

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY
October 25, 2026

Music and Hymns:

Gathering	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	ELW 504
Hymn of Day	<i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word</i>	ELW 517
Sending	<i>The Church of Christ, in Every Age</i>	ELW 729
Prelude	<i>The Church's One Foundation (handbells)</i>	Arr by Moglebust
Anthem	<i>O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth</i>	Bender/Gieseke
Communion	<i>O Waly Waly (handbells)</i>	Arr by Moglebust
Postlude	<i>Jesus, My Friend</i>	Johann G. Walther

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: In honor of Reformation Sunday, these flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of all who courageously stood for the gospel and helped preserve God's Word for future generations by Marie & Wayne Lybrand.

- **Called Congregational Meeting:** Immediately after worship on **November 1**, the congregation will vote to approve the recommendation to spend up to \$15,000 to replace one of the four HVAC systems in Fellowship Hall.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 15, 2026:** The congregation will consider the 2027 budget and elect council members. Nominees for two-year terms beginning in 2027 are Wayne Lybrand, Gail Marcum, Steve Nivens, and Mark Satterwhite. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the nominee's prior approval. **Budget copies are available in the Narthex.**

- **2027 Directory Information:** Please review the updated membership information sent through Evine and confirm that your family's details are correct. Email the church office with any changes and let us know if you would like to submit a new photo.
- **Weekly Bulletin Deadline:** The **bulletin** is printed Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Please submit announcements to the church office before that time. Thank you.
- **Grapevine Deadline:** Articles and information are due to the church office by the 20th of each month. Thank you.
- **God's Helping Hands:** Current needs include assorted canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, crackers, canned fruit, and Jiffy cornbread mix. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.
- **Blessing Box Supplies Needed:** Please help keep the Blessing Box stocked by placing donations in the Cameron Hallway or kitchen. **Helpful items:** peanut butter crackers, canned meats, canned pasta, canned fruit, soup, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, rice or pasta sides, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and deodorant. *Please choose items that do not require refrigeration; pop-top cans are especially helpful.*
- **Veterans Day Parade:** Saluda River Academy will hold a parade on November 11 from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Veterans who would like to participate may see Pastor Joanna for a form.

We commend the following individuals to God's gracious care in our prayers this week. For anyone outside our congregation, please tell the church office how you are connected. Please also share any additions, changes, or updates to the list.

Melanie Amick
Gerald Bush (Friend of Sandra Hughes)
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Virginia M. Cromer
Katie Doble
Jerry Hite
Dolores Hopkins
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)

SERVERS	Today	Next Week
Greeters	Steve and Beverly Nivens	<i>*need volunteer</i>
Lector	Beverly Nivens	Charles Nicholson
Worship	<i>*need volunteer</i>	Charles Nicholson
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Ushers	Jim Garner, Chief <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	Steve Nivens, Chief Mark Satterwhite
Tellers	Pam Hanfland/Gail Marcum	Beth Cleland/Melba Murphy
Offering Pickup	Pam Hanfland	Steve Nivens
Property	Jim Garner	Steve Nivens
Altar Guild	Gail Marcum/Marie Lybrand	Steve and Beverly Nivens

Fall back! Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 1. Set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday, October 31, and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!

SAVE THE DATE – Treasure Find and Fall Fest – Saturday, November 14th. Treasure Find Yard Sale: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; Fall Fest: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. For more information or to reserve your space, contact OSLCEVENTS26@gmail.com or call/text [803-719-3569](tel:803-719-3569)

Sunday, October 25	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Wednesday, October 28	12:00 p.m.	Community Lunch
Thursday, October 29	3:00 p.m.	SRAA using Parking Lot
Sunday, November 1	10:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday, November 2	10:30 a.m.	Rebekah/Cameron Meeting
Tuesday, November 3	7:00 a.m.	General Election
Wednesday, November 4	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study