

Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner

The Rev. Dr Radford Rader

Reformation Day

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Gathering

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PRELUDE "Sinfonia to Cantata No. 106" Bach
ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Dr. Rader

ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Sumner

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and earth.

All: The Eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

One: O come, let us worship God.

HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *Toulon*
Attributed to John Calvin

I greet thee who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in every place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
sustain us by thy faith and by thy power,
and give us strength in every trying hour.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
that in thy strength we evermore endure.

CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Rader

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace and Giver of Life: hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed these rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. (Silence)

RESPONSE

George Whelpton, 1897

“Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us Thy Peace. Amen.”

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(From the Book of Common Worship, PC(USA) 1906)

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

The Five Solas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Clement of Rome C.E. 96

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-12:1 (Condensed)

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him.... But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her... Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house... But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house... On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." ... The men of the city came out and fought with Joab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well... When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentations for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the things that David had done displeased the Lord.

QUARTET

“Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Mueller

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THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13: 36-43

Then [Jesus] left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of

the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Sin of the Lifetime”

Dr. Sumner

HYMN

“Just as I Am”

William Batchelder Bradbury

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many-a conflict, many-a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

This congregation continues to need offerings to support the staff and missions we have. You may mail checks to us or have your checks mailed regularly from your bank at no cost to you. Otherwise, you may give by credit or debit card by going to www.wbts.org and clicking “Donate now.”

OFFERTORY

“Contrition”

de Arabaclaza

DOXOLOGY

(Sung)

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 DEDICATION

(Unison)

God of blessing, our lives are full because of you. You richly bless us with all that we need. You surround us with people to love and by whom we are loved. Your love continues unabated, and our salvation is sure in Jesus the Christ. We say thank you as we give ourselves again to you and as we make our financial offering through this church. We pray that our lives and our gifts give you glory. Amen

HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Ein’ Feste Burg
(Attributed to Martin Luther)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill;
God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Ein Feste Burg”

Pachelbel

Announcements

FLOWERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY:

The Coleman Family, in loving memory of Leanne’s father, Russell Wagner.
By Kitty French, in loving memory of her sister-in-law, Nancy Regan.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE will meet November 4th at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who was not a member of the committee prior to the pandemic that would like to join us, we’d love to have you! We hope to see you at the meeting. You can reach out to the church office with any questions.

ALL SAINTS COMMUNION: Sunday will be observed on November 7th. It will be a quiet, reflective service. This year a verbal necrology (reading of names) during the in-person service will take place, naming church members who have died since January 2020. For the online service, anyone can electronically send a picture of a loved one who has died, with his or her name written out, and perhaps a candle or candles in a photo. **Photos will need to be emailed to Mary Ann Sumner (MAflam@aol.com) by today** to be prepared for our online service on November 7th. We hope these services will comfort you.

PAPER COPIES of the November Spire will be available beginning Thursday in the office and in next Sunday's in-person worship.

Financial results thru 9/30/21

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collections for the year	\$ 411,768	\$ 314,068
Expenditures for the year	\$ 411,768	\$ 396,561
Amount over (under) needs	\$ 0	\$ (82,493)

THIS WEEK begins our Stewardship Emphasis weeks. Today we focus on the early Reformers and the things they did to see that Scripture, Grace, Christ, and Faith were emphasized, and that the Glory was given to God! We continue in that great tradition today. Next week, an Estimate of Giving Sheet will be mailed to each church household, and one will be included in the November 7th bulletin too. We will dedicate those Estimates of Giving Sunday, November 21st.