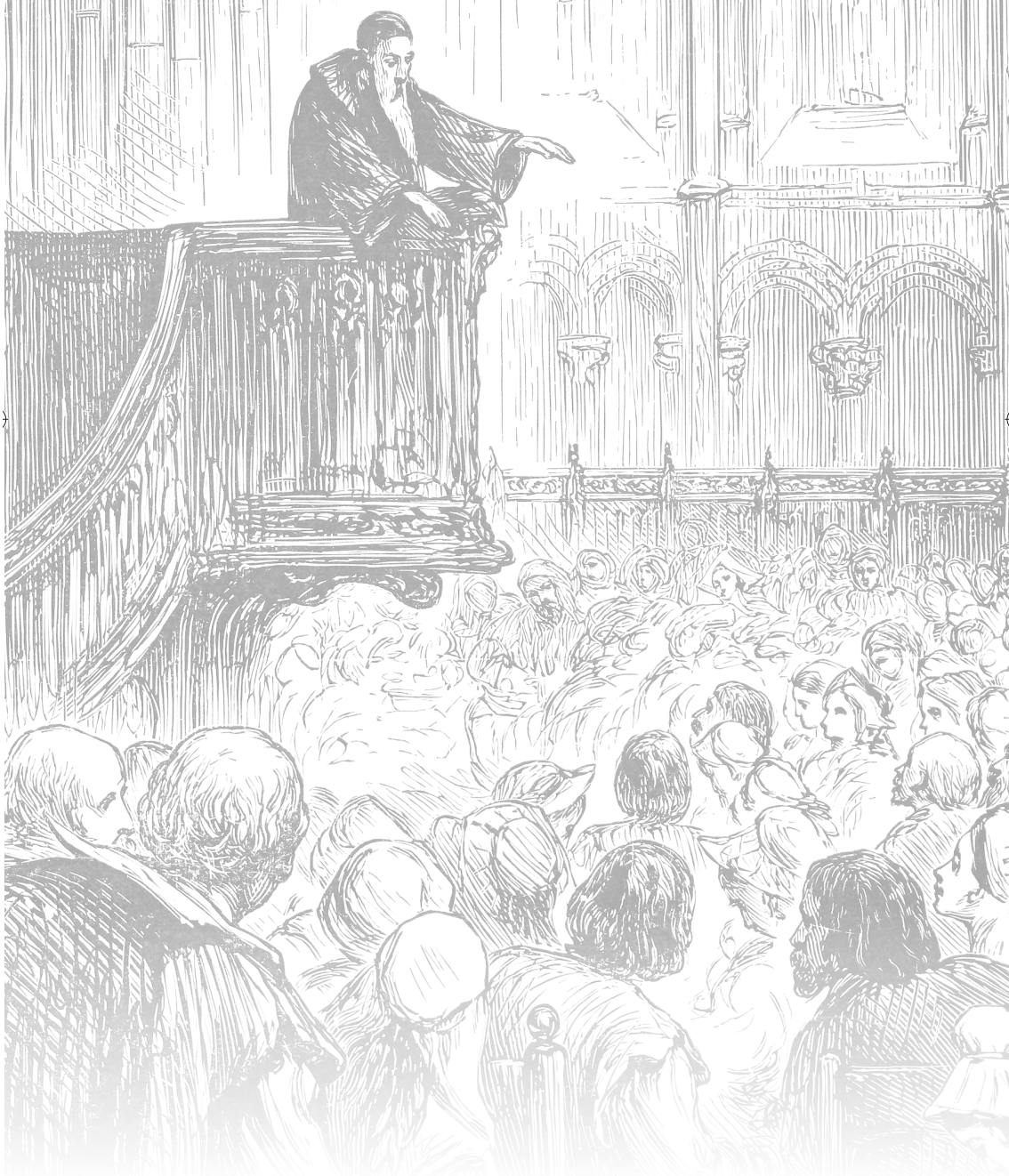


Reformation Sunday



Park Cities Presbyterian Church

October 26, 2025

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 26, 2025
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

Welcome to Reformation Sunday. The Reformation sought to reclaim the Gospel: that we are saved by grace alone (sola gratia), through faith alone (sola fide), in Christ alone (solus Christus), on the basis of Scripture alone (sola Scriptura), to the glory of God alone (soli Deo gloria).

