

An Order  
for the Public Worship of God

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
AND  
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS

First Presbyterian Church (USA)

Albemarle, North Carolina

Founded in 1898

Eleven o'clock in the morning

The Thirty-First Day of October

Two Thousand and Twenty-One A.D.

# A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*On August 17, 1560, reformer John Knox and five of his colleagues presented the first reformed Confession of Faith written in the English language to the Parliament of Scotland. 'The Scots Confession', as it is now known, united all of Scotland in its politics and in the church. From that day on, the nation was united under a Protestant Flag, emblazoned with the cross of St. Andrew. It was the birth of the Church of Scotland, and Presbyterianism became a new denomination of Christians. It is from an unadorned Calvinist faith of Word and Sacrament, preached passionately in Scotland by the great reformer, John Knox, during the sixteenth century that First Presbyterian Church continues to draw its life and mission. With voices singing and bagpipes playing, we offer our worship to the Glory of God.*

## PRELUDE

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leo McLeod

## CHORAL INTROIT

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Williams Roger Price

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
But still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 113

Blessed be the name of the Lord now and evermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Lord's name be praised.**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*From a prayer by Rev. Peter Marshall (b. Scotland 1902),*

*former chaplain of the US Senate, and originator of the service leading to the Kirkin' of the Tartans.*

We do need you, Lord.

**We need you now.**

We know that we can do without many of the things that once we thought were necessities,

**But without you we cannot live, and dare not die.**

We needed you when shadows were thrown across the thresholds of our lives,

**And you did not fail us then;**

When sickness laid a hand upon our families,

**And we cried to you, and you did hear.**

Speak to us, that we may have courage for hard times, strength for difficult places, determination for challenging tasks.

**We ask of you no easy way, but only your grace that is sufficient for every need,**

So that no matter how hard the way, how challenging the hour, how dark the sky,

**We shall be enabled to overcome.**

On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God.

**We are grateful for our heritage and pray God's blessing on His servants in all lands.**

## \*PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

Thomas Hahn, bagpipes

## BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

Almighty God, who has promised that in all places where two or more are gathered in your name, that you will meet with your servants to bless them, fulfill your sacred promise, and make this church a place of Christian love and fellowship, shared Christian heritage, worship, service, and prayer. May our worship be offered in the Holy name of Jesus and be pleasing in your sight. May you bless us with the presence of the Holy Spirit. May you sanctify this time as profitable to our hearts and souls. We rejoice in this opportunity to dedicate these tartans to you as symbols of the unwavering loyalty and steadfast faith of our Scottish ancestors. We praise you for their ingenuity and integrity; for their respect of truth and justice; for their rejection of hypocrisy; and their regard of liberty, life, and the equality of all people. Grant us, O God, the ability to remain true to the faith of our ancestors, which has enlightened, encouraged, and enhance the peoples of our beloved country and other lands. Use us to bring peace and goodwill on earth and to advance equality and justice throughout the world. In all these prayer, remembrances, and supplications, O heavenly Father, make us all, like the Scots of old, a people who strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. In the name of our Savior and Head of the Kirk, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN

*From Highland Peaks*

Brother James' Air

*(This hymn was commissioned by Laurinburg Presbyterian Church in celebration of its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was written by Mary Louise Bringle, nationally known hymnologist, Professor of Religion at St. Andrew's University, and former member of the church's chancel choir. It was first sung on September 20, 2009, at the 150<sup>th</sup> celebratory worship service. The hymn is sung to the tune, Brother James' Air, which was composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain who was born in Scotland in 1840. He was a healer, mystic, and poet known to his friends simply as Brother James. He founded the Brotherhood of Healers, and he and his fellow healers often sang to their patients during healing sessions. In the latter years of his life, he worked among the poor in the slums of Liverpool where he died in 1925.)*



1. From High-land peaks of chill and mist to warm and sand - y plains,  
2. By skirl - ing pipes' ex - alt - ing notes, our hearts are deep - ly stirred.  
3. With gifts to meet our neigh - bor's need, our lives are rich - ly blessed:  
4. O God of past and fu - ture years, and Source of all we own



You led our par - ents in the past, with love that still re - mains,  
In tears and laugh - ter, praise and prayer your grace is felt and heard.  
a cup to cheer, a loaf to feed, and balm of Sab - bath rest;  
our peace and plen - ty, health and hope, our spir - its' true sha - lom



and through our pres - ent joys and fears, your Spir - it lives and reigns.  
In ques - tions and in qui - et - ness, you speak your liv - ing word.  
the fel - low - ship of friends and kin, and Christ in ev - 'ry guest.  
in mist and sun, you light our path, and gent - ly lead us home.

