

Order of Worship
The Presbyterian Church in Burlington
Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2026

Legacy of Faith — A Service of Creeds and Hymns

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Sung Call to Worship**

This is the day (This is the day)
That the Lord has made (That the Lord has made)
Let us rejoice (Let us rejoice)
And be glad in it (And be glad in it)
This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day (This is the day)
That the Lord has made.

Time with Young Disciples

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

May the Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

You are invited to share the Peace with those around you.

THE CHURCH ARISES

*** Hymn # 108 Of the Father's Love Begotten Verses 1, 5, & 6**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through

him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

THE CHURCH IS REFORMED

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy and gracious God, we confess today to the same sins that have
always plagued your church:

we are too stuck in our ways,
too resistant to your Spirit,
too attracted to power and privilege,
too quick to build walls
too slow to build bridges.

Send more reformation our way until we are formed perfectly by you.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Words of Forgiveness (responsive)

Friends, hear the good news! Sin has always been at work in the world,
yet God's grace meets it toe-to-toe. We believe that when the story is
over, it is forgiveness that will have the last word.

In Christ we are forgiven, now and as often as we come before him.
Alleluia! Amen.

***Hymn # 275**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Verses 1, 3, & 4

The Scots Confession

As we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk,

that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace him by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal,

because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.

It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints,

who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, have the fruit of inestimable benefits,

one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism.

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of evil.

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;**

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
**and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Second Helvetic Confession

**Christian faith is not an opinion or human conviction,
but a most firm trust and a clear and steadfast assent of the mind,**
and then a most certain apprehension of the truth of God
presented in the Scriptures and in the Apostles' Creed,
and thus also of God himself, the greatest good,
and especially of God's promise
and of Christ who is the fulfilment of all promises.

**But this faith is a pure gift of God,
which God alone of his grace gives to his elect**
according to his measure
when, to whom and to the degree he wills.
And he does this by the Holy Spirit
**by means of the preaching of the Gospel
and steadfast prayer.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kin-dom come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. And give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing our Gifts

Offertory

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** (unison)

We trust you, Lord God, to multiply the blessings these gifts represent, as we pour out your love and grace on those who long to hear your word to them, to see your power at work within them, to feel your comfort beside them, through the generous gifts of your Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn # 261**

Peoples, Clap Your Hands!

Verses 1 & 2

The Westminster Standards: Shorter Westminster Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of humanity?

A. Humanity's chief end is to glorify and enjoy God forever.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all privileges, of the children of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. Assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

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Barmen Confession

The Christian Church is the congregation of the people
in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord

in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.

As the Church of pardoned sinners,
it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world,

with its faith as with its obedience,

with its message as with its order,

that it is solely his property,

and that it lives and wants to live

solely from his comfort and from his direction

in the expectation of his appearance.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to
abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to
changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ
embraces the whole of humanity's life:

social and cultural, economic and political,

scientific and technological, individual and corporate.

It includes humanity's natural environment
as exploited and despoiled by sin.

It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be

**fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his
creation.**

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a
father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an
unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom.

**The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists
his will and disrupts his creation.**

Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.

It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Belhar Confession

We believe

that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged

that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

***Hymn # 853**

We Are Marching in the Light of God

twice through

Blessing and Sending: A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new

heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

As you go forth from this place,

go with the love of God who created you

the peace of Christ you saved you,

and the Holy Spirit who reforms, renews, and refreshes you,

today, tomorrow, and evermore. Amen.

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