

**Commissioning (Unison)**

In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling  
as the people of God, the body of Christ.

**Benediction**

**Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ**

We are here joined in Christ,  
called to serve and adore Him.  
Give us peace, perfect peace,  
patience and hope everlasting.  
Send us to serve in our Master's name,  
and to glorify Him.  
Joined with Christ, and through Christ,  
praise our Father forever.

Following our worship today, EVERYONE is invited  
to the MacLellan Room for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of Carol Esdale

**News for the Pews**

**News from our Archives**

We recently were given custody of the **Bronze Plaque** which was attached to the Fence that was erected in 1989 around the Gravestone Mound at our Sydney and Sixth Street Cemetery.

The Mound was taken down for safety's sake. The Plaque has been mounted, and it is now hanging in the centre cubicle of the MacLellan Room.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

**October 29, 2017      Reformation Sunday      10:00 a.m.**

**Organ Prelude**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise - Hintze/Hopson  
Minuet from Berenice - G. F. Handel

**Welcome and Announcements**

Today we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with Reformed Christians around the world. The outline for our worship has been supplied by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Christian Reformed Church.

**Call to Worship(Responsive)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world-  
which some seek to control,  
but which others view with despair.

**We declare with joy and trust:  
Our world belongs to God!**

**Opening Hymn**

A mighty fortress is our God

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**Prayer of Approach (Unison)**

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from You no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
holy name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Praise Song**

Now thank we all our God

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**Children come forward after the singing of the last verse**

**Prayer of Illumination**

## **The Scriptures**

(The Scriptures represent the Five Solas of the Reformation)

Read by Keppel Bharath & Michele Alexis

<b>Grace Alone:</b>	Ephesians 2: 1-10	NT pg. 184
<b>Scripture Alone:</b>	2 Timothy 3: 14 – 17	NT pg. 204
<b>Faith Alone</b>	Philippians 3:4b -12	NT pg. 190
<b>Christ Alone</b>	Colossians 1: 11-20	NT pg. 191
<b>To God Alone be the Glory</b>	1 Corinthians 10: 23-33	NT pg. 164

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

**\*\*Hymn** Joyful, joyful we adore You 410

## **Sermon**

“The Doxology” (Revelation 7:9,10)

## **Presentation of Our Offerings and Gifts**

### **Offertory Anthem**

Built on the Rock the Church Does Stand - Lindeman/Martin

### **Prayers of the People**

(Revised from the Book of Common Worship)

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
with gladness we praise You,

**for You create all things and sustain all things**

*Silence*

For making us in your image to love one another  
and to care for your creation,

**We give You thanks.**

*Silence*

For the gift of your son, Jesus Christ  
through whom we have received grace upon grace,

**We give You thanks.**

*Silence*

For the gift of your Word,  
a map to our feet and a light to our path,

**We give You thanks.**

*Silence*

For the gift of faith  
through which we can be reconciled to You,

**We give You thanks**

*Silence*

for the gift of your own Holy Spirit  
who leads us into all truth,

**We give You thanks,**

*Silence*

By your Holy Spirit, empower us to show your love to others  
even as we pray for the church and those who lead in it,

*Silence*

the world that we may learn to reverence and care for it,

*Silence*

those who rule the nations of the world,

*Silence*

those who serve as teachers, healers and caregivers,

*Silence*

the poor, the homeless, the hungry,

*Silence*

those who mourn and are alone,

*Silence*

those imprisoned for defending truth or justice,

*Silence*

those who, like many Reformers, are refugees for religious reasons,

*Silence*

the powerless and the oppressed in all nations,

*Silence*

those who are persecuted in the service of Christ,

*Silence*

God eternal, keep us in communion with your saints of all time

that we may serve You well until your will is done

on earth as it is in heaven

and your kingdom fully comes.

**To You, through Jesus Christ your son and the Holy Spirit,**

**we offer all praise and honour.**

**And now we join our voices in the prayer which Jesus Christ himself  
taught his followers saying: Our Father... (debts)... Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

The church's one foundation 479

**Welcome** to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

**\*Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

**Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's.**

**Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12;	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18;	Psalm 1;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8;	Matthew 22:34-46

**A PCC Mission Moment**  
**For October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Encouragement Through Mentoring**

Have you ever found yourself stuck and in need of good advice? Thanks to *Presbyterians Sharing*, ministers and ministries across Canada are receiving the encouragement and guidance they need to thrive through a variety of coaching networks.

Programs such as the New Church Development Coaches and the Social Mentor Network bring direct support to ministries by matching them with trained coaches who provide guidance and support. Whether getting a new church start off the ground or navigating the challenges of managing a church-based outreach mission, coaches help leadership teams hear where God is calling them and equip them with the tools needed to follow God's call.

In 2018 Canadian Ministries will pilot two new coaching programs in the area of evangelism and congregational renewal!

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**Please pass the friendship folder. Thank You!**

**St. John's Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.**

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