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from the prayers of Martin Luther

Silent Reflection

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of Life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory Be to the Father*

Old Scottish Chant

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.

CHILDREN OF THE KIRK

Kristie Bryson

ANTHEM

*Psalm 121*

Scottish Psalter  
arr. S.R. Scheer

I to the hills will lift my eyes; O whence shall come my aid?  
My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

He will not let thy foot be moved, thy Guardian never sleeps.  
With watchful and unslumbering care, His own He safely keeps.

Thy faithful keeper is the Lord, thy shelter and thy shade.  
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, thou shall not be afraid.

From evil He will keep you safe, for thee He will provide;  
Thy going out, thy coming in, forever He will guide.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

from the prayers of John Calvin

**O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no one can understand your truth. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[\*John 17:20-26\*](#), [\*1 Peter 2:9-10\*](#), and [\*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21\*](#)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Can You Spell Presbyterian?*

Reverend Cathy George

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Chapter 16 of *The Scots Confession of 1560*

**As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of [people] chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Jesus Christ, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Amazing Grace

Thomas Hahn, Bagpipes

*(Piper plays first stanza, congregation joins on the second stanza.)*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

from *The Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...and sing your praise in the angels' song:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

In tune with all the heavenly hosts...dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

Now hear us as we are bold to pray the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying,

**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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

\*HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*  
*(Tartan Bearers come forward.)*

Aurelia

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly may live eternally.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral  
Thomas Hahn, Bagpipes  
(Congregation, please remain seated during the recessional.)

Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

POSTLUDE

Scotland the Brave

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\*All who are able may stand.

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**Thanks to** the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, Kristie Bryson, and Thomas Hahn for participating in worship today.

**The acolyte today is** Leo McLeod.

**Ushers for October:** Melissa Eudy (captain), Campbell Bullard, Desmond Bullard, Scott Bullard, Shannon Bullard, Walker Bullard, Ella Cumming, Steve Cumming, Sidney Eudy, Julian Eudy, Nathaniel Eudy, and Wes Eudy

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**Outside Ushers for October 31:** John Earnhardt; Jack Morton

**Sound:** Evan Sanges; Bob Johnston

**Film:** Katherine Jolly

**Nursery:** Kate White

**Kids Care Crew:** Liz Jolly; Katherine Jolly

**There will be no Children's Church today.** School-aged children are encouraged to participate in worship.

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**Faith on the Fifth Offering  
Sunday, October 31**

The Faith on the Fifth offering today will benefit Esther House. Esther House provides shelter and services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please consider giving to this organization.

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**NAME TAG ALERT!**

Upon entering the sanctuary, we are requesting that everyone make a name tag. These name tags will be beneficial during COVID-10 as we wear masks. Stick-on name tags are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Thank you!



***Tartan Bearers***

**Tartan**

Buchanan  
Clergy  
Davidson  
Frazier  
Glasgow  
Glasgow  
Gordon  
Keith  
Leslie  
Lindsey  
Livingston  
MacDonald  
MacDougall  
MacFarland  
MacKay  
MacLeod of Harris  
MacNeil  
MacQueen  
McLeod  
Montgomery  
Robertson  
Ross  
Shaw  
Stewart  
Stewart  
Tara  
Wallace  
Wallace  
Watson

**Donor Family**

Hahn  
Ayscue  
Finley  
Frazier  
Palmer  
Palmer  
Hahn  
Andrew  
Abernathy  
Cumming  
Andrew  
Cotton  
Sanges  
Ayscue  
Troutman  
Bryson  
Hall  
Palmer  
McLeod  
Montgomery  
Knight/Wallace  
Liles  
Montgomery  
Liles  
Myers  
Jolly  
Palmer  
Wallace/Knight  
Green

