

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Shalom Blessing

Timothy, Nancy, Evelyn, Jonah Bowers

Pastor: Today is the last day you will be with us for this present time. As you have been made welcome in this place, by this people, so shall you be sent forth.

People: **We, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, bid you farewell for this day. We have been blessed by your presence in our midst, and we celebrate with you the challenge of the changes in your life.**

Pastor: Go in peace, be of good courage, and may the blessing of God the Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with you forever.

People: Amen.

*Hymn: "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art" Hymnal #624

*Benediction

*Recessional

Empyre Pipes & Drums

*Postlude

Today's lay reader is Edie Masillem.

The Sacrament of Baptism is being administered to Cora Joy Price born June 3, 2017 daughter of Sgt. Cary and Laura Price.

We remember in our prayers Raul Carreón, that he be kept safe in the hands of God and be healed in all ways as he pursues his new endeavor (requested by his sister Suzette Carreón).

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during morning worship next Sunday, November 5, 2017. Please prepare to take part through prayer and meditation throughout the week.



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October 29, 2017

REFORMATION SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

An asterisk indicates places where the congregation should stand, as able. **Bold text indicates words spoken together in unison.*

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour

WESTMINSTER

Processional

Empyre Pipes & Drums

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymnal #275

*Prayer of Confession *from Calvin's 1543 Genevan Liturgy*
Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father: We acknowledge and confess before thy holy majesty, that we are poor sinners; conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end thy holy commandments. Therefore we have drawn upon ourselves, by thy just sentence, condemnation and death. But, O Lord! With heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our offenses! We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence beseeching that thy grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased then to have compassion upon us, O most gracious God! Father of all mercies; for the sake of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of thine Holy Spirit; that acknowledging from our inmost hearts our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance; and that thy Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and of righteousness well pleasing in thy sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness & Passing of the Peace

You are invited to turn and greet your neighbors, saying "May the peace of Christ be with you."

*Response: "Glory Be to the Father"

Hymnal #581

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism – Cora Joy Price

Anthem: "Arise My Soul Arise"

Dale Wood

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-39 *New Testament, page 158*

Sermon: "The Doctrine of Perseverance of Saints" *Rev. Neal Locke*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, page 35

Announcements

Tithes & Offerings: "God Is My Strong Salvation" *A. C. Lovelace*
God is my strong Salvation: What foe have I to fear? In darkness and temptation, my Light, my Help is near. Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand. What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand? Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage, wait. His truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate. His might my heart shall strengthen, His love my joy increase. Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give me peace.

*Response: "Doxology"

Hymnal #606

*Affirmation of Faith: *adapted from the 1560 Scots Confession*
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust; who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance and yet distinct in three persons. As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be one Kirk, that is to say one company and multitude of people chosen by God. This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit. It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism. Amen.