



Reformation  
Sunday

# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

*Please silence your cell phones.*

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2019

11:00 A.M.

*The congregation  
is asked to  
remain silent  
during the  
prelude as a time  
of prayer and  
meditation.*

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)*

Minute for Mission

Choral Call to Worship

"Rain Down"

Jaime Cortez

*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.*

*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.*

Opening Sentences

Elder Wayne Casteen

*Leader: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

*Leader: There is one Body and one Spirit;*

**All: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Leader: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;*

**All: One God and Father of all.**

*Leader: Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church.*

**All: And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith.**

**Amen. Alleluia!**

*"Amazing grace,  
how sweet the  
sound, that saved  
a wretch like me!  
I once was lost,  
but now am  
found, was blind,  
but now I see."  
Hymn #649,  
Glory to God:  
The Presbyterian  
Hymnal*

\*Hymn #624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

*"The law says,  
'Do this, ' and it is  
never done.  
Grace says,  
'believe in this, '  
and everything is  
already done."  
Martin Luther,  
16th century  
Protestant  
Reformer*

*"We cannot rely  
on God's  
promises without  
obeying his  
commandments."  
John Calvin, 16th  
century  
Protestant  
Reformer*

*"Faith is like an  
empty, open  
hand stretched  
out towards  
God, with  
nothing to offer  
and everything  
to receive."  
John Calvin,  
16th century  
Protestant  
Reformer*

### **\*Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession**

[The Prayer of Confession and the Absolution are from 1539; they were used by both John Calvin at Geneva and John Knox in Scotland.]

*Come now and let us make confession to God the Lord together; let everyone, with me, acknowledge our sin and shortcomings:*

**Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen. Let each of us come before the face of the Lord, confessing our own faults.**

**(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)**

**\*Assurance and Absolution (From the English Reformation, John Merbecke, 1550)**

*Leader: This saying is true and we should believe it:*

**All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**

*Leader: To all those who repent, therefore, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins,*

**All: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**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.**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING**

**Children's Sermon**

**Anthem**

*"Scripture is like  
a pair of  
spectacles which  
dispels the  
darkness and  
gives us a clear  
view of God."  
John Calvin,  
16th century  
Protestant  
Reformer*

*"If a preacher is  
not first  
preaching to  
himself, better  
that he falls on  
the steps of the  
pulpit and breaks  
his neck than  
preaches that  
sermon."  
John Calvin,  
16th century  
Protestant  
Reformer*

*"All the blessings  
we enjoy are  
Divine deposits,  
committed to our  
trust on this  
condition, that  
they should be  
dispensed for  
the benefit of our  
neighbors."  
John Calvin,  
16th century  
Protestant  
Reformer*

Prayer for Illumination (adapted from the Reformed liturgy of Strasbourg, France by Martin Bucer, about 1540 A.D.)

**Almighty and ever gracious God, since all our salvation depends upon your holy Word: therefore grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things, so that we may with all diligence and faith hear your Word, rightly understand your gracious will, and in all sincerity live according to the same, to your praise and glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

*John 3:16-17*

Elder Wayne Casteen  
+Page 864

\*Hymn #649

**"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

AMAZING GRACE

Epistle Lesson

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

+Pages 949, 950

Sermon

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

**"The Church Reformed and Always Being Reformed"**

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

### **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

\*The Affirmation of Faith: **A Litany for Reformation Sunday**

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to whom alone we must cleave, and in whom alone we put our trust.**

*We believe that we belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**We believe that all things are governed by the Providence of God.**

*We believe that the Lord our God was pleased to make a second covenant of grace, wherein he freely offered unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ.*

**We believe that the chief end of humankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever.**

*(Continued)*

*We believe that there is but one only, the living and true God. God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.*

**The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.**

*We believe that the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.*

**We believe that unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. Through the work of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force. At the same time, unity must be earnestly pursued and sought. Our unity must become visible to the world.**

*We believe that separation and hatred between people and groups is sin, already conquered by Christ. Anything threatening our unity has no place in the church.*

**With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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*"When we've  
been there  
ten thousand  
years, bright  
shining as the  
sun, we've no  
less days to  
sing God's  
praise than  
when we'd  
first begun."  
Hymn #649,  
Glory to God:  
The  
Presbyterian  
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\*Hymn #275

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

EIN' FESTE BURG

\*Benediction

Choral Benediction

**"Step by Step"**

David Strasser

*Step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.*

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able may stand.*

*+The page number in the pew Bible.*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 27	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering
Wednesday, October 30		No Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, October 31		Reformation Day

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **The Church celebrates Reformation Sunday** on the last Sunday of October, commemorating a significant event in the history of the Reformed tradition. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterian is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit's ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals.

\* **This morning** we receive our monthly (during the school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This ministry is an offshoot of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and supplies weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous support.

\***There will be no Wednesday Bible study this week.**

\* **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary, will be on vacation October 20-25.

\* **The session** has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, November 3 following the covered dish luncheon to consider any matters of business before the congregation and to hold the annual meeting of Wallace Presbyterian Church, Inc.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3!  
Stewardship Covered Dish Luncheon Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
Information from the Session about Hurricane Florence Repairs  
Fellowship Around the Tables!