**Carrier**

Shelley Shedd  
Nathaniel Eudy  
Andy Cotton  
Jackson Palmer  
John Palmer  
  
Emily Andrew  
Ella Cumming  
Steve Cumming  
Al Andrew  
James Cotton  
Ruth Cotton  
Natalie Taylor  
Jim Ivey  
Duncan Bryson  
Bill Hall  
Jim Hesley  
Mike McLeod  
Elizabeth Bryson  
Ken Knight  
Rachel Grace Campbell  
Thora Kilde  
Abbey Campbell  
Jackson Shedd  
Katherine Jolly  
Cidney Eudy  
Connie Wallace  
Michelle Cumming

## THE SCOTTISH TRADITION

The Presbyterian Church is steeped in Scottish tradition as it was developed in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by John Knox. In 1560, he developed the First Book of Discipline which attempted to apply the theocratic system, developed in Geneva, Switzerland by John Calvin, to a whole kingdom. In each congregation, there would be a minister and elders holding office and forming a Session with the consent of the congregation. Presbyteries, Synods, and General Assemblies were part of this plan as well. Besides the ecclesiastical features, the book sketched out notable schemes of national education and relief for the poor.

For conduct of public worship, Knox prepared a Book of Common Order which was approved by the General Assembly in 1564. This document suggests much about the order of Scottish worship and its rugged simplicity included in today's service. A few comments are in order so that worshipers might fully appreciate this service.

1. The Entrances are of strategic importance. The Scottish Presbyterian held in highest honor the open Word of God and the Communion (Great Entrance). Thus, each Sunday the people would stand in honor as the holy items were brought into and taken from the Sanctuary. This custom is still observed in the old parish churches of Scotland.
2. The *Old Scottish Gloria Patri* will be sung by the choir.
3. Scottish Presbyterians are heard affirming their faith. Today's service includes the Scots Confession. This confession was written in 1560 by six ministers, including John Knox, in a period of four days. It is grounded on the infallible word of God.
4. The bagpipes are Scotland's traditional music makers. The sounds are stately, joyous, and thrilling. Depending on the particular clan of Scots, the royal dress was that of tartan kilts.
5. While our service order is not an exact replica of the traditional Scottish service, it highlights the tone and distinctiveness of that worship event.



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a Catholic monk, posted *The Ninety Five Theses*, the common title to his *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* on the castle door at Wittenburg. Though the disputation did not take place, it launched a Reformation of the church and resulted in the birth of the Protestant Church. We commemorate this memorial date and celebrate the particular gifts of the Reformation which we hold dear. Among those are the *solas* that have formed the theology of the Presbyterian Church.

*Sola scriptura* (by Scripture alone)

*Sola fide* (by faith alone)

*Sola gratia* (by grace alone)

*Solo Christo* (through Christ alone)

*Soli Deo* (glory to God alone)

We celebrate our common commitment to Jesus Christ and our acknowledgement that we come to know Christ only by God's grace.

To God be the glory.



## NOTES

### ***Is the Kirkin' o' the Tartan, an auld Scottish Rite?***

Many people are under assumption that the *Kirkin' o' the Tartan* is an ancient Scottish Church Ceremony. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. While based on Scottish legend and folklore, this ceremony is distinctly American. It traces its roots to the life and ministry of The Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall, a Scottish émigré. Dr. Marshall was a prominent minister in the Presbyterian Church, who served as the Chaplain to the United States Senate at the advent of World War II. In April 1941, while serving as the Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dr. Marshall titled one of his sermons *Kirkin' o' the Tartan*. This name soon became attached to church services that celebrate with pride their Scottish heritage. While more commonly celebrated by Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches, today this celebration is utilized by a variety of Christian denominations for Scottish heritage events.

