

October 26, 2025
10:15 AM
Reformation Sunday
Affirmation of Baptism
Communion

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Ave Verum Corpus - Mozart/Kingston
A Mighty Fortress - Luther/Rumsey
Prelude and Fugue in C Major - Bach/Blumenthal

WELCOME AND GREETING

GREETING

St. John's is a community that is

Ignited by Spirit, Growing in Love.

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

A LITANY FOR REFORMATION SUNDAY

interspersed with the singing of A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW 504

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

*No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.*

*You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.*

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

*Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.*

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

*God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!*

OPENING PRAYER

Reforming God, we give you thanks for your forgiveness and your blessing. We pray for ourselves and for your church throughout the world. Fill us with a spirit of openness to the movement of your Spirit, to hear and receive your promises and to keep our covenant with you. Where we are corrupt, purify us. Where we are in error, direct us. Where we are in need, provide for us. Where we are divided, reunite us. And where we are close-minded, reform us and make us new. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

At the conclusion of the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

At the beginning of the reading:

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/BIBLE PRESENTATION

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 757 All my hope on God is founded

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ MEAL +
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING Greensleeves Fantasy - Nagle

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ELW 522 As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 478 Father, We Thank You

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

For all that God can do within us,
for all that God can do without us,

Thanks be to God!

For all in whom Christ lived before us,
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

Thanks be to God!

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

Thanks be to God!

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and on your way together,
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 654 The Church's One Foundation

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

You raise me up - Graham, Lovland/Skelly
Galliard Battaglia - Scheidt

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Brass quintet:

Alan Shugart, trombone
George Vilsmeier, horn
Paul Belser, trumpet
Steve Rhindress, tuba
Curry Moyer, trumpet

Congratulations to our Confirmands

Chase Ryan Truskowski

Madison Paige Truskowski

*Congratulations to our young people receiving their
bibles today:*

Bryce Richard Leach

Coulson James Schanely

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to keep the following people connected to our congregation in your prayers: Bob Moran, Leonard Gibeon, David Mounts, Ed & Billie Schanely, Steve Keyser, Andrew Breuninger, Renee Fels, Rebecca Jellen, Sarah Keller, Mary Bonar, Mary Flint, Richard Ditzler, Paige Seasock, Charlie Izurieta, Jeff Jadick, Joy Miller, Alyson Harvey, Audrey Sell, Kevin Eagle, Marie Wolfe, Erik Ockenlaender, Bob Ernst, Sr., Michael Toth, Ray Moats and Mary Eberle.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, October 27

5:30pm Soup & Study

7pm Great Songs of Faith choir rehearsal

7:30pm Executive Meeting

Sunday, November 2

All Saints' Sunday

8am Worship

9am Sunday School

10:15am Worship

3-5pm Girl Scouts

6-8pm Girl Scouts

All Saints' Sunday November 2 As we give thanks for the saints on All Saints' Sunday, our worship will include the names of the saints who have died in the last year as well as the newest saints who have been born into the faith in the last year.

If you have a baby in the family who was born since last November and are willing to have his/her name included in worship, please let the church office know by Wed. Oct 29.

Pennsburg Code Blue Shelter Open House, 2-4pm on November 2nd.

There will be a training sessions for ALL volunteers (old and new) Tuesday Oct. 26th at 6:30pm and Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 4:15pm. The address is 775 Main St., Pennsburg 18901.



*The Reformed Churches in the Upper
Perkiomen Valley welcome you to*

Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner

Sunday, November 23

Worship begins at 4 PM

FREE Thanksgiving dinner to follow

Dessert donations requested!

New Goshenhoppen UCC
1070 Church Rd, East Greenville

RSVP BY 11/16
215-679-2041

