

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ  
21st Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
Sunday, October 29, 2017 | 10 AM | Rev. Drew Harrison

**For Prayer & Contemplation**

<sup>43</sup>Christians are to be taught that he who gives to the poor or lends to the needy does a better deed than he who buys indulgences.

<sup>44</sup>Because love grows by works of love, man thereby becomes better. Man does not, however, become better by means of indulgences but is merely freed from penalties.

<sup>45</sup>Christians are to be taught that he who sees a needy man and passes him by, yet gives his money for indulgences, does not buy papal indulgences but God's wrath.

- Martin Luther, Theses 43-45

**Welcome & Sharing Information** Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

**Prelude** "Carillon on 'A Mighty Fortress'" - Biery

**Call to Worship**

One: Jesus went around Galilee inviting tax collectors and sinners, the righteous and the unrighteous to come follow him.

**All: As God welcomes us, so let us welcome others.**

One: He taught us a new way, proclaiming the kingdom of God, where captives are freed, new life is given, and the meek are blessed.

**All: As He proclaimed to us, so let us proclaim the kingdom of God.**

One: He chose to undergo death that we might have life, willingly walking to the cross that we might be redeemed.

**All: As Jesus loved us, so let us love others.**

**\*Hymn No. 624** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

**Litany of Confession**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Moment of Silence**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."

**Passing of Peace**

**Anthem** Tenor/Bass Ensemble - "Chorale from Cantata 80: 'Ein feste burg'" - Bach

**Time with Children** (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

**Adults: God be with you there.**

**Children: God be with you here.**

**Scripture**

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12* OT 191 LP 239

Second Reading: *Matthew 22:34-46* NT 25 LP 30

**Sermon** "Always Reforming" -Rev. Drew Harrison

**Invitation to Offering**

Remembering the gift of God's love, let us offer our gifts to the Lord. Please join me in our prayer of dedication.

**Offertory** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" - arr. Moser

**\*Doxology No. 606**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, you share more than we could ever hope to deserve. Please accept our humble gifts. May they glorify you and help us work together to help people. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Please contact the church office for a copy of the prayer list.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.

**\*Hymn No. 275** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

**Benediction**

**Benediction Hymn No. 62** "Love the Lord Your God"

**"Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul. Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are."**

**Postlude** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - arr. Rogers

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*

Please be advised that our worship service is filmed from the balcony. Though the camera's focus is primarily on the chancel, there are wide shots that may include parts of the congregation sitting near the front.

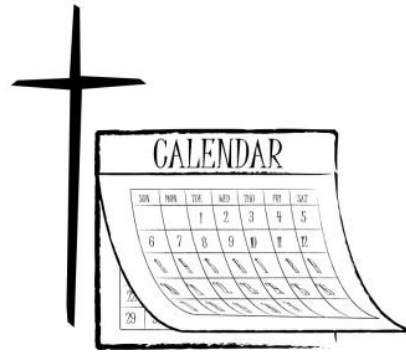


Every Sunday, please join us in the Social Hall following worship service for coffee and fellowship at "Coffee Hour." All are welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Kyle, Alyssa and Luna Koenig on the birth of their newest family member! Jack Theodore Koenig made his debut into this world on Saturday, October 21, 2017. There is a Prayer Card on the table by the door if you wish to send a message of congratulations and prayer.

# Ushers & Greeters



Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Liturgist	Pat Meudt
Greeter	Jean Brod
Ushers	Karen Daly, Jennifer Grenier, Ed Mitchell, Ginnie Mitchell
Tellers	Steve Langlois, Glen Stevick, Karen Daly
Acolyte	Ryleigh Wiechart

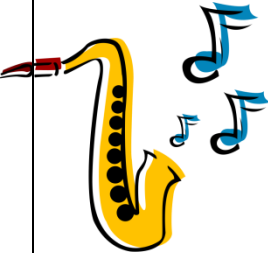
## Music Notes

Today's anthem is chosen especially to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. It is the chorale movement from J. S. Bach's Cantata 80, based upon Martin Luther's hymn, "Ein feste burg" (A Mighty Fortress, #275 in Glory to God).

Here is a literal translation of the German, paraphrased in our hymnal's 3<sup>rd</sup> verse:

"And if the world were full of the Devil and would devour us, Even then we would not be so fearful, we should even succeed. The prince of this world, however sour he might be, Yet can do nothing to us, since he is already judged, A little word can topple him."

The prelude is James Biery's 2016 setting of the same hymn tune. We thank our Tenor/Bass Ensemble for sharing special music with us this morning.



<b>October 31</b>	Beverly Carrier
<b>November 3</b>	Jillian Lai
<b>November 4</b>	Arianna Luby
<b>November 5</b>	Barbara Vignola
<i>May God bless you on your birthday.</i>	

This Week's Calendar   October 22-29	
<i>Sunday</i> October 29	<b>10am</b> Worship <b>1115am</b> Sunshine Singers Rehearsal-Music Room
<i>Monday</i> October 30	
<i>Tuesday</i> October 31	
<i>Wednesday</i> November 1	<b>6:30 pm</b> I&O Meeting moved from November 7th-Memorial Lounge
<i>Thursday</i> November 2	<b>7pm</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal-Music Room <b>8pm</b> Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal-Music Room
<i>Friday</i> November 3	
<i>Saturday</i> November 4	
<i>Sunday</i> November 5	<b>830am</b> Deacons-Memorial Lounge <b>10am</b> Worship <b>1115am</b> Sunshine Singers Rehearsal-Music Room <b>6pm</b> Youth Group-Social Hall

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