

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – October 26, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *Faith of Our Fathers* by Hemy

Welcome

Call to Worship —

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, let us worship God—our rock and our redeemer.

Opening Hymn #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Call to Confession —

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Prayer of Confession —

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Song of Assurance #581 “Gloria Patri”

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Children’s Message

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen**

Scripture Reading: Epistle Reading — Luke 18:9-14

p.1628

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Choir Anthem #643 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 p.1855

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

The Humbling Race

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.

Hymn of Response #794 “O Savior, in This Quiet Place”

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

God of grace and truth,
you reform what is broken and renew what is weary.
Hear our prayers for your people and your world.

We pray for peace and comfort for the family of Ervin Bellis.
Surround them with your love and the promise of resurrection hope.

We lift up **Kevin**, cousin of Holly and Jill,
asking for strength and full recovery as he heals.

We pray for **Dianna Eller**,
for healing and endurance in her dental and cancer treatments.
Grant her relief from pain and the steady assurance of your presence.

And we pray for **Jill Werling**,
for healing, comfort, and peace in body and spirit.

Lord, reform us by your mercy,
renew us by your grace,
and send us forth in faith and service.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught us to say together:

**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.**

Call to Offering

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. by Raney

Doxology #606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Prayer of Dedication —

Let us pray. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn #367 “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*”

Charge & Benediction

Go out into the world reformed by grace,
strengthened in faith,
and led by the Spirit of Christ.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* by Luther

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deacons Meet Today After the Service:

Newsletter Submissions: If you have anything like photos or reports for the newsletter, please get them to the office by Wednesday, October 29th.

The Church Office Hours on Friday Will Be 1:00-5:00 PM:

Halloween at Grace: Our annual 'treat' for our neighbors is just around the corner (October 31st) and we need volunteers. We need people to hand out candy. We need people willing to decorate cars or tables. We need people to sever the hotdogs and cider. If you can help talk to Todd or sign-up in the narthex.

All Saints Day Observed Will Be Next Sunday, November 2nd:

Grace Pledge Sunday: Our annual pledge day is nearly upon us. We will be celebrating our gifts, returned to our Lord on November 9th. There will be a meal to follow the service that Sunday. You should be receiving a letter in the mail with more information soon.

Planned Giving Workshop: Also following the service on November 9th, we will be hosting a presentation by Sheri Finke from the Presbyterian Foundation. This workshop is open to anyone interested. There will be a sign-up in the narthex or you can contact Stacey Monnier at 260-205-1008 for more information.

Birthdays

Susan Creager - October 28

Darren Polk - October 28

Alex Monnier - October 30

Anniversaries

John & Nancy Current

November 1, 1975

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

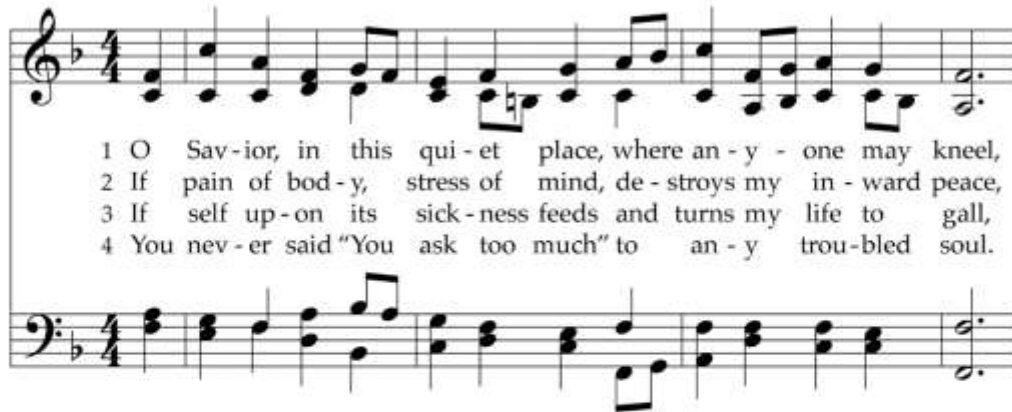
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

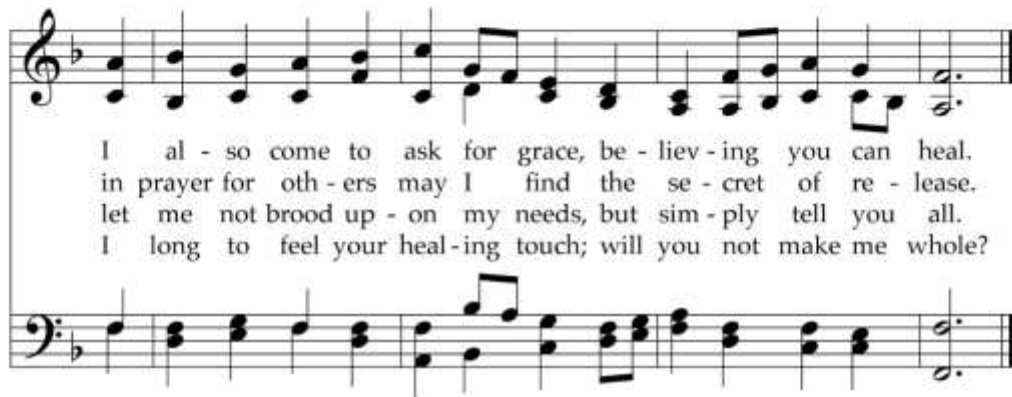
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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O Savior, in This Quiet Place 794



1 O Sav-ior, in this qui-et place, where an-y-one may kneel,
 2 If pain of bod-y, stress of mind, de-stroys my in-ward peace,
 3 If self up-on its sick-ness feeds and turns my life to gall,
 4 You nev-er said "You ask too much" to an-y trou-bled soul.



I al-so come to ask for grace, be-liev-ing you can heal.
 in prayer for oth-ers may I find the se-cret of re-lease.
 let me not brood up-on my needs, but sim-ply tell you all.
 I long to feel your heal-ing touch; will you not make me whole?

- 5 But if the thing I most desire
 is not your way for me,
 may faith, when tested in the fire,
 prove its integrity.
- 6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
 till faith is fully grown,
 Lord, disbelieve my unbelief,
 and claim me as your own.

This prayer for healing was written for the ecumenical St. Barnabas Counseling Centre in Norwich, England. As hymns often do, it provides a model for how to pray honestly but not selfishly. It is set to a tune by an Anglican clergyman who wrote on scientific and musical matters.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1974, alt.
 MUSIC: William Jones, 1789
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606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

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

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

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

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
 MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1858

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