



WORSHIP AT
SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

REFORMATION
& RENEWAL
SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27,
2024

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

Austin Bell Member - this will be done at 10:55 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

Kim, Steve Eason in the Chancel area. **Anna, Lorie (Word), and Andrew (Font)** are in Narthex. **Sanctuary Choir & Austin Bells** are in Narthex. **Octet** to balcony.

PRELUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Kentucky Brass

ELLACOMBE
arr. Bob McNally Jr.

Kim

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Octet in Balcony. Procession of Light & MOG can begin after singing begins.

INTROIT

Ein feste Burg ist Unser Gott

Martin Luther, c. 1525-27

The Octet

arr. M. Praetorius

A strong fortress is our God,
a good defense and weapon;
He helps us freely out of all distress,
that now has us befallen.
The old evil foe, gravely now intends,
great might and much cunning
is his dreadful armor
on Earth is not his equal. - *Martin Luther*

Anna

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Jesus, Light of the World, we open the windows of our hearts:

Fill this house with the light of your grace!

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Zach, Brass & Timp. Jim conducts.

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

Andrew

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We are part of the Church reformed and always reforming. So it is in our lives.
We are in need of re-formation, forgiveness, and grace. Let us come before God,
with our prayer of confession. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland

read in unison

**We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless
talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left
undone, for all that we have done amiss. As we receive the word and
knowledge of your forgiveness, enshroud us, encircle us, each day and
each night. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting;
strong Son of God most high.**

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, who in infinite love has given us the grace of Jesus Christ, also
empowers us by the Holy Spirit for new beginnings and daily strength. Friends,
believe the Good News...**by the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven**
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Andrew invites children forward. **Zach leads on organ.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, st. 6

ST. ANNE

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward;
they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

Andrew invites children to help with Peace. **During Peace, Austin Bells** get into place.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

To the children: Can you help me share the peace?

Let's say together: The peace of Christ be with you.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

MUSICAL OFFERING *Acclamation on AZMON* Arnold B. Sherman
The Austin Memorial Handbell Choir

The Word

Lay Reader: Allison Duncan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your Word is life to us, and light. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may we hear what you are saying to the church this day. Help us to respond in faithfulness and joy, so that we live as those who are ready to follow you. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 46:1-7

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Steve.

SECOND READING

Matthew 7:24–29

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Freedom to Choose

Rev. Dr. Steve Eason

The Response

Steve from pulpit:

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In Gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" *(continued next page)*

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Kim.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude for our many blessings, and recognizing all God has entrusted to us, we bring our tithes and offerings, so that they may be used for God's purposes in the world. The morning offering will now be received.



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ANTHEM

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Philip Stopford

The Sanctuary Choir; Kentucky Brass & Ensemble; Zach Klobnak, organ

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heav'n are filled.
On his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n
the grace which we implore,
and may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious name.

*7th-century Latin antiphon for the dedication of a church;
trans. John Chandler, 19th century*

Zach leads on organ.

*DOXOLOGY 711

Lord of All Good, st. 3

TOULON

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit from whom all life in fullness flows:
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

Kim

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we are grateful for your continual renewal and reformation of our lives and of the church. As we bring these gifts before you, we do so in deep gratitude for all you have so graciously given us. May we serve you and our neighbors with joy and thanksgiving until your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Kim shares concerns.

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

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.**

The Sending

Zach, Brass & Ensemble. Jim conducts.

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

Steve and pastors come in front of the communion table. Steve pronounces blessing.

*BLESSING

Zach, Brass & Ensemble. Zach conducts.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg, reprise

arr. Tim Zimmerman

Kentucky Brass & Ensemble; Zachary Klobnak, organ

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

*Please join us for a luncheon in Jester Fellowship Hall following the service.
Rev. Dr. Eason will present a lecture, "Six Generations in the Church".*

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of our son, Dan. Forever loved, always missed. From Cheryl & Dan Russell

USHERS

11:00: Lawrence Palmer-Ball, Rosemay Palmer Ball, Tony Duncan, Elaine Duncan, Leigh Parrot, Paige Reinstine, Chip Snyder, Susan Snyder

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS



Rev. Dr. Steve Eason, 2024 Renewal Preacher

Steve Eason is a retired Presbyterian (USA) pastor, author, pastoral counselor, teacher and consultant. A graduate of Duke Divinity School ('79), Steve served churches of all sizes over his 40 years of ministry. From 2002 to 2015 he was the Senior Pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

His book, *Making Disciples, Making Leaders*, (Geneva Press, 2016), is used by many Presbyterian churches for officer training and leadership development.

Steve and Catherine were married in 1977. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren. Their home is in the beautiful hill country of Brevard, NC.

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, Interim Pastor & Rev. Andrew Bowman, Assoc. Pastor for Community Life, liturgists; Allison Duncan, lay reader; Anna Watt, acolyte

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Zachary Klobnak, guest organist

The Austin Memorial Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Terry Cissell, Elizabeth Clay, Lindsay Cook, Kitty deVoogd, Kit Davis, Stacie Farris, Steve Farris, Katharine Flamion, Brandon Flamion, Jean Herp, Sue Rogers, Carmen Sanders, Susanne Wright; Jim Rittenhouse, director*

Kentucky Brass & Ensemble: *Jim Recktenwald, trumpet; Nicholas Recktenwald, trumpet; Diana Morgen, horn; Brett Shuster, trombone; Stasi Fafalios, bass trombone; Sam Riddick, percussion*

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Jim Appleberry on his death, 10/21/24.

Glenda Bumpas and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Cunagin, 10/20/24.

Charles Ratliff, Liz & Jonathan Evans and family on the death of his wife and her mother,
Melissa, 10/16/24.

Edith Courtenay and her family on the death of her husband Gouverneur “Bo” Nixon,
9/27/24.

Brooks Mayer & Sasha Björk-Mayer and their family on the death of Brooks’ father, Ed,
9/22/24.

Gregg and Priss Hovious and their family on the death of Gregg’s father, Bob, 9/16/24.