

East Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church
Reedsville, Pennsylvania



October 27, 2024
11:15 am
Reformation Sunday

Congregation reads text in BOLD

*If you are comfortable doing so, please stand.

GATHERING

WELCOME:

Welcome on this Reformation Sunday. Let us celebrate the vitality, gumption, faith and grace that brought us our Presbyterian and Protestant faith.

ACTS of CONTEMPORARY APOSTLES

PUBLIC DECLARATION of the "95 Theses"

INTROIT: PH #339 *Be Thou My Vision* (verse 1)

CENTERING THOUGHT:

Philip Melanchthon tells this story of the reformer, Martin Luther, at prayer: "Once as he prayed, Satan became so real to him, taunting, tempting, interfering, that Martin Luther threw the ink bottle at him!" The ink stain on the wall in Luther's room at the Wartburg was still visible during the last century, but can be ruled out as evidence because of reports in which the stain was apparently touched up, newly put up and re-dyed." Re-formed and always reforming!

(Source: <https://www.luther.de/en/tintenfass.html>)

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age and renews us everyday. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Let us thank the Lord for his faithfulness each and every day

*HYMN of PRAISE: PH #275 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (verses 1,3,4)

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

God makes no distinctions among us. The same Lord is Lord of all and is generous. Indeed, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Confessing our sins, we depend on God's generosity and grace

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. We pray in the name your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS:

God raised Jesus from the dead and we are saved through him. This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! This is the good news to share with all people!

*THE PEACE:

Please extend the peace of Christ beyond the walls of our homes and sanctuary into the world. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And, also with You.

*GLORIA PATRI:

***Glory to be 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 WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: from PH #339 *Be Thou My Vision* (verse 3)
Sung by congregation

**Be Thou my vision, and thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and thou with me Lord,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

SCRIPTURE: First Reading: Psalm 46
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2
Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:29-30

MESSAGE: *Forming and Reforming Here and Abroad* Rev. Ela J Robertson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN: PH #442 *The Church's One Foundation* (verses 1-3)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (French Confession of 1559)

We believe and confess only one God, who can do all things, is all wise, all-good, all-just, and all-merciful. We believe that everything required for our salvation has been offered and communicated to

us in Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God and God's eternal Son. Jesus Christ clothed himself in our flesh: God and human in one person.

We believe that we are illuminated in faith by the unfathomable grace of the Holy Spirit. God imparts this gracious gift. By faith we receive grace to live holy lives in awe and reverence for God, for we receive what the gospel promises when God gives us the Holy Spirit. Faith does not cool our desire for good and holy living, but rather engenders and excites it in us, leading naturally to good works.

We believe that the sacraments are joined to the Word in order that the Word may be more fully confirmed. Baptism is given to us as the pledge of our adoption, in which we are grafted into the body of Christ, and renewed in holiness of life by his Spirit. The holy Supper of our Lord is a testimony of our unity with Jesus Christ, who died only once and was raised for our sake. The body and blood of Jesus Christ are food and drink for the soul just as bread and wine are nourishment for the body.

As for the true Church we believe that it ought to be governed in accordance with the order established by our Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, pure doctrine can be maintained, the poor and afflicted can be helped in their need, assemblies can be gathered in the name of God, and both great and small can be edified.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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: from PH #339 *Be Thou My Vision* (verse 2)

Sung by congregation

**Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

SENDING

*CHARGE

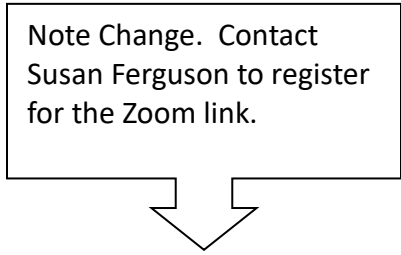
*HYMN: PH #464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*BLESSING

*AMEN

Huntingdon Presbytery prayers for the upcoming week: Sinking Valley Congregation (Rev. Ernie Walls, Pastor) Bankon Congregation (Deacon Narumon), Certified Lay Preachers, Candidates and Inquirers for Ministry, Joel Blunk, Bob Hicks, Stan Howes, Tina Howes, Jill Curley, Sunhee Cho our friend in Thailand

Note Change. Contact Susan Ferguson to register for the Zoom link.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING:

- November 2 **Huntingdon Presbytery Meeting**, at 9:30 am – Zoom Only
- November 6 **Session Meeting** in the manse, at 6:30
- November 10 **Guest Speaker:** Gail Wagner, CLP

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY! There will be a **Reformation Recital at St. John’s Lutheran Church**, Lewistown, Sunday October 27 at 3pm. Lisa Griffith, Pastor Ela and many others will be performing.

This week, we continue our **collection for those affected by Hurricanes Milton and Helene**. East Kish Mission Fund has already contributed \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, earmarked to directly support victims of these two storms. Last week’s and this week’s collection will also be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to further help these efforts.

If you are participating in the **Mifflin County Children and Youth Christmas Program** THANKYOU in advance. Halloween and Thanksgiving have not yet occurred but I am trying to get things organized for this busy season. Those of you who requested a child’s name have received that information and their tags. This year the gifts should be WRAPPED and labeled. Those of you who choose to participate through monetary donations should make the check out to EKPC (indicating it is for the Children and Youth Christmas Program) and we will issue them one check. Your monetary donations can be put in the weekly offering plate. All money and gifts need to be at the Church by Sunday December 8th. **Please contact Cassie Campbell if you have any questions. (717) 247-5478**

Dave Adams is now in Room 409A at Valley View. Morning is the best time to visit.

Blessing Box: **October is restocking month** of the items most used: including cereal and instant oatmeal, canned fruit, canned pasta, pancake mix and syrup, soup and peanut butter. Thank you for continuing to support the blessing box.

Credits: Affirmation of Faith: Excerpted and adapted from the *French Confession of 1559*, based on a translation of the original text by Dr. Ellen Babinsky, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Dr. Joseph D. Small, Office of Theology and Worship, PC(USA). Psalm 46: Priests for Equality. *The Inclusive Bible* (p. 1559). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

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