### ***What was the origin of the Tartan?***

The exact origin of the Scots' love of the tartan is shrouded in the mists of ancient times. According to one common and widely held legend, St. Margaret introduced the use of the Tartan for clan identification purposes. This was a way of achieving unity (a rare commodity in Scottish History) within diversity. The use of the tartan in a generic sense was for all Scots. But, the particular designs for clan and familial identity did not begin until the nineteenth century. Margaret was a gentlewoman of noble birth, who planned a religious vocation. She was persuaded, however, by Malcolm, King of Scots, to become his queen. Malcolm was a boorish man; he was uncultured and illiterate. Margaret softened his harsh ways, and led him to be a better king. It was said of Margaret that she *admonished the wicked to become good and the good to become better*. She remains a revered figure in Scottish history.

### ***Why was the tartan banned?***

The Scots and the English are very different people, with different cultural origins and different traditions. Even today, a Scot may speak, with a twinkle in his eye, of England as *the auld enemy*. During the long course of Scottish history, the Scots and the English were to make war against one another many times. For the Scots, there were times of freedom, beginning with the revolts of William Wallace and Robert the Bruce, and times of subjugation. The last Scottish rebellion began in 1745, and ended in 1746 with the Battle of Culloden Moor, wherein the Scots led by *Bonnie Prince Charlie*, were defeated by the English.

Following this battle, the English adopted a policy of *cultural genocide*. This was known as the *Act of Proscription* of George II. The wearing of the kilt, the use of the Gaelic language, the ancient *clan system*, and all other elements of Scottish culture and nationalism were banned. These acts were meant to strip the Highland Scots of their cultural attributes, which further distanced them from their English speaking conquerors. While these bans remained in effect, memories of *things distinctly Scottish* were all but lost. Like warm embers from a long-dead fire, these Scottish traditions remained alive only in the memories of ancient grandparents.

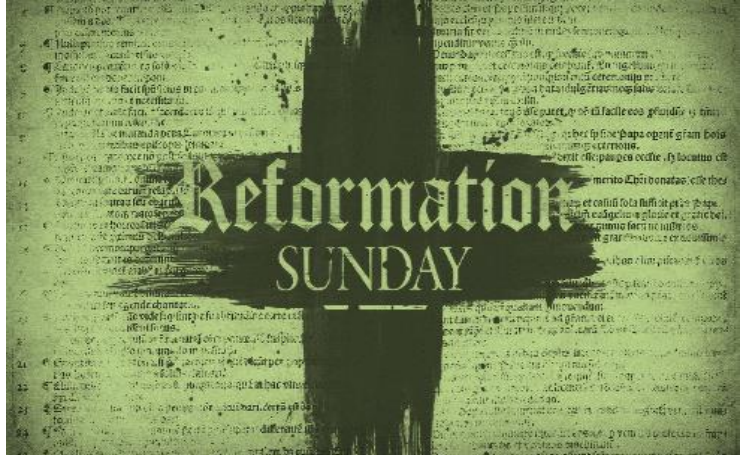
According to legend, during these trying times the Scottish people would secretly carry a small piece of their clan's tartan to church on Sundays. When the minister ended the service with the Benediction, that tartan was blessed and God's favor was bestowed upon the Scottish people. King George III repealed the Act of Proscription in 1782. It was not until the 19th Century and the Reign of Queen Victoria, that a renaissance of Scottish culture began. The Queen, strongly influenced by the romantic writings of Sir Walter Scott, sought to revive the wearing of the kilt and other Scottish traditions.

### ***What is The Kirk?***

In Britain and Europe, Presbyterian Churches are usually known as *Reformed Churches*. In Scotland, however, our tradition is the established and sanctioned Church of the Government of Scotland. So our Christian tradition is known as *The Church of Scotland* [in the same manner that the *Church of England* is the Anglican (i.e. Episcopal) Church]. The Church of Scotland is commonly known simply as *The Kirk*.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Russell Forte (son of Doris Forte; Bryan Center Health & Retirement-Concord), Lindsey Clark (wife of Marty Clark, friend of Debbie Hahn; metastatic breast cancer), Banks Garrison, Debbie Gabriel (sister of Gayle Russell; steadily improving with COVID treatment), Brad Slusher (half-brother of Martha White; pancreatic cancer & COPD), Robin Howell (chemotherapy for return of lymphoma), Don Abernathy (multiple myeloma), Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Gloria Bryson, Ann Snuggs, Nancy Jolly (Trinity Place), Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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# Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' Tartans Sunday, October 31

Through familiar words and sounds, we will celebrate both our denominational Scottish heritage and the history of the Protestant Reformation. We will include the tartans that we use every year, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We will plan to have shortbread individually packaged for pick-up in the Pit Stop.

