

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 26, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184* Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart;

People: We recount all of your wonderful deeds!

Leader: Let us be glad and exult in God's goodness;

People: We will sing praise to your name, O Most High!

***Hymn #624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

* Call To Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us when we limit you, God, and when we try to contain you, to put you in a box. Forgive us when we become so attached to our ideas of you that we fail to hear you speak what we did not expect to hear. Open our souls to the expansiveness of faith. May we be moved by new winds and bold ideas even when we are set in our old ways and content with our monotonous routines. Free us, that we may praise and serve you as we ought. Amen.

*Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: To be in the presence of God is to be surrounded by grace and filled with joy.
Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.
(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable.)

***Response #587** *Alleluia*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading John 2:19-21

~ Children's Message ~

Second Scripture Reading

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Sermon

A Cloud of Mystery

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn #230

Joyful is the Dark

***Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1987)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Gloria Patri #581**

Glory Be to the Father

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offering

Cantata No. 80: A Mighty Fortress, V. Choral in Unison

J.S. Bach

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Lynette Carlson; Children's Message, Anne Witkowski; Organist and Music Director, David Stultz; The Sanctuary Choir

Calendar

Sunday, October 26

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m. Deacon's Meeting

Monday, October 27

6:30 p.m. C. E. Bible Study
Youth Lounge

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m.
Life Line Screening
10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m.
Treasure Chest
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 30

10:00 a.m. P.W. Bible Study

Friday, October 31

Happy Halloween!



Sunday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m. "Nicene Creed To day" Class– M.H.

The Nicene Creed Today: *How to Read Scripture in the Light of Christ*

Continues on November 2, 9, & 16

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea (325). The creed that resulted from the Council has defined orthodox Christian belief since the fourth century. But what is its significance today? This class will explore the controversies of this period as debates about how Christians should read Scripture. If our faith is in a crucified savior who frees us from sin and unites us with God, how should we understand the narrative arc of Scripture? What is the main story about? In particular, who is this God who both creates and redeems, and what does it mean to be in relationship with this God?



We need your help . . .

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Church Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9 :00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.