10/27: Emily & Hayes Ludlum  
 11/03: Christy & Payton Johnson

**USHERS**  
THIS MONTH

Charley Farrow, Leader  
 Rick Batchelor  
 Jonathan Fussell  
 Curt Simpson  
 Bill Carone



**YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS**

10/27: Ayden & Camryn Fussell  
 11/03: Madelyn & Robert Coombs



**GREETERS**

10/27: Joe Tillman & Georgia Longest  
 11/03: Emily Saunders & Effie Mobley

**Opening Church Building**

October 16-31: Jack Blackney    November 1-15: Jim Simpson



**Andrea Casteen** (cancer treatments), **Jeff Cavanaugh** (stage 4 lung cancer), **Andrew DeNatale** (Mary Carone's brother), **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **George Hatch** (cancer treatments), **Carolyn Herring** (biopsy on inoperable spinal tumor), **Judy Holley family**, **Frank Lettieri**, (cancer treatments), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas), **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome), **Judy Robinson**, **Rodney Rogerson** (Kidney Transplant, friend of Neil Sloan), **Stan Skidmore** (recovering from back surgery), **Robert Steen** (recovering from back surgery), **Joe Tillman**, (chemotherapy treatments), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Andy Wells** (Headmaster at HCA-Neuromyelitis Optica), **Verlie Wells-Rosemary**, **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne. William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).

(When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off).



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
 BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
 TODAY, OCTOBER 27**

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries  
 Contributions from individuals, twenty plus churches, foundations, and other  
 organizations provide lunches and weekend food to schoolchildren.  
 Thanks for your contributions!

Schools served: Wallace-Rose Hill High School; Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary/Middle;  
 Wallace Elementary/Middle; Chinquapin Elementary/Middle; Beulaville Elementary/Middle;  
 Early College



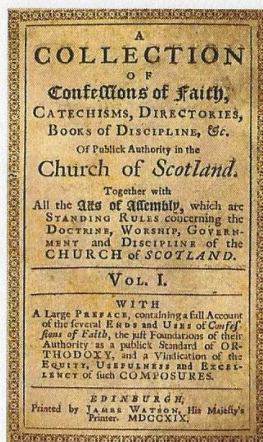
REFORMATION SUNDAY: OCTOBER 27

## One Christ, Many Confessions: Reformed Theology from Geneva to Belhar

Three hundred years ago, William Dunlop, a professor of church history at the University of Edinburgh, published two volumes of confessions that had enjoyed “public authority” in Scotland since the Reformation. While the Westminster Standards (1647–48) filled the first volume, more than ten earlier confessional documents—including the Geneva Catechism (1542), the Scots Confession (1560), and the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)—filled the second. By placing Westminster in the broader tradition of Reformed (“Calvinist”) theology, Dunlop honored a distinctly Reformed custom: he compiled a book of confessions.

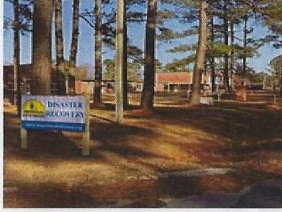
The Reformation produced many catechisms and confessions. Reformed churches did not try to formulate one universal creed. They held to an earlier tradition that each faith community—be it in Zurich, Geneva, or Edinburgh—should draft a statement unique to its time and place. Communities declared their solidarity with each other, not by adopting the same words, but by affirming that they heard in different words the same witness to Christ.

Reformed theologians believed that a kind reader could hear the voice of Christ speaking in each confession, and that this would provide the unity that any one confession lacked. And they allowed that the need for new confessions would not end, as the Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934), the Confession of 1967, and the Confession of Belhar (1986)—adopted by the PC(USA) General Assembly in 2016—richly demonstrate.



For more Reformation Sunday resources, visit [www.history.pcusa.org/rs](http://www.history.pcusa.org/rs)

2016 Book of Confessions: [www.pcusa.org/resource/book-confessions](http://www.pcusa.org/resource/book-confessions)



## CHARITY REBUILD CENTER

In light of the ongoing needs of Duplin County in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, we are not participating this year in operation Christmas child. Instead we have an alternative project. We are adopting the Charity Rebuild Center, which was the Charity Middle School. It is able to house 200 volunteers and feed 15,000 a day. Groups from across the United States are coming to help out in Duplin County following Florence. Of course the Charity Rebuild Center needs items to operate. When items are donated, money is freed up to purchase building supplies to directly help Hurricane Florence survivors in their rebuilds. So below is a list of items that they have requested and you can bring to church and place in the boxes provided in the fellowship hall and in the back of the sanctuary. If you would prefer to give financially, please place in an offering envelope with CRC on the envelope.

Cheers,  
Candace

- Spray air freshener
- Magic erasers
- Window cleaner
- 409 cleaner
- Spray foaming bathroom cleaner for showers and toilets
- Furniture polish
- Brooms and dust pans
- 6 foot white drop cords for bunk rooms
- Paper towels
- Heavy duty styrofoam divided round plates