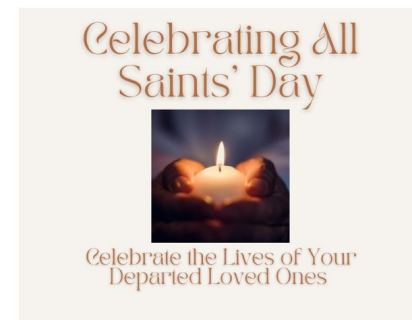
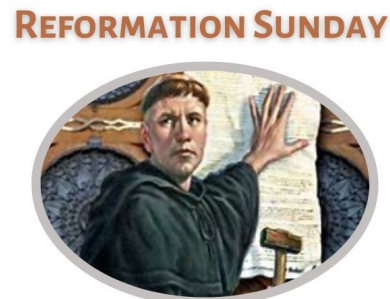


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REVELATION 7:9-17
MATTHEW 22:34-40



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WORSHIP NOTES

Order of Worship

Our order of worship is Reformed and follows centuries of tradition. These are some brief explanations of the various parts of Reformed Worship.

Call to Worship

The “call” expresses God’s invitation to gather as Christ’s body in this place.

Song of Praise

Together we express vocally our praise and thanksgiving to the God of Glory.

Welcome & Announcements Cindy Witherspoon Allen

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude

*Call to Worship Cindy Witherspoon Allen
O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happiness comes to those who take refuge in the Lord.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

The Lord redeems the life of the faithful; none who take refuge in God will see punishment.

Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

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Opening Prayer Rev. Carl McCormack

*Opening Song of Praise #275
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Call To Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Cindy Allen
Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you have taught us to pray, “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” Yet even as we depend on your mercy, we fail to extend such mercy to others. We hold on to grudges, count up the sins of others, and seek to settle the score.

Prayer of Confession

Having praised the holiness of God, we must also face the sinful state of the world and of our lives, confessing our unworthiness to enter into God's presence. Nevertheless we approach God with confidence, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ. This is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition.

Assurance of Pardon

A declaration of forgiveness proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name. Hearing the words of assurance spoken from the font connects our confession with the grace and cleansing of Baptism, and God's call to a new way of life in Christ.

Gloria Patri

"Glory to the Father!"
This is our response of praise for being forgiven.

Passing the Peace

Our sharing the peace with one another is a sign of reconciliation in Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower our reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's Word.

Gracious God, forgive us, and open our hearts to forgive one another. Pour out your grace upon us and let it overflow into the lives of others. Let your church be a living sign of your reconciling love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Pardon
Rev. Carl McCormack
Friends, proclaim with me the glorious news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #581

*Passing the *"Peace of Christ"*

Prayer for Illumination (Unison) Cindy Allen
Holy God, draw near to us, and by the gift of the Spirit let your words of faith be on our lips and in our hearts. Then send us forth to proclaim the good news, that others may hear and believe, calling on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-7
Cindy Witherspoon Allen

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land:...The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Scripture & Sermon

The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word of God, who "...became flesh and lived among us..." The role of the worshiper is to listen prayerfully, actively, and attentively to the Word that is read and proclaimed.

Second Scripture Reading Revelation 7:9-17
Rev. McCormack
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-40
Rev. Carl McCormack

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment.

Affirmation of Faith

Responding to the Word proclaimed, we affirm *our* faith in the holy, triune God.

And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *“Past, Present, God’s Future” Rev. Carl McCormack*

*Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. 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. Amen.

*Song of Affirmation #727 “The Servant Song”

Prayers of the People & 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.

Stewardship Moment

Offering/Offertory

Offering & Doxology

Christian life is an offering of one’s self to God. As those who have been claimed and set free by his grace, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods, followed with a song of praise.

Charge & Benediction

We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. The charge calls the church to go forth as agents of God’s mission in the world.

- *Doxology

#606
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Song of Joyful Dedication

#326

“For All The Saints”
- Charge & Benediction
- Prelude

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost—October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday—Celebrating All Saints Day

9:45am—Pastor Carl—the Bible in 90 Days—Parlor

11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

1-3pm—Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 30, 2023

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room

6:30pm—AR Scottish Dance Society

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

4:30—Handbell Choir

Thursday, November 2, 2020

Friday, November 3, 2023

7pm AR Country Dance Society

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost—November 5, 2023

Celebrating Communion Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:45am—Pastor Carl—the Bible in 90 Days—Parlor

11am—Worship Service—Pastor Carl McCormack

PRAYER NOTES—

Recent: Rochelle Greenwood, Ann McCollum, Jack McCollum, Diana McCray, Elizabeth Pollard, LaVonne Smith

Continued Prayers: Patt Bond, Pat Clark, Donna Ellis, Bill Jones, Ginny Jones, Jesse Macom-Teague, Grady Nixon, Wendell Phillips,

Prayers For Friends Of The Church: Air Force SMSGT Scott Burris (Phil & Liz Terrell's son), while he is deployed to Kuwait for 6 months), Dana Chadwick, Lynn Chadwick, Charles Clark, Darnell Clark, Jeff Connor, Susan Gibbes; Constance Hughes, Travis Kasper, Evie Mickle, Barbara Monroe, Stephanie Phillips, Jennifer Willen,

Prayers For Those In Home Confinement: John Atterbury, Ann Cother, Bunn Falls (Johnson County Health & Rehab), Clarksville, Steve Pollard (AR State VA Home), David Rennie, Ann Woods.

Prayers For Those In Grief: For those who are still mourning the loss of a loved one.

*Please contact the church office if you need someone placed on or taken off the prayer notes. Thank you.