

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**October 28, 2018
10:00 A.M.**

REFORMATION SUNDAY

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Prelude in a Classic Style” (Young)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.**

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**

***OPENING HYMN #41**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

(vss. 1, 2 & 5) (Kraus)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most holy God, who has redeemed us from the horrific penalties
of sin and death;**

We confess that we think we can save ourselves;

**We confess that we minimize our sin in order to escape its awfulness;
We confess that we seek futile and useless ways to absolve our guilt;
We confess that we would rather think of other things and remain too busy.
Forgive us, we pray.**

**Save us from the smug certainty that sin is not real and present in our lives individually and corporately.
By your Holy Spirit, grant us constantly grateful hearts for your Son, our great high priest, who continually intercedes on our behalf, who has redeemed and rescued us.
In his saving name we pray.
Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #581** *“Gloria Patri”* (Greatorex)

**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 THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: “The peace of the Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Job 42:1-6

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Hebrews 7:11-26

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“From All that Dwell Below the Skies” (Young)

***READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Mark 10:46-52

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SERMON

“A Priest Forever”

***HYMN #475**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

From *The Westminster Larger Catechism* (1649)

Q. Why was our Mediator called Christ?

A. Our Mediator was called Christ because he was anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure; and set apart and fully furnished with all authority and ability to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of his people, and in making continual intercession for them.

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RETURNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Amazing Grace” (Columbian Harmony)

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW #606**

(Genevan Psalter)

**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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

God of our lives, in your plan of redemption, conceived from before the beginning of time, you came among us in Jesus of Nazareth, who was and is fully human and fully divine. He was and is the anticipated Anointed One, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. He is our great high priest, and we live only because of him.

Now we are called to live for him, in his service, carrying out the work he has given us to do, in the power of the Spirit, until he returns. Grant that we may be awake and alert until that day, that we may serve and speak and heal and encourage in his name, loving others and sharing the salvation only he offers. He intercedes for us. May we, in faithfulness and devotion, share him with the world. Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
holy is your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #275** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* (vss. 1 & 2)
(Luther)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

Words in **bold print** are spoken by the congregation.