

# Reformation Sunday

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

11:00 a.m.

**About this morning’s service:** Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday, the Sunday closest to Reformation Day (October 31<sup>st</sup>), the anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg in 1517. This morning’s service is based on John Calvin’s worship reforms and is very similar to what you would have experienced had you attended a worship service at his church in Geneva circa 1560.

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**+CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**     *Sing Praise Unto the Name of God*     #226, v. 1

### +PRAYER OF ADORATION<sup>2</sup>

**+HYMN OF PRAISE**     *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*     #220

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

Grant, Almighty God, that as thou urgest us daily to repentance, and each of us is also stung with the consciousness of our own sins, O grant that we may not grow stupid in our vices, nor deceive ourselves with empty flatteries, but that each of us may, on the contrary, carefully examine our own life, and then with one mouth and heart confess that we are all guilty, not only of light offences, but of such as deserve eternal death, and that no other relief remains for us but thine infinite mercy, and that we may so seek to become partakers of that grace which has been once offered to us by thy Son, and is daily offered to us by the Gospel, that, relying on him as our Mediator, we may not cease to entertain hope even in the midst of a thousand deaths, and we may be gathered unto that blessed life, which has been procured for us by the blood of thy only Son. Amen.

### +ASSURANCE OF PARDON<sup>4</sup>

**THE DECALOGUE AND KYRIE<sup>5</sup>**     *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*     #572  
The *Kyrie* will be sung after the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> commandments.

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES<sup>6</sup>

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.)

**+HYMN OF PREPARATION**     *New Songs of Celebration Render*     #218

**HEBREW BIBLE READING**     Job 3:1-26     p. 417 OT

**PSALM<sup>7</sup>**     *Now Israel May Say*     #236

**EPISTLE READING**     Romans 5:1-5     p. 135 NT

**GOSPEL READING**     John 16:25-33     p. 96 NT

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION<sup>8</sup>

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED<sup>9</sup>**     Tim Reynolds

### +RESPONSE TO THE WORD<sup>10</sup>

*The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE OFFERING<sup>11</sup>

**Offertory Reading**     Romans 12:1-21  
**Offertory**  
**+Offertory Response**     *Lord of All Good*     #375  
**+Prayer**

### A PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE ESTATE OF CHRIST’S CHURCH<sup>12</sup>

**+HYMN OF DEDICATION**     *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*     #452

### +BENEDICTION

**+RESPONSE<sup>13</sup>**     *Nunc Dimittis*     #605, v. 1

### +POSTLUDE

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

## Worship Notes

- John Calvin felt strongly that Psalm singing should be prevalent in worship, especially as the people gathered. Over time the Catholic Church had adopted the custom that only the priests were allowed to sing the Psalms. Calvin and the other Reformers recovered the early church’s tradition of the entire congregation singing the Psalms during worship. When Calvin arrived in Geneva he hired two musicians and a poet to write an expanded Psalter for use in worship. All of the hymn melodies we will sing today are from this Psalter, which became known as The Genevan Psalter. Our Call to Worship this morning was known as the Hallel Psalm and was sung at every worship service.
- This prayer was written by Calvin and is found in Calvin’s *The Genevan Book of Order*, which would be equivalent to our combined *Book of Common Worship* and *Book of Order* today.
- This prayer was written by John Calvin and can be found in *Calvin’s Commentaries, Vol. 14* – “Commentaries on the Twelve Minor Prophets”. It is, perhaps, one of the longest run-on sentences in church history!
- John Calvin followed the lead of Martin Bucer, with whom he studied, and replaced the Words of Absolution (a leftover Catholic practice) with the Assurance of Pardon.
- The reading of The Decalogue, or Ten Commandments (literally – Ten Words) follows the Assurance of Pardon. This emphasizes Calvin’s use of the law (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Use), which was to guide and teach those who have been forgiven how to properly live as forgiven sinners. This is different from those traditions that use the Law to convict people of their sin. Calvin argued that it is precisely *because* we are free from sin that we are *able* to follow the Law. The *Kyrie* is sung as a plea to God to help us in doing just that.
- This would not have been present during Calvin’s time. Children took part in the entire service, the same as adults.

- It is said that when the Duke of Savoy was defeated in his attack on Geneva in December 1602, the grateful citizens flooded the streets singing the words of Psalm 124 to this tune.
- This particular prayer was written by Calvin and can be found in the same volume as the Prayer of Confession.
- Calvin always preached from one of the Gospels or from the Book of Acts on the Lord’s Day. Sermons on other books were saved for the daily worship services.
- Calvin favored the Nicene Creed due to its historic association with the Lord’s Supper. Calvin felt strongly that Communion should be celebrated every week during worship, but he was unable to convince his elders of this. Calvin designed one basic service that culminated with a celebration of the Lord’s Supper. On Sundays when Communion was not received, Calvin called these services “dry communion” services.
- In Calvin’s time they would not have passed plates during worship to collect an offering. This was for two reasons: 1) the church was supported by the state and received funds from the state for its support, and 2) every Christian knew his or her duty when it came to supporting the work of the church through the tithe. Accordingly, the offering boxes were next to the door of the church and the members would place their tithes in the boxes on the way in or out of worship. Calvin did, however, read Romans 12 following the Affirmation every week as a reminder of the “self-sacrifice” that comes as our response to the Word Proclaimed.
- The prayer was also written by Calvin and is from *The Genevan Book of Order*.
- The *Nunc Dimittis* (Simeon’s song from Luke 2:29-32) was sung at the end of every service. It points us towards the one thing that should be our focus as we leave worship – Jesus Christ. Though it was sung in Latin during Calvin’s day, the English translation does not stray far from the original.

### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are John Godfrey
- the bell ringer is Eliza Cozart
- the W.O.W. leaders are Robin and Corie Cozart
- the nursery volunteers are Seth & Sarah Land
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick

### WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

**VISITORS:** We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

**OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES IS CALLED SEUSSICAL SPIRITUALITY.** Theodore Seuss Geisel – Dr. Seuss – has left an indelible mark on the lives of at least three generations of children and will continue to impact generations to come. During October and November Pastor Tim is exploring some of Dr. Seuss’ best-known stories to discover the spiritual relevance they have for our lives and how they might help us understand the Gospel in new, and maybe not-so-new, ways. The story for each week will be listed in the bulletin in advance, so if you have access to any of these books you are encouraged to read or re-read them before coming to worship.

### UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Oct 25	Psalm 23 / Rom 5 / Phil 4	<i>Seussical Spirituality: I Had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew</i>
Nov 1	Exod 3 / John 6	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Green Eggs and Ham</i>
Nov 8	Exod 6:6-9 / John 14:1-27	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Are You My Mother? &amp; Gerald McBoing Boing</i>
Nov 15	Gen 12 Jer 29:4-11	<i>Seussical Spirituality: Oh the Places You Will Go</i>

## WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION (CONTD.)

**THE NEXT SPENCER MILLER CONCERT** is TODAY at 3:00 p.m. and features The Paramount Chamber Players. The music will explore the influence of Beethoven on his Contemporaries. Concerts are free for all area students of all ages and \$10 for the general public.

**WE WELCOME SCHERY COLLINS** as guest organist this morning. She is filling in while Dr. Trivette and the Southwest Virginia Community College Jazz Combo are performing a clinic at the Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York.

### SERVICE AND OUTREACH

**Elders: Alicia Arney, Kay Bunn & Mimi Hull**

**FAITH in ACTION:** Our next week to serve is November 1 – 7, a sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex.

**SOCIAL CLUB IN NOVEMBER!** Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church will host the Social Club on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **Volunteers are needed.** If you have any small “gift” items you’d like to donate for use as **bingo prizes**, they would be most appreciated. Contact: Kay Bunn at 276-642-0702 or [sharonkbunn@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkbunn@gmail.com)

**SAMARITAN’S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Shoeboxes are available in the Narthex to take home and fill with small toys, flashlights, paper, pencils, etc. to send to needy children around the world. Remember to include a \$7.00 check for shipping charges. If you have questions, contact Wythe Hull at 206-8392. Deadline for returning the shoeboxes to the church will be November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

**Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes**

**THE STEPHEN MINISTERS** will be taking a “break” from training this week and will resume classes on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. When training resumes, they will be learning specific ways to care for grieving people in each of the stages of the grieving process. Please continue to pray for our trainees and thank God for this opportunity He has given us for growth and service.

**THE DISCOVERY CLASS THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED.** Please watch the bulletin for the date of our next Discovery Class, which will be in the spring.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

**Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** We are studying the book of Daniel this fall. We invite you to come explore this book with us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. *in the Church Parlor.*

**YOUTH DIRECTOR:** Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time middle/high school Youth Director to develop and initiate a program for young people in grades 6-12. The program will include weekly meetings, as well as service opportunities and fellowship events. (Information sheet(s) can be found on the bulletin board by the parlor. Please take one if interested.)

**EMPTY PILL BOTTLES** –The After School children are collecting empty plastic pill bottles. They will wash the labels off, package them up and mail to Malawi for the pharmacies and hospitals to use. Bring any empty plastic pill bottles to church and put them in the container marked “*Empty Pill Bottles*” as you come in the door. ***This is an ongoing project so continue to save your pill bottles.***

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### TODAY, Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. Spencer Miller Concert – Paramount Players

### Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

3:00 p.m. After School  
5:00 p.m. Children’s Choir  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir  
7:30 p.m. Choir

### Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Shoney’s  
6:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training – Grant Room  
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

**Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance** for October 18, 2015

Attendance: 142  
Offering: \$8,294.00

**THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED NEXT SUNDAY**

**CHURCH BULLETINS** are now available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>.

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mazie Cook, Helen Napps, and Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab) and Don Preston

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Ernie & Mary Barr

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker and Sherrye May

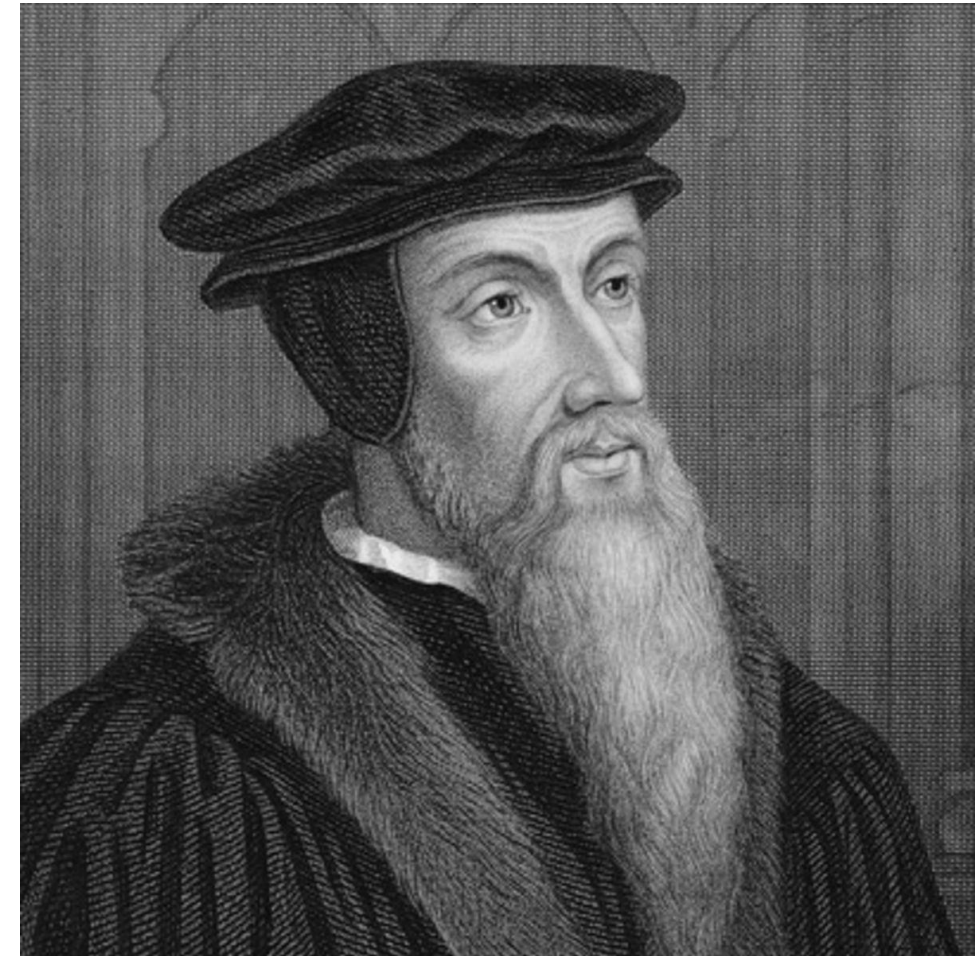
AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Mark Widener, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III and Dexter Bevis

\*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

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