Zoe and Quinn DeLano

Anthem

Forevermore, arr. Forrest (11:00)

Second Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

Formed, Re-formed, Transformed, Rev. Dr. Kathy Wolf Reed

Hymn No. 624

I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art (11:00)

Affirmation of Faith (Responsive)

Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: 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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Offertory

A Song of Hope, Moore (11:00)

Doxology No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

(9:00)

Hymn No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Benediction

Postlude

Psalm of Glory, Wells

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in memory of E. L. and Florence Spencer, from the Spencer family.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church, Auburn

New to the Presbyterian Church USA? We would love to share with you more about our Reformed tradition of theology and worship.

New to Auburn, or simply new to this congregation? We'd love to share with you more about the rich history of this church and its valuable contributions to the Auburn community.

Searching for a church home? We would love to join you in that search and help discern whether First Presbyterian may be where God is calling you to be nurtured, inspired, and empowered.

Please take a moment to fill out our [online Friendship Register](#) or you may contact either of us directly.

Revs. Nick and Kathy Reed, Co-Pastors