



**commit your work to the LORD and  
your plans will be established** *Proverbs 16:3*

# **INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



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## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

*Scottish Heritage ~ October 30, 2022*



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*The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life. It cannot be grasped by reason and memory only, but it is fully understood when it possesses the whole soul and penetrates to the inner recesses of the heart. ~ John Calvin*

~ **CRUINNEACHADH** ~

(SCOTS GAELIC: "GATHERING")

*Fàilte, tha sinn toilichte gu bheil thu an seo! ("Welcome, we are glad you are here!")*

*If you are visiting us today and would like to know more about us,  
see our greeters, or leave your contact info and our pastor will reach out.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Ezekiel 36:26*)

A new heart I will give you, says the Lord,  
a new spirit I will put within you.

**I will remove from your body the heart for stone  
and give you a heart for flesh.**

**PRELUDE**

SCOTLAND THE BRAVE  
Scottish Gaelic: Alba an Aigh

Jim Brennan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 71*)

God, our rock and our refuge,  
**in your house gather young and old,**  
with mouths full of praise  
**and hearts beaming with glory.**

For babies rest in you for hope,  
**and children learn to trust.**

For the gray know comfort,  
**and the old are never forsaken.**

From one day to the next,  
**from one generation to another,**  
we celebrate the wonder of God,  
**our rock and our refuge.**

Come, let us worship our God of generations.

**\*HYMN**

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST  
by John Oxenham

GTG #318

ST. PETER

**\*POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(based on Psalm 51)*

Have mercy, O God, have mercy upon us today. Blot out our transgressions, for against you we have sinned. Without you our hearts remain stone. Rebuild us with mercy, we pray. May your steadfast love wash over the earth. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put in us a new and right spirit. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody

LAND OF REST

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**\*INSTRUMENTAL**

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

African American spiritual

~ **AM FACAL** ~

*(SCOTS GAELIC: "THE WORD")*

**CHILDREN OF GOD**

WHY DO WE?

*Pray for Illumination?*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 1:14-18

(CEB)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*LITANY OF SENDING**

One: Let us send our children with God's love:

**All: May God be with you there.** Kids: May God be with you here.

**HYMN**

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

GTG #320

by Fred Pratt Green

WAREHAM

**HEBREW BIBLE**                      EZEKIEL 11:14-20, 25                      (NRSV)

**SERMON**                              HEART FOR FLESH OR STONE

**RESPONSE**                              LORD, PREPARE ME                      GTG #701  
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs                      SANCTUARY

~ ***A' FREAGAIRT AIR AN FHACAL*** ~  
(SCOTS GAELIC: "RESPONDING TO THE WORD")

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** [SEE INSERT]  
*Adapted from the Scots Confession: Chapter XVI: The Kirk*

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE**                              DOXOLOGY                      GTG #606  
OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

~ ***A' CUR*** ~  
(SCOTS GAELIC: "SENDING")

**\*HYMN**                              WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL                      GTG #797  
by John L. Bell                      YE BANKS AND BRAES

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**                              GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN                      (verse 1) #541  
by Jeremiah Eames Rankin                      RANDOLPH

**POSTLUDE**                              AMAZING GRACE                      Jim Brennan

*Please join us for fellowship, potluck, and a presentation from our Vision Team.*

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Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship, Lectionary Aids*; *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri Ott. *Together We Pray*, by J. Bradley Wigger  
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