



C O M M U N I T Y
Reformation Service

Order for the Public Worship of God

BRASS PRELUDE: “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” Sterling Proctor

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Ed Eubanks
Based on Calvin’s Genevan Liturgy (1542) Trinity Reformed Baptist Church

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Who made heaven and earth.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

✦ HYMN No. 164: “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

INVOCATION AND WORDS OF GREETING Dr. George Robertson
Second Presbyterian Church

Sola Scriptura
(the Scriptures alone)

GENEVA CONFESSION (1536/37), Section 1 Rev. Christopher Neiswonger
Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

First we declare that for the rule of faith and religion, we wish to follow the Scriptures alone, without mixing with it any other thing which might be fabricated by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God; and we do not pretend to receive any other doctrine for our spiritual government than that which is taught us by the same Word, without addition or reduction, according to the command of our Lord.

**“You have been born again,
not of perishable seed but of imperishable,
through the living and abiding word of God;
for ‘All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”** *1 Peter 1:23-25*

As the word trains us in righteousness, let us make confession to the Lord:

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,
we confess and acknowledge unto You
that we were conceived in unrighteousness
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.
We do not fully believe Your Word
nor follow Your holy commandments.
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,
and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us,
and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
being justified as a gift by his grace
through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.” *Romans 3:23-24*

Let everyone truly acknowledge this in his heart,
believe in Christ, and receive the forgiveness of sins.

CHORAL REFLECTION: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”arr. Dan Forrest
Jim Carnes, Baritone soloist

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him,
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

Congregation stands and sings:

**That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth:
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever. His kingdom is forever.**

Sola Gratia Sola Fide

(Grace alone through Faith alone)

♠HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563), Answer 21Rev. Robert Browning
Christ Presbyterian Church

True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Spirit works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

**“Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified
by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus,
even we have believed in Christ Jesus,
that we may be justified by faith in Christ,
and not by the works of the law;
since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.”** *Galatians 2:16*

♠HYMN No. 460: “Amazing Grace!”AMAZING GRACE

Solus Christus

(Christ alone)

✦ WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH (1646), VIII.1

LONDON BAPTIST CONFSSION OF FAITH (1689), VIII.1 Rev. Joey Donahue
Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom... and you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, ‘Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.’” *I Timothy 2:5-6a; I Corinthians 1:30-31*

✦ HYMN: “In Christ Alone” Keith and Kristyn Getty



1. Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was
as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its
pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me



striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in
sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
grip on me; For I am His and He is
from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Soli Deo Gloria

(Glory to God alone)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER. Rev. Jim Suggs
Grace Church

**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.**

SERMON: "Measuring God's Glory" Romans 11:33-36 Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Independent Presbyterian Church

CHORAL ANTHEM:

"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ" Jean-Paul Lécot; arr. Aaron Powell
Philip Himebook, tenor soloist

*Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! Now and forever You reign on High!
Praise to You, Savior and Lord! You are the Way, the Truth, the Life!*

Glory to You, Jesus Our King; You offer pardon, mercy and grace.
You open Heaven's portals wide; in You alone is eternal life.
Amen, Alleluia!

Glory to You, Savior and Friend, washing away our sins with Your blood.
Hope of the ages, Savior of man, in You alone is eternal life.
Amen, Alleluia!

"Glory to You," proclaim the angels, heavenly host surrounding Your throne.
"Worthy the Lamb who was slain," they cry, "to receive glory, honor and power!"
Amen, Alleluia!

"Glory to You," proclaims Your Church, the Body You purchased with Your own blood,
Growing in grace as we walk by Your Spirit, trusting in You for eternal life.
Amen, Alleluia!

*Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ! Now and forever You reign on High!
Praise to You, Savior and Lord! You are the Way, the Truth, the Life!*

✠ CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed. Rev. William Spink, Jr.
Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

♠HYMN No. 358: “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE

♠BENEDICTION: Number 6:24-26 Rev. Cole Huffman
First Evangelical Church

*“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”*

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “A Mighty Fortress” arr. Don Hustad

♠Indicates congregation standing

Reception

Please join us following the service for refreshments
in the lobby just west of the Sanctuary middle doors.

Participating Churches

Christ Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch; First Evangelical Church, Memphis; Grace Church, Memphis;
Grace Community Church, Cordova; Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church, Hickory Withe; Independent
Presbyterian Church, Memphis; Living Hope Church, Piperton; Providence Reformed Presbyterian
Church, Bartlett; Richland Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rosemark; Riveroaks Reformed
Presbyterian Church, Germantown; Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis; South Woods Baptist Church,
Memphis; Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Bartlett; Trinity Reformed Church, Rossville

Musicians

James Brown and Jennifer Velazquez, Independent Presbyterian Church
Ron Man, First Evangelical Church
Jim Carnes, South Woods Baptist Church
Ruth Himebook, Terry Himebook, and Molly Pennington, Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church
Philip Himebook, Grace Community Church
Samuel Metzger, Second Presbyterian Church



After Darkness, Light

The Latin phrase *Post Tenebras Lux* is translated, “After Darkness, Light.” This was adopted as a motto for the Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland, and was eventually used by Protestants as an expression of hope that the light of the Gospel will break through the darkness that sometimes envelopes the church. The symbol of the burning bush refers to Moses’ encounter in Exodus 3:2. This was adopted by the French Huguenots at the time of the Reformation, reminding us that the light of the Gospel will not be extinguished. The great Scottish preacher Samuel Rutherford once said, “The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire.”