

Covenant United Presbyterian Church

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The doors at the castle church of Wittenberg, Germany – All Saints’ Church.
Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the old wooden doors on October 31st, 1517
These bronze doors were installed in the mid-1800s.

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Worship Leader: The Chancel Choir

Musician: Melanie Rodgers

Choir Director: Chrystal Sircely

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The mountains may shake,
People: **but God is our God, and we are God’s people.**
Pastor: The waters may roar and rage,
People: **but God’s love is unfailing.**
Pastor: The earth may crumble,
People: **but God builds us up.**
Pastor: The waves may crash,
but we will dance with joy!
Pastor: There may be times of great trouble,
People: **but we have found grace in the wilderness.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

**OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From the Book of Common Order (John Knox’s Liturgy), 1564

**Eternal and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, showing
mercy and keeping covenant with those who love you and reverently keep your
commandments: we bow before the throne of your majesty, confessing in our**

hearts that you have justly judged us. Convert us, therefore, O Lord, and we will be converted. Take us into your protection and defense, that all the world may know the merciful work of salvation that you have begun among us, and that, by your mercy, you will continue. Grant us this, O merciful Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus your Son. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.”*
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven -- Thanks be to God!**

**RESPONSE K9 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Meineke)
***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.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Leader: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 267 v.1 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID
***Come, Christians join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud Praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!***

HT LESSON Deuteronomy 34: 1 – 12 *Pew Bible P.168*
Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 90 HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST.ANNE

NT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8 *Pew Bible P.959*
Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22: 34 – 46 *Pew Bible P.804*
Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 448 *Rain Down* RAIN DOWN
***Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.***

MESSAGE *The Part of Reformation We Often Forget* PASTOR JOHN

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG
HYMN 275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN’ FESTE BURG

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with 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.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *There’s No Rock Gonna Shout for Me* ~ Barrett

**DOXOLOGY 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFEUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! ~Brian Wren

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of all we see and all that we cannot see: Give us this day a glimpse of the complexities of the world and the simplicity of living our lives centered in you; loving you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbors well. Bless the gifts we offer you; but in our giving, help us focus on these other more basic gifts. May the love we show you and others be a testimony of whom we follow and who is worthy of our devotion. In Christ’s holy name, we pray. Amen.

The Sending

- **HYMN 692 Spirit, Open My Heart WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
- **THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION
- **POSTLUDE

Church Notices:

Wait! Don’t Go Yet!

Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall.
Thanks to *The Loebells* for hosting today!

Mission

Stay tuned for November’s Project with the Trinity Food Pantry

Calendar

- Nov 1 All Saints/All Souls Sunday
- Nov 8 Stewardship Sunday
- Nov 13 America 250 Film Series “A Great Awakening” 7:00 PM
- Nov 15 Pledge Dedication & Noisy Offering Sunday
- Nov 22 “Christ the King” Sunday with Holy Communion
- Nov 29 Advent I: Hope
- Dec 6 Advent II: Peace

Operation Christmas Child

For those wishing to do so, shoeboxes are available in the Sanctuary to be filled for international children. Boxes are due back by Sunday, November 15.

Baked Potato Bar Lunch

Sat. Nov. 7 12:00 – 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall
An event for the entire Trinity – Covenant Campus.



Prayer List

Audrey Carlson, in therapy at the Lund Center (Concordia) for a broken pelvis suffered in a fall at her apartment;

Janie & Lowell Wetzell, long-time church members, both with health issues;

Scott, Linda Peter's neighbor, declared cancer free after from lymphoma after MRI reveals all clear – praise God!

Zoanne Weckerly, Melanie Rodger's Mother, for healing & transitions;

Elaine Nucci, recovering from shoulder surgery;

John Pritchard, in a rehab center in Lutz, Florida;

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, with continuing housing concerns and

Scotty McAliley, Ann's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continuing bi-weekly chemotherapy for the remainder of her life.

Deuteronomy 34: 10 – 12

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Word List

DEUTERONOMY TERRIFYING UNEQUALED PERFORMED SERVANTS
DISPLAYS WONDERS PROPHET PHARAOH AGAINST MIGHTY ISRAEL
ENTIRE ARISEN THERE SINCE SIGNS SIGHT POWER NEVER MOSES
EGYPT DEEDS WHOM THAT SENT NRSV LORD LIKE LAND KNEW FACE
WAS HIS HIM HAS ALL TO OF

(Deuteronomy 34:10-12 NRSV) Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. (11) He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, (12) and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.