

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Reformation Service Worship - October 27, 2024

GREETING & WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount.....Mary Love Cook & Julie Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our GodInsert
(Combining Choir and Congregation)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION.....Reverend Chris Wilbanks

GLORIA PATRI.....No. 734

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 3:21- 4:8.....Reverend Randy McClendon
(Pew Bible, Pg. 941)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God !

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN.....Reverend Douglas Barcroft
Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make You our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. -Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther

ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Psalm 32:1-2, 5

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....Reverend Mark Winder

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Not What My Hands Have DoneNo. 461

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The Staff of Faith.....Choir

DOXOLOGY.....No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER.....Reverend Drew Turberville

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 OF PREPARATION

Christ Our Hope in Life and DeathInsert

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Romans 5:1

(Pew Bible, Pg. 942)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Faith In Christ Alone: "The Open Gates into Paradise Itself"
Reverend Tommy Lee

HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Faith Looks Up to TheeNo. 528

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE.....Three-Fold Amen

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Reverend Tommy Lee, Pastor - Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tennessee

Reverend Drew Turberville, Associate Pastor - Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tennessee

Reverend Chris Wilbanks, Associate Pastor - Southwoods Baptist Church, Germantown, Tennessee

Reverend Randy McClendon, Pastor - Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Bartlett, Tennessee

Reverend Douglas Barcroft, Pastor - Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church

Reverend Mark Winder, Pastor - Wolf River Presbyterian Church (OPC), Collierville, TN

MUSIC LEADERSHIP

Terry Himebook, Music Director - Wolf River Presbyterian Church (OPC), Collierville, TN

Jim Carnes, Minister of Music - South Woods Baptist Church, Germantown, TN

Philip Himebook, Music Director - Grace Community Church, Cordova, TN

Ruth Himebook, Pianist

Nancy Carnes, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for a reception in the fellowship hall immediately after the worship service.

The church's three-phase history project is complete. We welcome you to spend some time, during the reception, viewing the historic church, school, and community exhibits.

ABOUT HICKORY WITHE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based historic church of believers committed to preaching, teaching, and sharing the transforming grace of Jesus Christ in the local and worldwide communities since 1834.

Because of Christ, we live in spiritual community with God Himself, we are redefined as a community of fellowship bound together in Him, and we work to serve the community we live in by offering biblical teaching, worship, and assistance.

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

The Gospel is the "good news of Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:1-2; 15:1-7).

God has announced this message to the nations of the world through the ministries of Christ and his 1st Century Apostles (Ephesians 2:19-21). And, now through the written word, the Bible, he continues to announce this good news to the nations through pastors, teachers, and faithful witnesses (Ephesians 4: 7-12). The 10 commandments teach us that we have broken God's Law and are under his wrath and curse (Romans 1:18-3:20). But the good news of the Gospel is that through Jesus Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession on our behalf, we are delivered from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:10), justified, adopted, sanctified and glorified (Romans 8:29-30). In our sin we were enemies of God, yet through Jesus Christ, his Son, we are reconciled to him, adopted into his family, and granted eternal security. Now, we are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20-21) and have a guaranteed home in the new heavens and the new earth (2 Peter 3:13).

The church is a people who God has called his own and who he has given to each other for love and community.

The Bible describes the church as people who belong to God and to each other, gathered together by belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and, by their mutual reconciliation to God through the Gospel. The church is not simply a building or meeting place, nor is it merely a place of religious observation, but a living and growing community of men, women and children whose identity is shaped by love through our belonging to God and to each other.

Our reconciliation to God through the Gospel compels us to live transformed lives.

The truth of the Gospel re-creates us into a people whose lives are transformed by a commitment and passion for God and his glory. God has uniquely called and equipped his church to display and demonstrate the power of the Gospel to transform individuals and communities. Just as the Gospel is the "good news of the Kingdom of God", the church is a foretaste of the Kingdom of God on earth, struggling, learning and growing together in an understanding of what it means to follow Christ with the whole of our lives.

We are a Presbyterian and Reformed congregation, and hold firmly to the system of beliefs and doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Catechisms.

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Established 1834

*"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."*

I Peter 2:10

"Christ-centered, Community focused"

Douglas M. Barcroft, Pastor

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