



Murray Presbyterian Church

*October 26, 2025 10am Worship
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Ringling of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**People: The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

---Psalm 46:1-3, 11Leader:

*Prayer of Approach:

**Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God,
that we may celebrate the witness
of our forefathers and foremothers
and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation.
Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past
as well as in our present days.
May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts
be one that forms our own faith.
Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church
and be present to us your in word and sacrament.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

*Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

(see screen)

Prayer of Confession:

Reforming God,

we give you thanks

for your forgiveness and your blessing.

We pray for ourselves and your church throughout the world.

Fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit,

to hear and receive your promises

and to keep our covenant with you.

Where we are corrupt, purify us.

Where we are in error, direct us.

Where we are in need, provide for us.

Where we are divided, reunite us.

And where we are close-minded,

reform us and make us new.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response: "You Are My All in All"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:7-11

Sermon: "Gospel Transformation"

(Grace Changes Everything, pt.6)

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

(see screen)

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 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.**

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

*Benediction and Benediction Response

**May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavor.**

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**Lift up your eyes and see His face
And his grace forever
May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever.**

*Please Stand if Able

WC: Worshiping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

Announcements

Reformation Sunday

This morning, we join with Protestant Christians around the world in observing Reformation Sunday. This day marks the anniversary of the date (Oct. 31, 1517) when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany, sparking the movement that came to be known as the Protestant Reformation.

We open the service singing the majestic “battle hymn of the Reformation,” Martin Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.” Based on Psalm 46, this is the hymn most closely identified with the Reformation, and its opening words are inscribed on Martin Luther’s tombstone. Our closing hymn, Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend’s “In Christ Alone,” echoes one of the Five Solas (Latin for “only”)—the principles that were at the heart of the Reformation movement: Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, and Glory to God Alone.

As we mark this occasion, we recommit ourselves once again to upholding the biblical truths that came into sharper focus through the Reformation and to continuing the quest to become *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*: “the Church Reformed, Always Reforming, according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit.”

Simply Christian

The adult education video series based on N. T. Wright's *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense* continues this evening at 6:30 pm. For more information, see the Simply Christian page on the church website: <https://www.murraypresbyterian.org/simply-christian/>

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