

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Solid Rock

C. Phillips

The Call to Worship

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

*The Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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*The Call to Confession

Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*The Prayer of Confession

No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love.

Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, the news is so good we can scarcely believe it: God does not hold our sin against us but pours out abundant grace. Give thanks to God and by the Spirit's power share the gospel far and near:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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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 Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

page 1698

The Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

page 1494

The Sermon

“O Lord It's Hard to Be Humble”

Rev. Mark Morningstar

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith (The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language edition)

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

The new life does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good

*The Hymn *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* 301

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.

The Offertory	Fount of Every Blessing Chancel Choir	L. Larson
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**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.**

*The Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* 379

*The Congregational Response *Go with us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

Postlude	Ein' feste Burg	Rebecca Groom te Velde
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Please join us following worship in the gathering area for fellowship hour.

Second Presbyterian Church

Phone: (989) 792-1023

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Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christian.

Liturgist: Connor Rousseau
Ushers: Sayre Nichol, Anne Schmidt,
Greeter: Karen Kalina
Fellowship Hour Host: Sandy Rease, and Anne Schmidt
Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, and the Chancel Choir

Announcements and Upcoming Events

No 2nd @ Second today due to Trunk or Treat.

Session meeting Tuesday, October 28 @ 7:00 p.m..



- The office will be open Monday, October 27 – Thursday, October 30 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.



Stockings are on the table in the entry hall to fill for the "I Support the 1%" Veterans' Food Pantry. A list of item ideas that may be included in the stockings is also available. **The stockings will be collected through Sunday, November 9.**

The kids' winter clothing drive items will be delivered to area schools October 27-28. If you miss this deadline -- Oct 29 will start next year's drive 😊.

From the Nominating Committee:

It is time to nominate Elders for the SPC Session. The nominating form is included, and can be mailed or placed in the offering plate. The deadline for nominations is **TODAY**.



Rescue Mission Lunches:

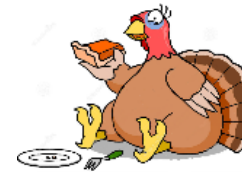
Saturday, **November 1**, please join us in the church kitchen to assemble bag lunches for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. **We will meet at 9:00 a.m.** in the church kitchen.

All Saints' Sunday:

On Sunday, **November 2**, we will light a candle during the service to honor the faithful who have died during the past year in our own church community. It's a day of gratefulness and remembrance for those that have passed away.



Harvest Potluck:



Enjoy some wonderful fall fellowship at the Harvest Potluck on **Sunday, November 9**, at 5:00 p.m. The church supplies turkey, rolls, stuffing, potatoes, & gravy and you bring a dish to pass and your table service. Signup sheets are in the gathering area. Please contact Sonia Hoepfner @ 989-792-1023 or 989-781-0542, or Adam Engel @ 989-781-1218 if you have any questions.

Boy Scouts Wreath Sale:

Boy Scout Troop 304 will be in the gathering area after worship on **Sunday November 2 & 9** to take orders for Christmas greens. **Payment is due at the time of order. Cash or Checks payable to Troop 304 ONLY.** The profits from these items support the Scouts going to camps and events all year long. **Delivery to the church will be November 23**. Please support our Boy Scouts.



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2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.