

Welcome to Worship Today!

Sunday, October 31, 2021



Calvin Sinclair
Presbyterian Church

Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00 am: Echo Hill & Calvin-Sinclair
Combined Worship-Sanctuary

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - Noon

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• Church Life Snapshot •

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday. This day is always the last Sunday in October, marking the moment when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany in 1517 (painting by Belgian artist Ferdinand Pauwels).

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Large Print Hymnals (words only): Available on the back table.

Hand Sanitizer & Wipes: Available for those who need them.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

Connection Card

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to Worship! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	_____
Are you a:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee

Order of Worship – October 31, 2021

Gather for Worship -----

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Welcome

***Hymn #275**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

No hymn is identified with the Protestant Reformation more than Martin Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress.” Luther (1483-1546) left a body of congregational songs that both defined the Lutheran confessional tradition and became truly ecumenical in influence. The story of Luther’s reforming movement is widely known. A Roman Catholic monk, he posted his famous 95 theses on the door of the church at Wittenberg, inviting debate. Luther broke with Rome in 1521, refusing to retract his writings before the Diet of Worms. Subsequently, he was recognized as the leader of the German Reformation.

***Pass the Peace**

Prepare for Worship -----

Call to Worship (*Deuteronomy 6:1-9*)

Leader: This is the commandment, the rules and regulations, that God, your God, commanded me to teach you to live out in the land you’re about to cross into to possess. This is so that you’ll live in deep reverence before God lifelong, observing all his rules and regulations that I’m commanding you, you and your children and your grandchildren, living good long lives. Listen obediently, Israel. Do what you’re told so that you’ll have a good life, a life of abundance and bounty, just as God promised, in a land abounding in milk and honey.

All: Attention, Israel! God, our God! God the one and only! Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that’s in you, love him with all you’ve got! Write these commandments that I’ve given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**All: O Holy God, how far we have strayed from your word. We have let the voices of the outside world distract us from your word. We don’t spend time reading and studying your word as if it is the way for a good life. We say we believe it, but our actions prove we don’t. We have not taught your word to the future generations. We have depended upon public education, the Scouts, 4-H, and sports leagues to teach our children and as a result we are reaping what we have sown. While these organizations do their best, they are not a replacement for our responsibilities as parents and grandparents. Change is not easy when we are called to live a different way than what we are used to living. Along with wisdom, age also brings a resistance to change even when we know it is your voice calling us. Forgive us. Help us to begin thinking in a new way whereby we live declaring there is only one God and loving you with all our heart, our soul, and our strength is our life-goal. We offer our prayers in Jesus’ name. Hear us now as we pray in silence...
(*moment of silence for personal confession*)**

Words of Assurance

Leader: Knowing that God rescues those who listen, we read from Jeremiah 31:10-14: “Hear this, nations! God’s message! Broadcast this all over the world! Tell them, ‘The One who scattered Israel will gather them together again. From now on he’ll keep a careful eye on them, like a shepherd with his flock.’ I, God, will pay a stiff ransom price for Jacob; I’ll free him from the grip of the Babylonian bully.

Leader: The people will climb up Zion's slopes shouting with joy, their faces beaming because of God's bounty – grain and wine and oil, flocks of sheep, herds of cattle. Their lives will be like a well-watered garden, never again left to dry up. Young women will dance and be happy, young men and old men will join in. I'll convert their weeping into laughter, lavishing comfort, invading their grief with joy. I'll make sure that their priests get three square meals a day and that my people have more than enough." God's decree.

***Response #581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

All: 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.

Proclaiming God's Word -----

Prayer for Illumination

Unison Reading a Luther Hymn #424

Scripture

Mark 10:46-52 (page 49)

Message

"It's Impossible" – The Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey

The Response #693

"Though I May Speak"

Responding to God's Word -----

Announcements

Call to Dedication

Leader: Our Noisy Offering today goes to the Olivet Mission here in Cedar Rapids. Today, as members of the Echo Hill congregation, we are invited to bring our Estimates of Giving for 2022. We dedicate our plans to God's plan in calling people into God's family. Both congregations understand God has loved us and believes in us. We are invited to give tithes and offerings to express our love for God and our trust in what God is doing in our personal lives and in the world today.

All: We give to the Kingdom of God.

Offering

Offertory

Medley by Bev Slager – "Make Us One," "Grace Alone," "There is a Savior"

***Congregational Response #606**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: Praise God, from who 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**

All: Holy God, thank you for what you are doing in the world around us. We want to join you in providing ways for your love to be shared. We ask your blessing on these plans for giving for 2022, along with our tithes and offerings. We dedicate them to your Kingdom. We also ask for your blessing on the Olivet Mission and give thanks for the ways we can help support sharing God's love there. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Leave to Serve God's People -----

***Closing Hymn #712**

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude

"In Christ Alone"

Life at Echo Hill for the Week of October 31

Ushers for Oct. 31: Bev Slager and Linda Spina

Thanks to **Lynda Nelson and Ila Van Dyke** for providing treats for this morning's fellowship! Please contact the church office if you'd like to provide treats for a future Sunday. Calvin-Sinclair provides treats for November and Echo Hill will provide for December.

Today (October 31) is our Noisy Sunday offering. Get your coins ready. Paper money is welcome too! This offering will be given to Olivet Neighborhood Mission. – *The Caring Team*

A mini mart will be held after worship today. Clarence Boesenberg is selling his well-known raspberry jam. If you've never tried it, you're missing out! And the sewing group will be selling quilts (mostly baby quilts). Grandmas and great-grandmas, a baby quilt is a great gift idea for that special newborn in your family. Proceeds from the mini mart will go to Olivet.

Operation Christmas Child: During fellowship time on November 7th, we will be packing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. If you have items for the boxes, please bring them on or before that date. If you want to pack a shoe box, please pick one up from the fireplace in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wanting to donate to help with the \$9.00 per box shipping, please write your check to either Echo Hill or Calvin-Sinclair and put it with your regular offering.

New devotionals are now available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Weekly Calendar

Members from both congregations are welcome to attend any event/meeting.

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Study-Room #1

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

12:30 PM: Church of Pentecost-Fellowship Hall

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:00 AM: Bible Study at Genee Coles' Home

9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM: Echo Hill Deacons Meeting-Room #1

7:00 PM: Cedar Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Gleanings from Jim White

"My books are water; those of the great geniuses are wine. Everybody drinks water."
– Mark Twain

Balance Sheet

	Aug 31, 21	Aug 31, 20
ASSETS		
Checking/Savings	219,765	220,164
Investments	60,704	38,512
Total Current Assets	280,469	258,676
TOTAL ASSETS	280,469	258,676
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Total Payroll Liabilities	(772)	2,727
Total Operating Liabilities	822	894
Total Current Liabilities	50	3,621
Long Term Liabilities	(92)	4,067
Total Liabilities	(42)	7,688
Equity	280,511	250,988
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	280,469	258,676

Income Statement

	Aug 21 YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
Income			
Sunday's Receipts	65,515	71,758	95,679
Miscellaneous Income	142	28	37
Total Income	65,657	71,786	95,716
Expense			
Staff Expenses	62,671	50,898	65,192
Office and Business	4,338	4,077	5,436
Finance & Stewardship	537	265	352
Property - Maintenance	10,935	13,050	17,400
Utilities	2,027	2,772	3,696
Worship and Music	832	750	1,000
Outreach - Hospitality	442	375	500
Church & World Mission	923	1,201	1,600
Total Expense	82,705	73,388	95,176
Net Income	(17,048)	(1,602)	540

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