The drawing on the cover is of John Calvin preaching his farewell sermon in expectation of banishment, Geneva 1537.

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mark Davis

The Prelude and Procession

8:00

“Andante tranquillo”
Mary Preston, organ

Eric Thiman

9:30/11:00

“St. Andrew’s Processional”

Traditional
arr. Mark Schweizer

*Call to Worship

Minister: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

Minister: I will be glad and exult in You;

People: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Minister: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

People: A stronghold in times of trouble.

Minister: And those who know Your name put their trust in You,

People: For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

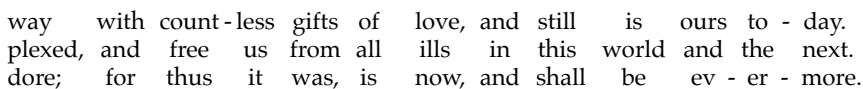
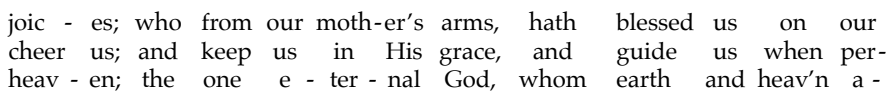
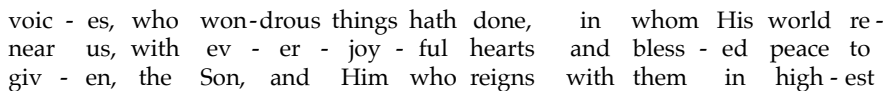
Psalms 9.1-2, 9-10

***Hymn of Gratefulness** “Now Thank We All Our God”
Hymn No. 98 in the Trinity Hymnal

NUN DANKET



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be



*Profession of Faith

The Rev. Robert Rucker 8:00
The Rev. Paul Goebel 9:30/11:00

We affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone
as rule of faith and religion,
without mixing with it any other thing
which might be devised by the opinion of men
apart from the Word of God,
and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government
any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us
by the same Word
without addition or diminution,
according to the command of our Lord.

from the *Geneva Confession*, 1536 by John Calvin and William Farel

Please be seated.

Musical Acclamation “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Luther/Hassler

9:30/11:00

The Gesualdo Six • Chancel Choir • Trumpet and Percussion Ensemble

Public Confession of Sin

Mr. Rucker 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found. Psalm 32:3, 5-6a

Private Confession

Musical Meditation

9:30/11:00

"Thou Knowest Lord,
the Secrets of Our Hearts"
The Gesualdo Six • Owain Park, director

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not, Thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord, most holy, O God, most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. Psalm 130.4

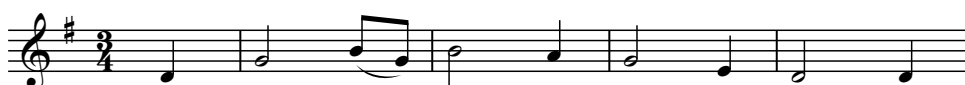
*Whoever would deal with Thee must deal so that this
confession proceeds from his heart, which says:
"Lord, if Thou be not merciful all is lost,
no matter how pious I may be." —Martin Luther*

Scriptures and explanation for the Confession and Assurance are taken from Luther's sermon, *Confession and the Lord's Supper*, published in 1524-25.

*Hymn of Assurance

"Amazing Grace!"

