

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

# Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

8:30 & 11 a.m.

## Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today! We'd like to get to know you better, so please visit the Welcome Desk located in the Commons.



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**Prelude**—Fantasy on *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ..... A. D. Miller  
The Church's One Foundation.....arr. J. Bankson

**\*Preparation for Worship**—Psalm 150 ..... L. Larson  
*Chancel Choir; Brass quintet*

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| Praise the Lord!<br>Praise the Lord in his sanctuary!<br>Praise the Lord!<br>Praise the Lord in his Firmament!<br>Praise God for his mighty deeds!<br>Praise God according to his greatness!                                                                   | Praise to the Lord,<br>the Almighty, the King of creation!<br>O my soul, praise him,<br>for he is thy health and salvation!<br>All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,<br>Join me in glad adoration! |
| Praise God with trumpet sound.<br>Let lute and harp resound with tambourine<br>and dance in praise to God!<br>With strings and pipe,<br>let every type of praise be heard!                                                                                     | Praise to the Lord!<br>O let all that is in me adore him!<br>All that hath life and breath,<br>come now with praises before him!<br>Let the Amen sound from his people again:<br>gladly forever adore him! |
| Sound the loud clashing cymbals!<br>Let your praise resound with cymbals!<br>Let everything that breathes praise God!<br>Let heaven and earth praise God. Alleluia!<br>Lift your voice in praise to God. Alleluia!<br>Let everything that breathes praise God! | Praise the Lord!<br>Praise the Lord in His sanctuary!<br>Praise the Lord!<br>Praise the Lord in His Firmament!<br>Let everything that breathes praise God!                                                 |

**†Call to Worship**..... Psalm 47

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| Leader: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth! | <i>The one true God graciously invites us into his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond in faith. This begins a dialogue which will continue to the end of the service as God initiates with us, and we respond to him.</i> |
| <b>All: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.</b>                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Leader: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>All: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.</b>                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Leader: The Lord be with you.                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>All: And with your spirit.</b>                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Leader: Let us worship God!                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**\*†Hymn of Praise**—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ..... EIN FESTE BURG, HYMN #92  
*Sung by all*

**†Invocation**

† Indicates the congregation standing. \*Ushers may seat worshipers at this time.

Q. 60 How are you right with God?

**A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.**  
**Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, Nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, As if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, As if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.**

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†Response—In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my  
2. In Christ a - lone! who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help - less  
song; this Cor - ner - stone, this so - lid Ground, firm through the  
babe! This gift of love and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the  
fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of  
ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Je - sus  
peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for -  
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied, for ev - ry  
ter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

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Q. 21 What is true faith?

**A. True faith—**  
**created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel—**  
**Is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything that God reveals in his Word is true, But also a deep-rooted assurance that not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made right with God, and have been granted salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace earned for us by Christ.**

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3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the world by dark - ness  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in  
slain: then burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day up from the  
me; from life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com  
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -  
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of  
ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am  
man, can ev - er pluck me from His hand, til He re -  
His and He is mine, bought with the prec - ious blood of Christ.  
turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Psalter Lesson ..... Psalm 2  
page 528 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.**

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Risen King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God Almighty.  
**In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away and we confess to you our weakness and unbelief:**  
We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing.  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;  
**In your mercy, forgive us.**  
**Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to the joy of heaven, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

Assurance of Pardoning Grace ..... 1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

*Having confessed our sins, the minister declares a gospel promise assuring that God forgives us because Christ has fully atoned for all the sins of those who truly repent. Divine mercy frees us from our guilt and shame.*

†Response—Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above ..... MIT FREUDEN ZART

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre-  
2. Let all who name Christ's ho-ly name, give God all praise and

-a-tion, the God of won-ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal-  
glo-ry! let all who own his pow'r pro-claim a-loud the won-drous

-va-tion! With heal-ing balm my soul he fills, the  
sto-ry! Cast each false i-dol from its throne, for

God who ev-ery sor-row stills. To God all praise and glo-ry!  
Christ is Lord, and Christ a-lone. To God all praise and glo-ry!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Offering

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*With grateful hearts for God's extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.*

†Passing of The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God's grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.*

Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 Pre-K through 3rd grades exit. 4th and 5th grades remain in the service.
- 11 a.m. Pre-K through K exit. 1st through 5th grades remain in the service.

†Hymn of Preparation—Ancient of Days

1. Though the na - tions rage, king-doms rise and fall, there is  
2. Though the dread of night o - ver-whelms my soul, He is  
3. Though I may not see what the fu - ture brings, I will

still one King reign-ing o - ver all. So, I will not fear for this  
here with me. I am not a - lone. O, His love is sure and He  
watch and wait for the Sav - ior King, Then, my joy com-plete, stand-ing

truth re - mains: that my God is the An - cient of Days.  
knows my name. For my God is the An - cient of Days.  
face to face in the pres-ence of the An - cient of Days.

**Chorus**

None a - bove Him, none be - fore Him. All of time in His hands. For His

throne, it shall re - main and ev - er stand. All the pow - er, all the

glo - ry, I will trust in His name. For my God is the An-cient of Days.

Robinson | Thompson | Farren | Reeves

Old Testament Lesson ..... Esther 6:1-4  
page 487 in the pew Bible

Response

Leader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to you, O God.

Sermon—The Providence of Insomnia.....Dr. John Franks

WCF Q. 11. What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

†Hymn of Response—O Father, You Are Sovereign.....St. THEODULPH, HYMN #75  
Sung by all

†Benediction