St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Director of Music/Organist	Mr. Gary O'Neal
Church Office Administrator	Cathy Schingle

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation"
(arr. Michael Ware)
Piano/Organ Duet; Susie Miller and Gary O'Neal

* **Welcome and Greeting One Another** Pastor

* **Congregational Introit** (remain standing)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* **Call to Worship** Liturgist and Congregation
(Responsive)
We gather here to worship God.
We are here, with heart, soul and mind.
We gather here as Christ's body.
We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.
The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.
We are here to worship and to be transformed. Let us worship the Triune God!

* **Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 275

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* **Invitation to Stand**

* **Prayer of the Day** Liturgist and Congregation

Let us pray:

Dear God, we gather in Your presence with hearts full of thanksgiving. We thank You for waking us to a new day, for the gift of fellowship, and for the privilege of lifting our voices in praise. We thank you for those who have led us through the Reformation to the present, recognizing we are always reforming. Lord, as we enter this time of worship, we ask You to cleanse our hearts from anything that hinders us from drawing near to You. Remove our doubts, renew our faith, and fill us with the joy that comes from knowing You. We pray for Your Spirit to move among us—touching each soul, inspiring each mind, and strengthening each heart. May Your Word today be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Bless those who are here in person and those joining us on YouTube. Comfort the grieving, uplift the discouraged, and remind us all that Your love never fails. We commit this service into Your hands, trusting that You will do far more than we can imagine. May every prayer, every song, and every message bring honor to Your holy name. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.

* **Gloria Patri** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

The Sword of the Spirit

Call to Confession Pastor

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor and Congregation

Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. (Continued on next page)

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* **Invitation to Stand**

You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back. Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon, with our hearts, souls, and minds. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen

(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison "Change My Heart, O God" No. 695

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Cámbiame, Señor, con tu gran poder. Hazme como tú; tuyo quiero ser.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsive) Pastor and Congregation
The gospel we proclaim is good news for us all: God's mercy is eternal. We are made blameless through Jesus Christ. Freed from sin's power over us, we can bear the fruit of God's love and righteousness.
Thanks be to God!

Lessons from Scripture

Prayer for Illumination Liturgist and Congregation
Let us pray with one voice:
Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our Lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. We will listen to the word of the Lord. Amen.

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:22-30 (p. 288 Pew Bible) Liturgist
This is the Word of the Lord!
Response: **Thanks be to God!**

*** Invitation to Stand**

Second Reading: Matthew 21:12-17 (p. 826 Pew Bible) Pastor
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.
Response: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon The Life and Times of Jesus Rev. Dr. Paul Burns
"Jesus Reclaims the Temple for Prayer"

Anthem "Let Us Build a House" Sanctuary Choir
(arr. Lloyd Larson)

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison) Pastor and Congregation
– Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

* **Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Faith Promises** Doxology No. 606
A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

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* **Invitation to Stand**

If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

* **Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 465

* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

* **Sending Song** "We Are One in Christ Jesus" No. 322
"Somos uno en Cristo"
(sing 2 times)

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.
Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.

* **Postlude** Gary O'Neal, Organist

Assisting in worship today is Lindsay Moses, Liturgist.
The Usher is Bar Tuinstra.

Refreshments in the Parlor today are served
by the Worship Committee.

* **Invitation to Stand**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25TH

Sunday	11:00 am	Disciple Followship Group
	11:00 am	Yoga Wellness
Tuesday	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Church Food Pantry
	6:30pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Yoga Wellness
	5:00 pm	Prayer Team
	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Way Out Wednesday
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Church Food Pantry
	3:00 pm	Open Gate

SESSION MEMBERS
Cathy Schingle – Clerk

Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Kathleen Hale	Bill Grayson	Bob King
Dorothy Moore	Shelly Manriquez	Bill Oney
Ann O'Neal	Harry Roberts	Charlene Taylor

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

October 25, 2026

The Weekly Devotional focuses on today's sermon and message. It includes a memory verse, three reflection questions, and a challenge for the upcoming week.

Please take the Weekly Devotional home with you and use it throughout the week.

Sermon:
"Jesus Reclaims the Temple for Prayer"

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 8:22-30
Matthew 21:12-17

Memory Verse:

"Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; hear and forgive." 1 Kings 8:30

Reflection Questions

1) What distractions or activities sometimes get in the way of meaningful prayer in your life? What might you do to make more room for God?

2) Jesus reclaimed the temple as a place of prayer, healing, and praise. How can your church better reflect these purposes, especially for people who are hurting or seeking God?

3) The Children praised Jesus while the religious leaders criticized him. What might we learn from their joyful and uncomplicated faith?

Challenge for the Week
Set aside ten uninterrupted minutes each day this week for prayer. Begin by thanking God for specific blessings, then bring your worries, needs, and failures before the Lord. Finally, pray for someone who is hurting or searching for hope.

As you pray, ask yourself: What do I need to clear away so that God has more room in my life?

Prayer
Gracious God, you call us to be a people of prayer, worship, and compassion. Forgive us when our busyness, traditions, or distractions keep us from your presence. Reclaim our hearts and our churches for your purposes. Help us welcome those who are hurting, rejoice in the praise of others, and trust that you hear our prayers. May our lives become places where your grace is known and your love is shared. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.