AMAZING GRACE



1. A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! _____ I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; _____ how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; _____ 'tis grace has brought me
Word my hope se - cures; _____ He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, _____ we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see. _____
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved! _____
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. _____
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures. _____
sing God's praise than when we've first be - gun! _____

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Rucker 8:00
Mr. Goebel 9:30/11:00

*In addition to giving via passed offering plates, you are also welcome
to give online at pcpc.org/give or text "give" to 214-833-7724.*

Musical Offering

8:00

"Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"
Mrs. Preston, organ

Johann Pachelbel

9:30/11:00

"Turn Unto the Lord"
The Gesualdo Six • Mr. Park, director

Thomas Tomkins

*Turn unto the Lord our God for the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,
and His truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures



here be - low; praise Him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host:



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*During the 9:30 service, 1st and 2nd graders may exit at this time using
the doors at the front-right of the Sanctuary to meet their teachers for
Worship Explorers. **Children must be checked-in and have a nametag.**
A check-in kiosk is available in the hallway outside the Sanctuary doors.*

***The Scripture Reading: Jonah 3.4-10**

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

⁵ *And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.*

⁶ *The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.*

⁷ *And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water,*

⁸ *but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.*

⁹ *Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish."*

¹⁰ *When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.*

Sermon "The Sound of Repentance—The Sound of Reformation" Mr. Davis

Worshippers at 9:30 and 11:00, please continue at the closing hymn.

***The Great Thanksgiving 8:00**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and singing:



***The Words of Institution 8:00**

*Please remain seated.
You will be served by your elders, and we will all partake
together when so instructed by the pastor.
(The bread being served is gluten free.)*

***Closing Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

Hymn No. 92 in the Trinity Hymnal



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no



bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er He a -
striv - ing would be los - ing; were not the right Man
threat - en to un - do us, we will not fear, for
thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the



mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
on our side, the Man of God's own choos - ing.
God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
gifts are ours through Him who with us sid - eth.



For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus it is
The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for
Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al -



woe; His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with
He, Lord Sa - ba - oth His name, from age to
him; his rage we can en - dure, for lo, his
so; the bod - y they may kill: God's truth a -



cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age the same, and He must win the bat - tle.
doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
bid - eth still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

***The Benediction**

Minister: The Lord bless us, and save us;
The Lord make His face to shine upon us,
and be merciful unto us;
The Lord turn His countenance towards us,
And grant us His peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

compiled and edited by John Knox

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Postlude

8:00	“Marche Triomphale: Now Thank We All Our God” Mrs. Preston, <i>organ</i>	<i>Sigfrid Karg-Elert</i>
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9:30/11:00	“Rigaudon” Dr. Davy, <i>organ</i>	<i>Andre Campra</i>
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**Please stand if you are able.*

The flowers in our worship service this morning are given to the glory of God.

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship this morning:

Cody McClarty, *trumpet*
Forrest Albano, *trumpet*
Andrew House, *trumpet*
Joe Ferraro, *percussion*
Mike McNicholas, *percussion*
Michael Flight, *bagpipe*



**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the
transforming presence of the Kingdom of our
Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.**

Reformation Sunday



Martin Luther
1483-1546

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason, I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen.

—Martin Luther, Diet of Worms 1521

Today we remember and commemorate the Protestant Reformation. According to God's sovereign providence, there were many people and events which helped launched the Reformation; Martin Luther's nailing of the ninety-five theses on October 31, 1517—and the ensuing debate it initiated—has come to represent the beginning of this pivotal movement. At the time, few would have suspected that the sound of a hammer striking the castle church door in Wittenberg, Germany, would soon be heard around the world and lead ultimately to the greatest transformation of Western society since the apostles first preached the Gospel throughout the Roman empire.

An heir of Bishop Augustine of Hippo, Martin Luther is one of the most significant figures God has raised up since that time. This law student turned Augustinian monk became the center of a great controversy after his theses were copied and distributed throughout Europe. Initially protesting the pope's attempt to sell salvation, Luther's study of Scripture soon led him to oppose the church of Rome on issues including the primacy of the Bible over church tradition and the means by which we are found righteous in the sight of God.

This last issue is probably Luther's most significant contribution to Christian theology. Though preached clearly in the New Testament and found in the writings of many of the church fathers, the medieval bishops and priests had largely forgotten the truth that our own good works can by no means merit God's favor. Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone, and good works result from our faith, they are not added to it as the grounds for our right standing in the Lord's eyes (Eph. 2:8-10). Justification, God's declaration that we are not guilty, forgiven of sin, and righteous in His sight comes because through our faith alone the Father imputes, or reckons to our account, the perfect righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21).

