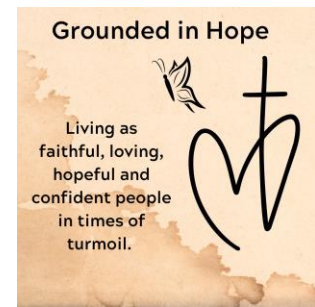


The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 27, 2024
Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Celebration of the Saints of the Church



Preparation: “Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” – attributed to Dr. Seuss

Gathering As a People of God

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *A Mighty Fortress*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

Friedrich W. Marburg

Choral Introit

As God Has Called You
PCO Chancel Choir

Lighting the Candles

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

*** Opening Litany for Reformation Sunday**

Emily Conroy-Krutz, liturgist

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*)

One: 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*)

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

One: We believe that, the chief end of humankind is to glorify God,
and to enjoy God forever.
(*The Westminster Shorter Catechism, 7.001*)

**All: 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
(*A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.5, 11.6.*)

*** Hymn #275**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God, vs. 1-4
[Ein' Feste Burg]

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Mattern

One: As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

All: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. (Silent confession). Amen (a prayer by Martin Luther)

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Rebecca Mattern

One: Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds. (a prayer by John Calvin)

All: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

One: Having received God's grace, let us extend grace to others through the passing of the peace. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

* **Act of Praise #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God of possibility, you have spoken hope to us through the gift of your Son. You know the words we need to hear to be grounded in this hope. Open our eyes to see the new light of this day and open our hearts to believe the Good News. Amen.

Children's Message

Rebecca Mattern

Old Testament Reading Ezra 3:8-13 Rebecca Mattern
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Hebrews 12:1-3 Pastor Lisa Schrott
One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Grounded in Hope: Great Cloud of Witnesses* Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem *O Come, You Servants* Christopher Tye
PCO Chancel Choir
Westin Sorrel, director

O come, you servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name,
From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.
The laws of God are just and right, they make the heart rejoice,
O praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice.

Responding to the Word

Minute for Stewardship: Impact of Hope

Worship & Music Jeff Conroy-Krutz

Offering Rebecca Mattern

Invitation

Offertory Trio on *Sine Nomine* Setting by Richard Proulx

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Emily Conroy-Krutz, liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer (ecumenical version). We invite you to recite the version of the Lord's Prayer that is closest to your heart.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Roll Call of the Saints Rebecca Mattern and Pastor Lisa Schrott
(see pages 5 & 6)

Sent Out As a People of God

* Hymn #326

For All the Saints, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

[Sine Nomine]

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Postludium

Charles Callahan

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk, Deb and Joel Major

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Edward Ennen for taking care of the coffee and to Kent Workman for supplying our snacks.

Education Hour:

Children through 4th grade: Room 116

Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)

Intergenerational Bible Study for Senior High Youth and Adults: Board Room

Digging Deeper into Hebrews: Fellowship Hall

Next Week: November 3, 2024: Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Commitment Sunday

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers following Worship

Scripture: Hebrews 13: 15-16, 20-21

Education Hour:

Children through 4th grade: Room 116

Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)

Intergenerational Bible Study for Senior High Youth and Adults: Board Room

Digging Deeper into Hebrews: Fellowship Hall

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The following people were near and dear to the members and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. They have gone to their eternal reward but remain in our hearts and memories.

Donna Anderson	Mother of Jill Schaberg
Marie Bamberg	Friend of Bruce Timmons
Sheldon Bauer	Brother-in-law of Tom and Jane Bobay
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Terry Carroll	Friend of many at PCO
Javier Cavazos	Friend of Sally Belloli
Judy Cloninger	Cousin of Bruce Timmons
Sheena Cooper	Friend of Zora Todd
Richard DeTar	Friend of Bruce Timmons
Jill deVilliers	Friend of Ewen and Zora Todd
Bernice Dixson	Aunt of Ron Dorr
Jo Ewart	Longtime member of PCO
David Feddor	Father of Paula Frantz
William "Bill" Fritze	Longtime member of PCO
Irene Josephine Engle Garcia	Family member of Ellen Hoekstra
Betsy Goodman	Wife of Roger Goodman and member of PCO
Susan Graeber	Friend of Ellen Hoekstra
Gloria Gruszczynski	Friend of John and Meg Janssens
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Russell Rivet	Friend of Sally Belloli
Timothy Smith	Brother of Jennifer Gordon
Mark Stein	Friend of Meg and John Janssens
Richard Stokes	Father of Michael Stokes
Lois Walker	Longtime member of PCO
Edward Witkow	Friend of Tom and Jane Bobay
Betty Wurzbacher	Grandmother of Jeff Conroy-Krutz