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## NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



Not all who wander are lost...some are just hungry!! If you're wondering what to do during Sunday School time, join us for a new Sunday School class on the go!

We will gather at restaurants around town to eat, fellowship, and chat. There is no required reading or preparation to join. On Sunday, October 31, we will meet at Glory Beans. Future locations will be announced as we go. We will gather at 9:30 a.m., but feel free to arrive when you are able. Please contact Michelle Cumming ([michellecumming85@yahoo.com](mailto:michellecumming85@yahoo.com) 704-984-0435) or Melissa Eudy ([the5eudys@gmail.com](mailto:the5eudys@gmail.com) 704-439-6747) for questions or to say you will attend!

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## FIRST FAMILY MEAL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 FROM 5:00 P.M.- 6:00 P.M. RSVP BY 2:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 PICK-UP OR DELIVERY OF THE MEAL

First Family Meal Pick-up or Delivery is on Wednesday, November 3! Unfortunately, we are still unable to gather for First Family in November. If you would like a First Family meal, please RSVP by Monday, November 1 at 2:00 p.m., and we will have your meal ready for pick-up or delivery on Wednesday, November 3 between 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. For your safety, the kitchen staff will wear masks and gloves while preparing your plates.

**Menu: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Caesar Salad, Sweet Potato Cake, Pound Cake and Brownies**

**Suggested Donation: \$5 per person...Maximum of \$15 per family.**

**Please come with correct change or a check written to First Presbyterian Church.**

**All we need you to do is:**

**call Anne Montgomery at 704-796 5841 or email Anne at [johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandannemontgomery@yahoo.com)**

**and let her know how many plates you need,**

**if you would like sweet potato cake, pound cake or brownies for each meal**

**and if it will be a pickup or delivery (include address and any special instructions).**

Though we will not share the meal at the same table, we will delight in the opportunity to share the same meal at our own tables. A prayer and table ritual will be included for each household. Sharing the meal and the ritual will bind us together as the one body of Christ.



**SERRV 2021...CATALOG SALE ONLY**

This year's SERRV sale will be a *catalog sale only*. There will be no food, coffee, or tea items for sale in the Pit Stop as we have had in the past. Catalogs are available in the church office during the week and in the pit stop on Sunday mornings, for you to review and fill out an order form. We plan to place the combined order on Thursday, November 4. We will contact you when your order is ready for pick-up.

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**Community Table on Saturday, November 6 from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

On Saturday, November 6, FPC will be providing lunch for the guests at the Community Table. Recently they have been serving anywhere from 80-100 people on Saturdays. Our menu will be sloppy joes, marinated beans, fruit, chips, and dessert. We will need donations of the following items for this lunch.

- Sloppy joes (enough to serve 20)
- Individual bags of chips
- Individual fruit cups
- Hamburger buns
- Homemade or bought cakes, brownies, or cookies (no icing)
- Money to be used to help buy whatever is not donated (money may be given to Kyle in the church office).



If you wish to donate any food items, please contact Linda Anderson in order to avoid too much of any one item. If you plan to donate money, please let Linda know that as well. All donations need to be in the church kitchen by Thursday afternoon, November 4. Please label your donation with a CT sign. When dropping off donations, call the church office to be sure someone will be there to let you in. We will need 5 people to help on that Saturday. If you are able to help us assemble the takeout containers and hand them out on that Saturday, please call Linda Anderson at 704-982-3723.

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**!!! ATTENTION !!!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7.**  
**REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!**

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**All Saints Day**  
**Sunday, November 7**

On November 7, we remember all those who have gone before us. The Worship Committee will provide an opportunity for you to remember the saints who have paved the way in faith.