Martin Luther's rediscovery of this truth led to a whole host of other church and societal reforms and much of what we take for granted in the West would have likely been impossible had he never graced the scene. Luther's translation of the Bible into German put the Word of God in the hands of the people, and today Scripture is available in the vernacular language of many countries, enabling lay people to study it with profit. He reformed the Latin mass by putting the liturgy in the common tongue so that non-scholars could hear and understand the preached word of God and worship the Lord with clarity. Luther lifted the unbiblical ban on marriage for the clergy and by his own teaching and example radically transformed the institution itself. He recaptured the biblical view of the priesthood of all believers, showing all people that their work had purpose and dignity because in it they can serve their Creator.

Today, Luther's legacy lives on in the creeds and confessions of Protestant bodies worldwide. As we consider his importance, let us equip ourselves to be knowledgeable proclaimers and defenders of biblical truth. May we be eager to preach the Gospel of God to the world and thereby spark a new reformation of church and culture.

—Robert Rothwell (ed.)

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SERMON NOTES

Jonah 3.4-10

“The Sound of Repentance—The Sound of Reformation”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. What is significant about Jonah 3.5 telling us, "And the people of Nineveh believed God?"
2. What was their response born from their belief in what God said through Jonah?
3. What is repentance?
4. What can we learn about repentance from the people of Nineveh? What did each action symbolize?
5. Why did the king of Nineveh issue the proclamation in verse seven?
6. Why did the king's proclamation for a fast include the animals?
7. What does God's response in Jonah 3.10 reveal to us about the nature and attributes of God?
8. How does all the narrative of Jonah 3 give us the confidence, compassion, and courage to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ wherever He calls us?

Highlights

OCTOBER 26, 2025

What's Next?

We have friendly faces waiting to help you connect to Christ and one another at PCPC just as you exit the front of the Sanctuary. Look for the Connect banner on your way to the Grand Hall. We would also love to help you abide in and extend Christ. You can find out more at the Information Center in the Grand Hall. Download the free PCPC mobile app to explore more.

Connection Card

Thanks for joining us today! If you are new or looking to connect with others in our church family, please scan the QR code and fill out our Connection Card, so we can know you were here and help you connect.



pcpc.org/connect

The Gesualdo Six

7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Few tickets are available online for tonight's unforgettable evening with British a cappella vocal ensemble, The Gesualdo Six.

pcpcconcerts.org

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

Tuesday, October 28

6:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Women of all ages, gather as we hear the story of Ruth Garza on the mission field and how Christ moved in her life. Dinner is \$5. No reservation is required.

pcpc.org/women

Glory & Goodness: Global Missions Conference

Saturday & Sunday, November 1-2

Register now for breakout sessions, kid's mission experience & childcare (by Oct. 27), and Sunday dinner (by Oct. 29). Don't miss this time of seeing God's design for missions, His glory, and our goodness. We will hear from pastor and author Jonty Rhodes, musical guests Shane & Shane, and PCPC's international church planting partners. Meet PCPC missionaries, visit the expo hall about short-term trips, and come worship with us!



pcpc.org/gmc

60+ Community Fellowship

Friday, November 7

11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL A/B

Join us for an educational seminar with RTS Dallas professor Dr. Gregory K. Beale. Register by Tuesday, November 4.

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Disaster Response Training

Friday-Sunday, November 14-16

Mark Becker from Mission to North America (MNA) will lead this 3-day opportunity which includes classroom training, hands-on training, and an introduction to disaster response.

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Special Events

The Gathering

(High School)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29 | 7:15 P.M.

First Friday/bEfriend

FRIDAY, NOV. 7 | 6:00 P.M.

Serve Saturday: Helping Hands

SATURDAY, NOV. 8 | 8:00 A.M.

Young Adult Night of Worship

THURSDAY, NOV. 13 | 7:00 P.M. | THE CHAPEL

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

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Jul 1, 2025–Oct 19, 2025 Budget	\$4,014,867
Jul 1, 2025–Oct 19, 2025 Giving	\$4,962,195
Budget Variance	\$947,328