



# REFORMATION Sunday

## First Presbyterian Church

October 25, 2020  
*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
10:30 AM

**Pastor: Rev. Andy S. Chambers**  
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## **PRELUDE**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Jennifer Hartsock

## **CENTERING PRAYER**

*God of creation, you have made us to be nourished in your care, and you test us so that we will turn again and again toward your gifts. Show us how to love our neighbors and ourselves, and teach us to delight in your law so that we will know the way of gratitude and thanksgiving. In the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive)

*(Psalm 90:1-6, 13-14)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.**

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

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

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

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

## **\*MORNING HYMN**

### *We Gather Together*

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing  
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning  
Thou Lord wast at our side, all glory be thine*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be  
Let thy congregation endure through tribulation  
Thy name be ever praised, O Lord, make us free*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we come to you with questions that are not genuine, seeking only your affirmation of our behavior and opinions. We assume our own righteousness and quickly condemn others in your name, forgetting that our ways are not your ways, our judgment not your judgment. We do not take time to examine our hearts and seek your will. We jump to conclusions and neglect a life of prayerful discernment. Help us, gracious God, to humble ourselves before you and listen. Give us the courage to hear your corrective word and act upon it in ways that reveal our love for our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*(our prayer continues in silence)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (responsive)

Approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, in joy we proclaim that through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life is gone, a new life has begun.

**Thanks be to God!. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Megan Gates

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*How Great Thou Art*

Jennifer Hartsock

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **SERMON**

Rev. Andy S. Chambers

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **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. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Nearer My God to Thee*

Jennifer Hartsock

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

### *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love, amazing grace*

*The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine  
You are forever mine*

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **\*RESPONSE**

### *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.*

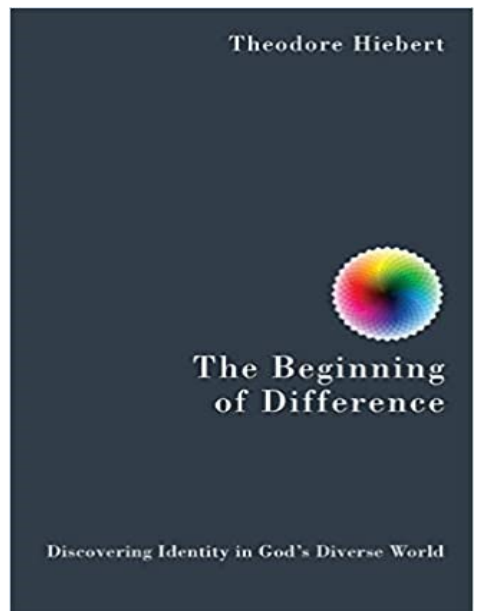
**\* Please stand as you are able**



Meeting on  
Wednesdays  
@ Noon  
Via Zoom

Meeting ID:  
880 2664 9543

Passcode:  
Genesis



We are starting a

brand new,  
once-a-month,  
everyone invited,  
breakfast provided,  
music playing,  
Bible reading,  
lesson learning,  
prayer sharing

Sunday School!!

Join us for the next one  
Sunday, November 1  
9:15 am in Scoggins Hall !!

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

### Sunday, October 25

10:30 A.M. Outdoor Worship Service  
5:00 P.M. Trunk or Treat, parking lot

### Monday, October 26

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins

### Tuesday, October 27

12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt  
5:00 P.M. ADK Meeting, SH

### Wednesday, October 28

12:00 Noon Brown Bag & Bible, Zoom  
5:00 P.M. Children's program  
6:30 P.M. Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
7:30 P.M. Handbells, Music Room

### Thursday, October 29

10:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting, Zoom  
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting, Scoggins  
8:00 P.M. Al-Anon Meeting, Hoyt

### Sunday, November 1

9:30 A.M. All Age Sunday School, SH  
10:30 A.M. Worship Service  
*Communion will be served*

It's never too early to think about  
the Christmas season!

This year FPC will be working with  
Our Journey, Inc  
to provide an Alternative Christmas!

A donation of \$25 will provide a food bag for a  
family in Kenya.

You can make a donation directly online  
(see website below) or through the church by  
writing a check and labeling it "Our Journey  
food bags".



### A note from Brenda Boonstra:

Friends,

It is my Dad's (Gord Raterink's) 90th birthday on November 6th. With Covid, we cannot have an open house or any other special celebrations. My siblings and I are trying to get 90 birthday cards for him. If you remember him from his visits in the past, please feel free to send him a card at:

9576 Trillium Lake Dr  
Zeeland, MI 49464

Thank You!!

## Weekly Prayers

### Morning

*This morning, as I rise, O God, I hear the sounds of your world awaking, and I give you thanks for another day. Bless your people this morning, at noon, in the afternoon, and in the evening with mercy and loving-kindness. Show us every hour the way to love each other. Help me to see in any conflicts how to grow in faith through the struggle for peace with my family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and strangers; in Jesus' name. Amen.*

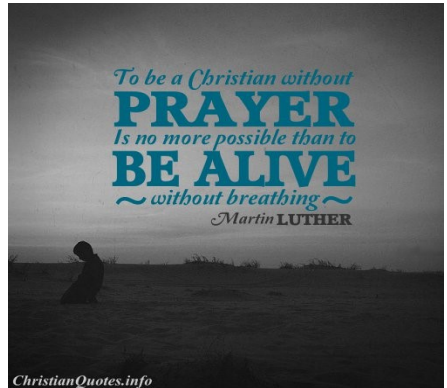
### Evening

*As I lie down to sleep tonight, O God, I give you thanks for this day so full of surprises and joys. My muscles and bones are weary, and I long for renewal and quiet. Because you are the One in whom I have complete rest, I lean into your arms at this hour. Guard and keep your servant so that through the night, I may grow strong. Wake me in the morning with resolve to love my neighbors and to love myself, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer Person(s) of the week:  
**Luke Phoummaseng**

In the Military: **Cpt. Alex McLean** and family; **Cpt. Joe Campbell** (recently deployed to Jordan) and his family; **LCpl Kevin Matthews** who is stationed at the Marine Corps Base in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; and **Cpt. Zach Peterson** and family (the Chosewood's nephew deployed to Kuwait).



**Sheri Armour** (John Wayne Armour's mother); **Jessica James**; **Phil Petty** (friend of Ed Hendricks); **Nancy Hendricks** (upcoming tests); **Kevin Roy** (friend of David Baskin); **Greg Hopkins**; **Marilyn Bedsworth**; **Joy Pruitt**; **Luke Phoummaseng**; **Dwayne Owensby** (friend of David Baskin); **Chloe Crawford**; **Ann & Ron Bost** (Nancy Hendricks sister and her husband); **Sue Smith**; **Pat Austin**; **Joyce Barrett**; **Rush Mauney**; **"Turtle" Touralack**; **Betty Gillette**; **Jim Stone** (friend of Ed Hendricks); **Laurie Oldroyd** (George and Martha Kaulbach's daughter); **Jan Tolbert** (friend of Pastor Andy); **Betty Schaeffer**; **John Foster**; **Celeste Sumner**; **Teresa Touralack**; **David and Martha Lee Sherman**; **Karen Hooper** (Troy Webb's step-sister); **Mary Sue Tripp** (Troy Webb's cousin); **Maria Costley**; **Robin Griffin**; **Jackie Williams** (Sharon Baskin's cousin); **Bonnie McKim**; **Brad Donaldson and family** (Ron & Karen Sprayberry's son-in-law); **Pete Lewis** (Joy Mullen's uncle); those affected by flooding across our county; peace in our country and around the world.