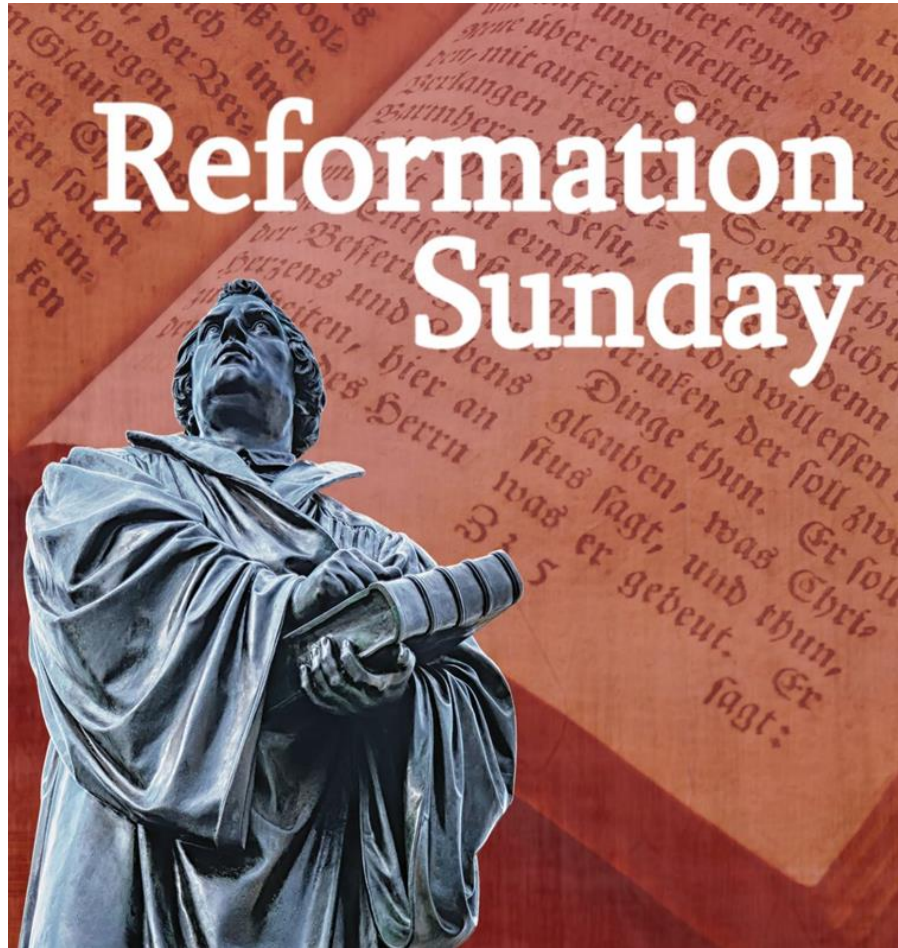


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



October 30, 2022

THE CHURCH IS REFORMED

For nearly 1500 years. . .Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, we confess today to the same sins which have always plagued your church: we are too stuck in our ways, too resistant to your Spirit, too attracted to power and privilege, too quick to build walls, and too slow to build bridges. Send more reformation our way until we are formed perfectly by you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Friends, hear the good news! Sin has always been at work in the world, yet God's grace meets it toe-to-toe. We believe that when the story is over, it is forgiveness that will have the last word. **In Christ we are forgiven, now and as often as we come before him. Alleluia! Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

THE SCOTS CONFESSION

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul,
in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of evil.
He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair
can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me
of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**³

THE SECOND HELVETIC CONFESSION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA
(Verse 1: All; Verse 2: Men; Verse 3: Women;
Verse 4: All sing A Capella; Verse 5: All)

THE WESTMINSTER STANDARDS: Westminster Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of humanity?

A. Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.⁵

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all privileges, of the children of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life

do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. Assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.⁶

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS BEING REFORMED. . .

*HYMN 288

"Spirit of the Living God"
(Sing twice through.)

LIVING GOD

THE BARMEN CONFSSION

THE CONFSSION OF 1967

THE BELHAR CONFSSION

*HYMN 853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"
(On verse 3 – "Praying" – sing quietly.)

SIYAHAMBA

CHARGE: A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples**

to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"¹⁰

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praeludium II"

J.S. BACH

*Those who are able, please stand.

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All confessional excerpts are from *The PC(USA) Book of Confessions*. Louisville: Office of the General Assembly, 2016. They have been lightly modernized with inclusive terms for humankind.

1 The Nicene Creed.

2 The Scots Confession 3.16.

3 The Heidelberg Catechism 4.001.

4 The Second Helvetic Confession
112-113.

5 Shorter Westminster Catechism

6 Shorter Westminster Catechism
7.033-7.036.

7 The Barmen Declaration 8.17-8.18.

8 The Confession of 1967 9.53-9.55.

9 The Belhar Confession 10.7.

10 A Brief Statement of Faith 11.4

This Week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 11:45 Silent Auction 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 4:00 Trunk or Treat 6:00 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>Tuesday, Nov. 1 4:00 Worship Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, Nov. 2 10:00 Knitting Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, Nov. 4 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, Nov. 6 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Harvest Potluck 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:00 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HARVEST POTLUCK NOV. 6</p>
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Adult Ed Learning Opportunity

Incarnation

By Rev. Adam Hamilton
 REDISCOVERING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS

His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and the angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh.

In *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*, best-selling author Rev. Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. This study will be used as our Sunday Bible Study which meets at 9AM. We will meet in person and via Zoom beginning on Sunday, November 27.

THE SCHEDULE WILL BE :

- Week1: Sunday, November 27 at 9AM
- Week 2: Sunday, December 4 at 9AM
- Week 3: Sunday, December 11 at 9AM
- Week 4: Sunday, December 18 at 9AM

The epilogue, as well as our usual Sunday Bible Study that follows the lectionary. will be offered on Sunday, December 25 at 9AM.

The cost of the book for this study is \$10 per person. The Adult Ed Ministry Team will cover the additional cost. We want everyone who is interested to join in, so if there is any concern about the cost, please talk with Rev. Anne. Books for this study are available in the church office.

We hope you will join us as we learn the meaning behind the names of Christ and the difference He makes in our lives this Christmas. Be Transformed this Advent Season!