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY**



The green and red shoeboxes are available for pick-up on the pew in front of Jane's office. A brochure is included in the box with the most recent information about packing a box. **Please read what gifts can be included in the box. Boxes need to be returned to the church by Sunday, November 14.** Remember that shoeboxes are distributed by churches in over 100 countries who will nurture the child in their faith. As you pack your box, pray for the child who will receive it along with the gospel printed in their own language. It has been estimated that thirty or more family members and friends will also read and receive the good news through the booklet. It will be the greatest GIFT they ever receive! (And we ever share!)

TOGETHER, CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP



# Consecration Sunday on November 7.

Plan to return your pledge card.



**SCCM Thanksgiving Food Items Needed**  
Cranberries, Fruit in Light Syrup, Dried Potatoes,  
Gravy, Stuffing, Rice, Pie Filling, Canned Vegetables  
Other Items Needed: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Hand Soap



**Central Elementary School Backpack Food Program Donations Needed:**  
Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,  
Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Cans of Tuna,  
Chicken Helper, Cans of Chicken, Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups  
**Donations may be dropped off in the Pit Stop at the church.**

### SNL UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

This Sunday's plans have changed. We will go to the corn maze at 3:30 p.m. and go reverse trick-or-treating afterwards. Feel free to dress up or just be yourself.

Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. to go to the corn maze. Meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. if you just want to trick-or-treat. We will be back at the church at 5:30 p.m. for pick-up!



### VETERANS DAY FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS



On Veterans Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of veterans. **Each name is \$2.00.** Please mail, deliver or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **no later than Sunday, November 7.** Please make your check payable to *First Presbyterian Church* and designate for Veterans Day Arrangements. The names of donors and those being remembered/honored will be listed on Sunday, November 14.

### VETERANS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

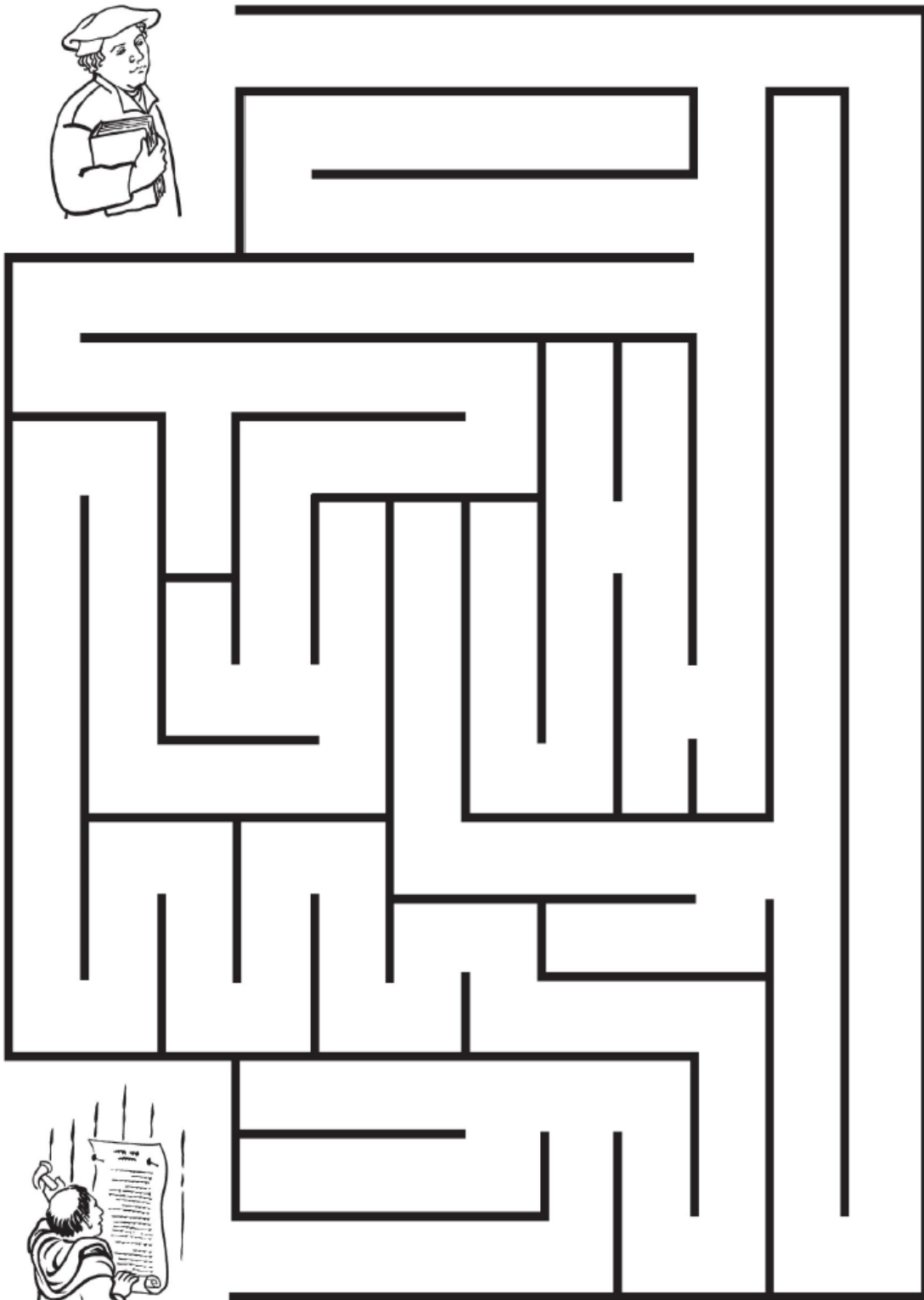
In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you help Martin Luther nail the 95 Theses on the church door?



