

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

*Come to the Table as an offering of yourself,
a re-commitment to faith.*

You may also bring tithes and other offerings.

*Take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice and consume both at once.
Gluten free option available.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere
we join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is
He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so . . . we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died,
Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

OFFERTORY *Together at the Table of the Lord*

JOHN PURIFOY

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from
your good creation. We return these gifts to you, that you may
use them beyond us and beyond this place, showing love to our
neighbor as we love ourselves. May your commandment be
ever before us; guiding us, inspiring us, enabling us to be
Christ's body – his hands, his feet, his heart – in your world.
Amen.**

SENDING FORTH TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING FORTH

May you run and not be weary,
may your heart be filled with song.
And may the love of God continue
to give you hope and keep you strong.
And may you run and not be weary.

May your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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Calendar of Events

Wednesday, 11/8

7:00 p.m. Choir

Sunday, 11/5

All Saints Day

8:30 am United Methodist worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRAYS FOR:

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS: Peggy Burger, Brenda Long,
Peggy Snell, John Marks, Diane Steinmeier, Mavis Whitten.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: Linda Cash, friend of Alexa Brown. Connie
Marks, sister in law of John Marks. John, Steven, Judy, Debbie, family of Yolanda
Garcia. Paul Vega, friend's son of Yolanda Garcia. Laura Nurse, daughter of Mary
Massingill. Lee Smith, brother of Rick McDowell. Stephanie, friend of Karen Copple.

PRAYERS OF THOSE GRIEVING: Family of Kathy McDowell on the death of her sister
and brother in law. Family of Rol

Prayers for this church in transition.

*Many thanks to the congregational care team for their ministries of care, including
updating prayer concerns.*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN LUBBOCK

ORDER OF WORSHIP REFORMATION SUNDAY

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 29, 2023 10:30 AM

*As a church family, we strive to connect people to God
and to one another as we follow Christ*



WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:

Guest Pastor: **The Reverend Judith A. Shema**

Liturgist: **Anna Daniel**

Pianist: **Spencer Hartman**

Director of Music: **Alexa Brown**

Violinist: **Francisco Villaroel**

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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* MARTIN LUTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 1)*

Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 494 *Step by Step (sung 2x)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. Amen *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen. Let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

* PASS THE PEACE

* GLORIA 733 *Glory Be to the Father*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

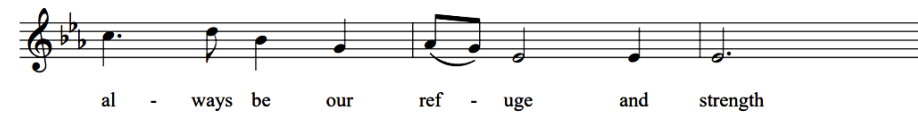
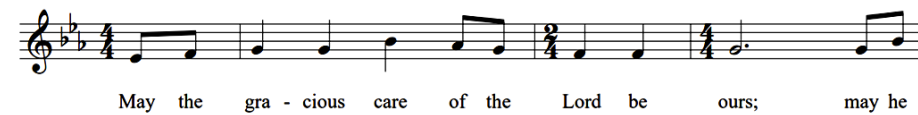
Bless us, O God, with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action. Open our minds and our hearts to the reading of your Word, and the honest proclamation of your truth. Ready us to respond to the Spirit's call. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON LEVITICUS 19: 1-2, 15-18

RESPONSIVE PSALM PSALM 90: 1-6, 13-17

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,*

First Time: Piano, Choir, All



***or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

You turn us back to the dust, and say, "Turn back, O mortal ones!"

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass which is renewed in the morning:

In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. Refrain

Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands;

yes, establish the work of our hands. Refrain

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 22: 34-46

SERMON REV. JUDITH A. SHEMA

The Shema: Easy and So Hard

MEDITATION *Hear, O Isreal* KAY LOVINGOOD

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

With gratitude for our Reformed heritage on this Reformation Sunday, let us stand together and affirm our faith with words from our creeds and confessions.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ONE:

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *(The Nicene Creed; The Apostles' Creed, 2.3)*

ALL:

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust. *(The Scots Confession, 3.01)*

CHOIR:

We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not

to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

(The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001)

MEN:

We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God. *(The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.029)*

WOMEN:

We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ. *(The Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.039)*

ONE:

We believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.

(The Shorter Catechism, 7.001)

ALL:

We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. *(The Larger Catechism, 7.117)*

CHOIR:

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. *(The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.26.)*

MEN:

We believe that the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

WOMEN:

We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world. *(The Confession of 1967, 9.32)*

ONE:

We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ.

Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.

(The Confession of Belhar, 10.3)

With believers in every time and place,

ALL:

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen. *(A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6)*

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CALL TO PRAYER 475 *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER