

Service for the Lord's Day

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude[1] *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*, a 8
Michael Praetorius
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body
Call to Worship (responsive)
Adapted from Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus Said: You shall love the Lord your God
With all our hearts,
And with all our souls,
And with all our minds,
And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets. Loving God, let us lift up our prayer and praises!

Opening Hymn 688 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

Call to Adoration and Confession

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

O God, You call us to confess; therefore, in response to Your command, we admit: we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as Your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silent. We long to live as You desire, that Your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us to lives of peace and love. Forgive us and lead us…*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

Confessional Hymn *Lord, I Need You* C. Nichols, D.Carson, J.Reeves, K. Stanfill, M. Maher

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You I fall apart; You're the One
that guides my heart (*chorus*)

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is
more. Where grace is found is
where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me. (*chorus*)

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You,
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness.
Oh God, how I need You.

Declaration of Good News (responsive) 1 Thessalonians 2:7

Beloved, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a mother cherishing her child. Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love another as gentle children of God, and know that it is in Christ's name that we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

As God loves and welcomes us, let us be so open to others as we share the good news and our lives with one another, through Christ, as we share these words: "The peace of Christ be with you"

And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, in the Word of God, as the breath of life, amidst your people gathered here, into our hearts and minds, so that by the Word of God we may be reformed and renewed! Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading (responsive) Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them:

You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor.

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord."

"You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem *In This Very Room* Ron and Carol Harris

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me. And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room. And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us. And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room. And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world. And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

All Stand

Gospel Reading (responsive) Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, 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. And a second is like it:

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of the Lord endures forever.

Thanks be to God.

All Sit

Sermon *Reformed Thinking* Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

All Standing

Affirmation of Faith (unison) Selections from The Second Helvetic Confession

God is One. Creator of all things both visible and invisible, the greatest good, just and true. God is Three. God is in person distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit so, as the Father has begotten the Son from eternity, the Son is begotten by an undefinable generation, and the Holy Spirit truly proceeds them both. And since there is one God, there is one mediator between God and man, Jesus the Messiah. The Church is One. Therefore, we call the Church catholic because it is universal, scattered through all parts of the world, not limited to any time and place. It is our faith which we affirm that keeps us in the service we owe to God and our neighbor, strengthens our patience, makes a true confession, and brings forth good fruit of all kinds, and good works. This is our affirmation before God and one another. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

With thanksgiving for the bounty of this earth, the work we have been given to do, the joy of sharing so that others may live, we gather our gifts at this time, loving our neighbors as ourselves. Therefore, we give for the mission of the church and the ministry of God our offerings of tithes, time, and talents.

Offertory *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, a 2* Michael Praetorius
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

All Stand

Doxology DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous and life-giving God, You made us in Your image, sent Your Son to be the face of Your healing love in our midst, and promised through the Holy Spirit Your guidance and power. We thank You for the ways in which Your people have cared for each other. We thank You that we can give as we are able, and ask Your holy blessing on these offerings, that through them the needs of this world can be met. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

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.

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 729 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Benediction

Postlude *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, a 4* *Michael Praetorius*
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF 2029 ELDERS, DEACONS, AND 2030 NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

[1]Prelude Note: "The prelude this Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25th, will feature my transcription of Michael Praetorius' polychoral motet on Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God). Both the text and tune of this hymn were written by Martin Luther himself, and it has been considered the flagship hymn of the Reformation ever since. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) was a highly prolific German Lutheran composer who devoted much of his life to expanding the Lutheran repertoire and introducing the latest musical styles from Venice to Protestant worship, namely the polychoral motet. The great Johann Sebastian Bach even had a portrait of Praetorius displayed in his home. This massive setting of Ein feste Burg, one of ten settings he composed on this hymn alone, was originally written for two choirs, four voice parts each, for a total of eight voice parts. Listen for how the two choirs respond to one another, sometimes in alternation, other times together."

[2]Note: The bulletin art is a photo taken by Rev. Patrick Lane on the 500th year of the Reformation in 2017. These are the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, where Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses in 1517. Luther originally wrote them to challenge local clergy to a scholarly debate about the sale of indulgences, and they eventually would spark the Reformation Movement throughout Western Europe, from which Presbyterianism developed

[3]Note: Today, Rev. Lane would like to offer you a **Prayer to Carry As You Go**—*a simple, grounding blessing to hold onto as you step into the week ahead. Each Sunday, as you leave worship and return to your daily rhythms, use this short prayer to steady your spirit, remind you of God's presence,*

and accompany you wherever the week leads. Today's prayer is not just a closing thought; it's an invitation to walk with purpose, hope, and peace. May it become a rhythm that strengthens you, encourages you, and keeps your heart aligned with what matters most.

Prayer to Carry as You Go

Dear God, it is great the way you always get the stars in the right places. Amen.

- written by Jeff, *Children's Letters to God*

Sermon Notes

Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan Families
CHOIR: Barbara Brindle, Trudy Burkeen, Tim Daniel, Craig Heller, Keelin Murrell, Beth Pope, Wayne Pope, Mack Overfelt, Sammy Del Ray, Diane Simmons, and Walker Woods
LITURGIST: Julia Roberts
MEDIA PERSONNEL: Claire Ellington
NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Gabby Treju-Hernandez

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK This week will be Evan Goad. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support Angel Tree Meals. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS is studying the Book of Isaiah. Come join us in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30. All are welcome.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION CLASS meets on Sunday mornings. This Fall, the class will be reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Join us in the 10th Street Parlor—there will be several copies of the book available to use there.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at NorCal Crepe House, 2440 Nashville Road. They are looking forward to trying the savory and sweet crepes. This restaurant also serves hamburgers, wings, soups, and salads. Come join us!

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING Under 40? Come join us TODAY at Brianna Trickey's home (705 Ridgecrest Way) at 5:00 p.m. for a football tailgate-themed evening of fellowship, food, and fun. Invite your friends and family!

YOUTH MEALS We need volunteers to provide home-cooked or purchased meals for our youth during Sunday group meetings. If you'd like to help, the sign-up sheet is available in the church landing**.**

OTHER NEWS

BELLEWOOD & BROOKLAWN We are still collecting new personal-care essentials for children and youth entering foster care with Bellewood & Brooklawn from October 19-30. You can drop off your items at The Presbyterian Church office. Scan the QR code if you would like to donate or receive more information. You may also contact: Nawdya Fletcher, Foster Care Coordinator at (270) 498-7168 nfletcher@bellewoodandbrooklawn.org for additional information.

SATURDAY MEALS PEAS DONATION Please consider donating 15oz cans of peas for the Saturday Meals Holiday boxes. We are working towards the goal of 240 cans. Donations may be placed in the main office new file room with a label stating Saturday Meals.

SUPPORT GROUP Grief is a deeply personal journey, but you do not have to walk it alone. Whether you have recently experienced a loss or have been carrying grief for some time, we invite you to join our Grief Support Group. This supportive gathering provides a safe space to share experiences, find encouragement, connect with others who understand, and gain practical tools for navigating the challenges of grief. The first meeting will be held on **October 27** from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Following the initial session, the group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. You are welcome to attend whether this is your first step in the grieving process or you have been on this journey for years. For additional information, please contact Pastor Patrick at 270-843-4707 or patrick.lane@bgpres.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT We're excited to announce that the Housing Authority of BG, First Christian Church, The Presbyterian Church, and Christ Episcopal Church will be hosting Trunk or Treat this Wednesday, **October 28** at 5:30 p.m**.** in the First Christian Church parking lot! **WE NEED ALL WHO ARE ABLE TO DECORATE A TRUNK**! We will also need 5 volunteers to serve pizza and lemonade. Can't make it or decorate a trunk? **BRING A BAG OF CANDY** to the office for others to give out! We will have games, inflatables, face painting, a photo booth, dinner, and more for Housing Authority residents and church members. Contact the church office at 270-843-4707 or Lilly.Hunter@bgpres.org for more information. To sign up for the event, scan the QR code!

SAVE THE DATE Fall Festival at Rob Byrd's Farm will take place on Sunday, **November 1,** from 3:30-6:30 p.m. This is a family event, and all church members, family, and friends are welcome. The activities being planned include: a hayride, fishing in the pond, volleyball, games, painting pumpkins and gourds, s'mores around a bonfire, and more. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish to eat with hamburgers!

SAVE THE DATE Join us on Saturday**, November 7**, at 1:30 p.m. for a fun-filled WKU Tailgate and Watch Party in Fellowship Hall! We will provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks, so all you need to bring is your team spirit and enthusiasm. All members and friends are welcome.

CREATIVE CREATIONS SMALL GROUP will meet on November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a special holiday painting event. The group is excited to welcome guest art instructor Bonnie Lowe Robbins, who specializes in decorative doorhangers. Bonnie will guide participants in creating and painting a festive holiday doorhanger of their choice. Participants may choose from:

- Snowman Doorhanger – $25
- Turkey Doorhanger – $30

All supplies will be provided. Payment is due by October 30. Fees may be paid online or in the church office. For questions or additional information, please contact Terry Johnson at administrator@bgpres.org or 270-843-4707. Join us for a fun and creative time of fellowship as we prepare festive decorations for the holiday season!

SAVE THE DATE On Monday, **November 23,** Blood Assurance will be in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. When you donate locally, you're helping ensure lifesaving blood is available before an emergency happens. Right now, Blood Assurance is seeing increased demand from local hospitals across our region. From trauma patients and cancer treatments to premature babies and new moms, blood is needed every day.

SAVE THE DATE As we gather to celebrate the blessings of the season, the Fellowship Ministry will host the annual Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, **November 26,** at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A delicious Turkey and Dressing dinner will be provided. They ask everyone attending to bring their favorite side dish to share. All members and friends are welcome.

LITURGIST NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER A sign-up page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!

WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore
Elders: Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, October 25
9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
11:45 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
Mahjong Group
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering
Monday, October 26
9:00 a.m. God/Dog is Love
Tuesday, October 27
11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
Wednesday, October 28
7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:00 a.m. PLC Pumpkin Party (Trick or Treat)
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
5:30 p.m. Halloween Trunk or Treat (First Christian Church)
Friday, October 30
7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
9:00 a.m. PLC Field Trip-Chaney's

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MEET AND CHAT If you would like to schedule a call or meet up with Pastor Patrick Lane, he has made the process simple and convenient. Just scan the QR code with your phone, and you'll be guided directly to his appointment page. It only takes a moment, and it ensures you can connect with him at a time that works best for you.

Lane Appointment Calendar