# Church of Reformation Past, Present, and Future

Reformation Sunday celebrates where we've been and where we're going. Here's what a church might have looked like in Martin Luther's Day.



Draw what churches look like today.

Draw what churches might look like in the **FUTURE**.

# Martin Luther's Seal

A picture can communicate a lot of important ideas, without using a single word. Martin Luther created a seal, or emblem, that helps us to remember some of the things he taught about God and Jesus.

Colour the image (*right*). Show the image to the children. Focus on one symbol at a time, and talk about its meaning. Encourage the children to give their own interpretations before adding your own.

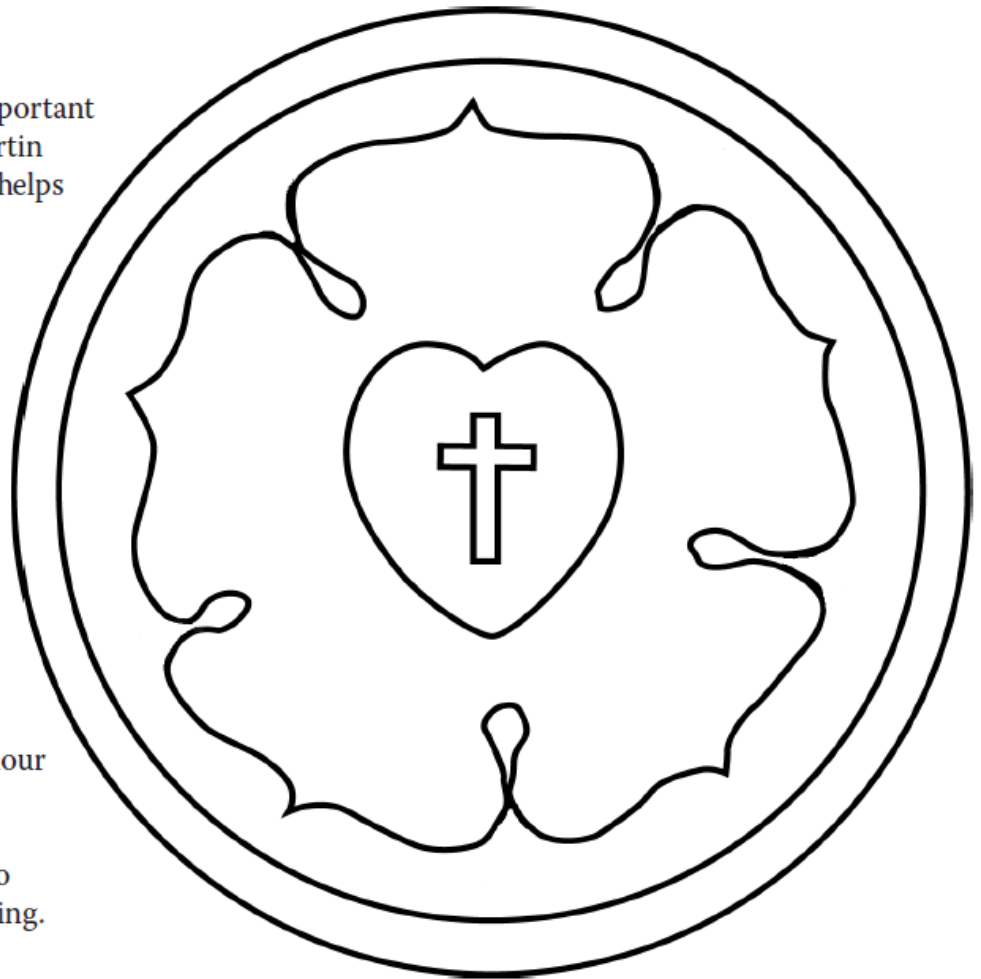
**Black cross:** Jesus died on the cross.

