

October 27th, 2024

Reformation Sunday

Our PCAS Vision: "To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Stewardship:

Kathleen Healy–Wedsworth

Prelude

Se Essa Rua Fosse Minha
Brazilian children's tune

Setting by Mitchel Eithun

Jubilee Bells

Lighting of the Candle

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is our refuge and strength:

People: we will not fear.

Leader: Though the earth shakes,

People: we will not fear.

Leader: Though the waters swirl around us,

People: we will not fear.

Leader: Though the nations rise and fight,

People: we will not fear.

Leader: God is our help in the time of trouble:

People: we will not fear.

**All: Let us worship God with joy and gratitude for the
man of God's own choosing, Christ Jesus, our Savior.**

*Hymn #275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Call to Confession

Jesus says, If you continue in my word, you are my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. We try to live in Christ's truth, but we still fall short and find ourselves bound. Let us pursue God's word through our confession.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the ages, you have been faithful to us, but we have not been faithful to you.

You have established covenants with us, but we have not upheld our part.

We have distorted your word for our own gain.

We have claimed you as exclusively ours.

We have focused on power more than discipleship.

We beg your forgiveness.

Reform us again and make us into the image of your true church.

Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more,
says the Lord.

The story continues. God is not done with us.

We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty and gracious God, since our salvation stands in our knowledge of your holy word, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that our hearts may be freed from the chains of sin, so that we may hear and receive your word, recognizing your gracious will for us. Teach us by scripture to love and serve you with delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen. (John Calvin)**

First Scripture Lesson: John 8:31-36 (page 101 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn #385 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church 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 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.

***Passing the Peace**

Second Scripture Lesson Romans 1:16-17 (page 152 NT)

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Is the Reformation Over?”
The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner

Offering
Offertory A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Setting by Kevin Stewart
Jubilee Bells

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #643** Now Thank We All Our God

***Benediction**

Postlude A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Saxophone & Piano
Setting by Marcello Velame

*The flowers this morning are in celebration of
Ann Garvin's 93rd birthday on October 28th.*

Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening
Director of Music Ministries:	Marcello Velame
Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner
Liturgist:	Kurt Kaboth
Music Ministry:	Jubilee Bells Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth—piano and organ Rich Vodhanel—Saxophone
Ushers:	Cari Suarez Jim Wright
Zoom Hosts:	John Palframan Jim Wright
Social Hour:	Dorcas

REFORMATION WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's hymns are all from the time period of the Reformation. The voices of the historic Reformers will speak to us directly in worship today through the hymns and prayers they have written.

Both the text and the tune of *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* were written in 1529 by Martin Luther. The text is based on Psalm 46. *All People Who On Earth Do Dwell* is a Protestant hymn written to commemorate the end of the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648), which was a part of the Counter Reformation. It is a paraphrase of Psalm 100. *Now Thank We All Our God* was written as part of John Calvin's 1557 Geneva Psalter. Its first two stanzas originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War.

The Prayer of Illumination was written by John Calvin. Rev. Lindner's prayer at the conclusion of the Sermon was written by John Knox.

Call for a Special Meeting of the Congregation

The Session has called a very brief meeting of the congregation in order to elect a nominating committee.

The meeting will take just a few minutes following worship on Sunday, November 3rd.

The Nominating Committee is elected annually by the congregation for the purpose of nominating members to serve as elders and deacons for terms beginning in March 2025.

The Reverend Eileen W. Lindner is an Honorably Retired Minister of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church USA. In her varied career she has served as an Overseas Associate of the PCUSA in Egypt and Lebanon and has been an active participant in the World Council of Churches in Geneva Switzerland, serving on the Worship Design Committee for the World Assembly in Canberra, Australia. In the United States she directed the Child Advocacy Office of the National Council of Churches USA, and was named by President Jimmy Carter to the United States Commission for the International Year of the Child in 1979. She later served the NCCUSA as the Director of Research and Planning and finally as Associate General Secretary.

Dr. Lindner holds the Ph.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York and the M.Div degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She is the author of several books and numerous publications for periodicals. She has served as guest preacher/theologian at national gatherings of Presbyterian Women, the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators, the Presbyterian Peacemaking Conferences, Montreat Conferences and lectureships at Yale Divinity School, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary and Andover Newton Theological Seminary.

As a pastor, Rev. Lindner has served parishes in Illinois, New York and New Jersey. For a decade she served as Senior Pastor at the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly, NJ. In retirement she has served as Interim Pastor at The Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury and Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. She is the mother of two adult sons and has two grandchildren. She resides in Brick New Jersey and continues to be active as a Parish Associate at Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church and in the Presbytery.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.



All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

28	OCT, MON	● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Youth Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Boy Scouts (FH)
29	OCT, TUE	● 9 – 10:30am	Zoom Bible Study
		● 9:30 – 10:30am	Wisdom Tree Yoga (FH)
		● 11am – 12pm	Overeaters Anonymous (TR)
		● 6 – 7:30pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
30	OCT, WED	● 8 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Bible Study (TR)
31	OCT, THU	● 5 – 6pm	Yoga Small Group - (FH)
		● 6:15 – 7:15pm	Jubilee Bells (SR)
		● 7 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani choir practice (FH)
1	NOV, FRI	● 3 – 4:30pm	Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (FH)
2	NOV, SAT	● 8 – 9:30am	Men's Group (offsite)
		● 7:30 – 9pm	AA (TR and FH)
3	NOV, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday School
		● 10 – 11am	Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)
		● 11am – 12pm	Coffee Hour (FH)
		● 3:30 – 4:30pm	AA (TR)
		● 5 – 6pm	AA (TR)
		● 6 – 9pm	Igreja Presbiteriana Gethsemani Worship (FH)