

# The First Presbyterian Church of Enid

October 29, 2023 – Reformation Sunday

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

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## PROCESSIONAL

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

What is the Chief End of Man?

*from "The Shorter Catechism" – 7.001*

**Man's chief end is to glorify God,  
and to enjoy him forever.**

And what is your only comfort  
in life and in death?

*from "The Heidelberg Catechism" 4.001*

**That I am not my own, but belong -  
body and soul,  
in life and in death –**

**To my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Let us glorify God and enjoy him forever!

### \*PSALM 46: "God Is Our Refuge And Our Strength" #329

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*from Luther's "95 Theses"*

*[A Brief History of Confession]*

"1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent," he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." As Christians, we are called to live a life of repentance. Let us join together in a posture of reform, as we confess our sins before God and one another:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *adapted (shortened!) from J. Knox's Book of Common Order (1564)*

O Eternal God and most merciful Father,

**We confess and acknowledge here,  
before your divine majesty,  
that we are miserable sinners.**

We are conceived and born in sin and iniquity.

**There is no goodness in us.**

We rebel against your holy spirit;

**we continually break your holy expectations and commandments.**

**And every time we do, we deserve**

**through your just judgement,**

**death and damnation.**

O heavenly Father,

**we are disappointed with ourselves**

**for the sins that we have committed against you.**

We repent and humbly beg you:

**Show your mercy upon us.**

**Forgive us all our sins.**

**Increase your Holy Spirit in us.**

We acknowledge from the bottom of our hearts our own unrighteousness.

Moving forward we pray for change.

**We pray that our sinful lusts and affections would die.**

**We pray that we would bear fruits acceptable to your will.**

Grant us this, merciful Father,

for Christ Jesus your Son's sake.

**So be it.**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*from "A Brief Statement of Faith" (PCUSA)*

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

+ RECONCILED TO GOD, WE RECONCILE WITH ONE ANOTHER +

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(Make it quick! Luther says we only have an hour!)*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

+ THE WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED +

*[An Exceptionally Brief History of Worship in the Vernacular]*

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

*from "The Second Helvetic Confession (1561) - 5.001-5.002"*

"We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men. For God himself spoke to the fathers, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.

And in this Holy Scripture, the universal Church of Christ has the most complete exposition of all that pertains to a saving faith, and also to the framing of a life acceptable to God; and in this respect it is expressly commanded by God that nothing be either added to or taken from the same."

God, open our ears this day to your holy word. So that we might hear you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures, and find again that saving faith and life acceptable to you.

## **HEBREW BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34**

**Pew Bible Pg. 735**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of

the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 8:31-36**

**Pew Bible Pgs. 101**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

**SERMON IN THE VERNACULAR**

+ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD +

**FPC CHOIR**

**“Rejoice, the Lord is King”**

*Charles Wesley (John’s brother)*

**CALL TO OFFERING & OFFERING**

*from Luther’s “95 Theses”*

*Prayer request cards can be placed in the offering plate.*

**\*DOXOLOGY #809**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God, above the Heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #43**

**\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL**

**SO YOU POUND ON  
DOORS TO GET CANDY.**



**HOW CUTE.**

## Church Staff & Leadership

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon: 9am - 4pm

Tue: 9am - 4pm

Wed: 9am - 4pm

Thurs: 9am - 4pm

Fri: 9am - 12pm

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## Coming Up at FPC Enid:

### Sun. Oct 29 (Today):

**12:15pm | Session Meeting**—Budget Workshop

### Mon. Oct 30

### Tue. Oct 31

**Noon | New Program—Dance Class | Gym**

Want to move to music at your own pace? Come and join in the fun of dancing! Tuesdays, noon to 1:00pm in the Youth Center Gym. Taught by Angela Gallager. Cost: \$10.00 per session. Questions? Ask Gail Wynne or Virginia Groendyke

### Wed. Nov 1

**5:30pm: Fellowship Meal** | Basement Fellowship Hall

**6:15pm: Choir Rehearsal** | Choir Room

### Thurs. Nov 2

### Fri. Nov 3

### Pastor Alison Out of Office

**Rev. Burchett will be out of the office Nov 3—Nov 13. She will be available via email, phone, or text. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact her (360-388-1006), the church office, or a deacon/elder.**

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 4:00pm.