**Red heart:** God loves us.

**White rose:** We can trust in Jesus to show us God's way.

**Blue background:** This peaceful colour reminds us of heaven.

**Golden ring:** God's love for us has no beginning and no ending.



## MAKE YOUR OWN EDIBLE SEAL

### Ingredients:

Slice of bread; dried fruit such as golden and dark raisins/sultanas, cranberries, apricots, apples, shaved coconut; spreadable cream cheese

### Materials needed:

Large empty can or large round biscuit/cookie cutter, butter knife, small plate

### Instructions:

1. Use the empty can or biscuit/cookie cutter to cut a round circle from the slice of bread.
2. Spread cream cheese on the circle until it is all covered.
3. Use the different coloured pieces of dried fruit to make a seal of your own using (a) symbol(s) that remind you of something important about God and Jesus (heart, cross, dove, circle, flame...).
4. Show your creation to the group, and explain why you chose the symbols you used.
5. Eat and enjoy!

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, October 31**

*Reformation Sunday & Kirkin' o' the Tartans/*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Faith on the Fifth Offering*

9:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

3:30 pm-5:30 p.m. SNL Corn Maze & Reverse Trick-or-Treating

**Monday, November 1**

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:00 pm RSVP to First Family Meal

8:30 pm-9:30 pm High School Faith Conversations at the home of Debby Johnston (1212 Heritage Dr., Albemarle)

**Wednesday, November 3**

6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

10:00 am Morning Prayer via Zoom

1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Pit Stop)

3:30 pm-5:30 pm Youth Club (K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders)

5:00 pm-6:00 pm First Family Drive-Thru Meal

5:30 pm-6:00 pm Youth Club Handbells with Frank Poolos

6:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, November 4** *Deadline for SERRV Catalog Order*

10:00 am Staff Meeting

4:00 pm-5:00 pm Zoom Bible Study with Catherine & Matt Moeller

**Friday, November 5**

6:00 pm Meal for the Community Inn

**Saturday, November 6**

9:30 am-1:00 pm Community Table

**Sunday, November 7** *All Saint's Day/Consecration Sunday/Ten-Cents-A-Meal Offering for Hunger/*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Daylight Saving Time Ends/Deadline for Veteran's Day Flower Form*

9:30 am The Wired Word Sunday School Class via Zoom

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

5:30 pm SNL Youth meet to travel to FPC, Norwood for S'mores & Game Night

**\*childcare provided**

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**Thank you for your generosity.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**OCTOBER**

31-Ruth Cotton

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**OCTOBER**

31-Taylor & Lisa Johnston

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**NOVEMBER**

01-Donna Gaither

03-Barbara Overcash

04-Connie Wallace

06-Shannon Newport

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**NOVEMBER**

03-Matt & Katie Carpenter

04-Bo & Lauren Andrew

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**P.O. Box 1578**

**Albemarle, NC 28002**

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