

23rd Sunday after Pentecost-Reformation Sunday

10:00 AM

October 27th, 2024

¹ I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. ² I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. ³ Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us gather in the shelter of the Most High, resting in the shadow of the Almighty, who is our refuge and our fortress.

P: We will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day. His faithfulness is our shield.

L: Let us come with thankful hearts, knowing that God will sustain and renew us.

P: Because we love the Lord, He will rescue us; He will protect us as we call on His name.

All: Together, we will lift our voices in praise to the God of grace, who is our constant help and everlasting refuge. Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 151

“Speak, O Lord”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, You are a loving God, committed to consoling us in all of our afflictions. But despite that kind of generous love, we confess that we have not loved You in return with all of our heart, mind, and strength. Also, we have not blessed our neighbors in the manner that we should. We have not cared for one another in a Christlike way. We have failed to forgive as we have been forgiven. Pardon us, Lord, and help us to love You more than anything else and to love others the way You love us. May we faithfully invest in the care and encouragement of others. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:2-3

ANTHEM

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:9-17

SERMON

“How Deep”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“In Christ Alone”

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

The chancel flowers today are in honor of Laura Franklin and Julie Barton in thanks for the love and support they give to our church family.

Ushers: Molly, Sadie, Graceyn, Cora

Greeters: Cora Murtha

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore

Fellowship Hour: Connie Lamb

Liturgist: Charlotte Smedley

Childcare: Pam Greb

<i>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	7-9 PM	Youth Group
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	9 AM	Coffee & Conversation
	6:30 PM	Choir

THIRD GRADE BIBLES- Madison Barnett, Colton Franklin, Matthew Hauser, Nikki Hromyak, Cora Murtha, & Sutton Patrick will all be given a bible from the church during today's worship service. We hope and pray that God's Word will be at the center of their hearts.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- Please plan to attend our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, November 10th immediately following worship. There will be no Adult Sunday School that day.

DIASTER RELIEF- If you are looking to help in the recovery efforts in Tennessee and North Carolina please support World Renew at www.worldrenew.net They are a trusted mission partner of ECO and our denomination is asking that any support be sent through them.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT- Crestfield Camp, Nov 15th-17th, join us as we focus on "Letting Go" Philippians 3:7-14, registration forms are available on the signup table or on our website. The cost is \$100 per adult (two days) \$50 (Saturday only) and children are free. Please register by October 30th.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM- Calling All Musicians and Talented Members! Debbe is organizing a special Christmas program for the evening of our Family Christmas Dinner on Dec 8th at 5:30 PM. Our choir and preschool-2nd graders will perform, and we're inviting adults, teens, and 3rd-5th graders to join in! Please see Debbe for more information and signup in the narthex.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY JESSE TREE- Sign up to get more information on our Jesse Tree activity. Whether it is coming to our craft day on November 8th or our exchange on November 24th. It makes a great gift for family members and it's a fun time of fellowship.

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