



Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice
in the warmth of God's love and light by
teaching the holy word,
servng Christ's community, and
growing together in faith.



October 29, 2023
Reformation Sunday

The Service for the Lord's Day

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9:30 am

Prelude

Fantasia in C Major (BWV 570)
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Memorial Ringers

J. S. Bach
Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship

One: Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

All: Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

One: May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

All: May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 275

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

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

*Passing the Peace *(Please check first with those you approach)*

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Grand March
Melody Chimes

Julie Turner

Time with Children Jennifer Miller
*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination Steve Lederach

First Reading Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 (pg.476)

Anthem *Living Christ, Our Rock and Foundation* Lloyd Larson
Living Christ, our rock and foundation, we, your people, lift our praise! Living Christ, our source of salvation, hear the joyful songs we raise! Cornerstone of faith, once rejected by the ones you called your own. Crucified and then resurrected, Jesus Christ, our living stone! The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, she is his new creation, by water and the word; from heaven He came and sought her to be his holy bride, with his own blood He bought her and for her life He died. The church on earth has union with God, the three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won; O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled!

Epistle Reading I Thessalonians 2: 1-8 (pg. 959)

Sermon *Entrusted with the Gospel* Rev. Amy Lincoln

Offering
We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully entrust these gifts to your care and Christ's ministry. May these gifts reflect our love for our neighbors in need; blessing others as we have been blessed. Amen.

*Doxology

No. 607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

No. 305

*Charge and Benediction

Response

Day by Day

Douglas B. Leightenheimer

Day by day, dear Lord, three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more
dearly, follow thee more nearly day by day.

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress

Wilbur Held

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