

500 Reformation Five Hundred Years 1517-2017

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

FOUNDED 1685
CHURCH CONSTRUCTED 1830

The Mission Statement of The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island:
In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ, we commit to
learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.

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The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island

October 29, 2017

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Reformation Sunday and All Saints' Worship
Ten O'Clock

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

**As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.*

"Enter to worship..."

9:55 am PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
Psalm 100*

Pachelbel
Knecht

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #54**

Leader: The church is saved by grace through faith.

People: We gather as the church to worship our God of grace.

Leader: What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Church?

People: I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am, and always will be a living member.

Leader: Let our community praise the Lord.

***HYMN #442**

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

WORDS OF WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFT OF CHILDREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 46)

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

People: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its water roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Leader: Five hundred years ago, a pastor and monk named Martin Luther, working in an obscure college in the obscure town of Wittenburg,

Germany, took a stand on Scripture to make the Church a better witness.

People: **He did so without fear, trusting God, his refuge and strength.**

Leader: Today, we celebrate the bravery of Luther and Calvin and the many Reformers of our history.

People: **We celebrate those who trust in God.**

Leader: We acknowledge, confess, and lament, that those who came before, and all of us, as well, trusted God's presence enough to be brave, but not always enough to be patient; that we have trusted God to defend us, but we think only we can defend God.

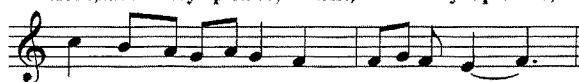
People: **We confess that, in our overconfidence and impatience, we have fractured the body of Christ. We lament our failure to trust God's sovereignty, our dishonoring of Christ's unity, our mistrust of the Spirit's possibilities.**

Leader: We acknowledge, confess, and lament, yet we are grateful:

People: **The LORD of hosts is with us.** (Silent Confession)



Lord, have mercy up on us; Christ, have mercy up-on us;



Lord, have mercy up-on us. A - men - .

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 6:5-11)

Hear these words from the Apostle Paul: "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him." May this good news always be upon your hearts.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI #579

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.

*HYMN #260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Ephesians 2:1-8 and Revelation 7:9-17

SERMON *What's So Important about the Reformation?* Rev. Sanders

OUR RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Belhar Confession, Article 3

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed, because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

*HYMN #361 *How Firm a Foundation* Foundation

SHARING OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND PRAYER REQUESTS

OFFERTORY *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Hassler

*RESPONSE #592

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 FOR ALL SAINT'S DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Hymnal, Page 16)

*HYMN #526 *For All the Saints* Sine Nomine

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL
RESPONSE#586

Danish Amen
VOLUNTARY *Excerpt from 'Praise'* Martin

(Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary and then depart - with hope and joy.)

...leave to serve."

Pastor Sanders can be reached at 843-252-8791 or pastorpcei@gmail.com.

Visitors & Guests: It is a special joy to have you worship with us at the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island this morning. We invite you to join us each Sunday in our Education Building for a light breakfast and fellowship at 8:30AM followed by Sunday School for adults and children at 9AM, and Worship at 10AM.

Please sign our registry found in your pew close to the door.

A nursery is provided in the building next door. Following the Children's Moment, children whose parents wish for them to go to the nursery will be escorted next door where they can be picked up after worship.

Ushers and Greeters for today are Allen and Becky Woods.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Allen Harrison in loving memory of his father, Robert Allen.

Reformation: On this date in 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 Theses (propositions) on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church as an invitation to debate the sale of indulgences for forgiveness. That event sparked a reform movement that eventually led to a separate Protestant denomination. While there is much sorrow in the disunity which the Reformation caused, Luther did establish the idea that the Church is always in need of reform in the light of the gospel. Luther's primary principal, that Christians are justified by God's grace through faith in Christ, has also found universal acceptance among denominations. Today we pray for church unity, for the purity of God's word, and for a church that is always open to reform and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Today in honor of All Saints' Day we remember those in our congregation who have *fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith* (2 Tim 4:7):

Bill Partenheimer - January 26, 2017

Pete Blair - February 8, 2017

George Smith - March 3, 2017

Rosser Thrash - April 19, 2017

Allen Pate - May 17, 2017

Bill Long - June 22, 2017

Jim Heaton - October 15, 2017

Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, November 4 at 8AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our honorary chefs are Ray Johnson and John McAlhany. All men are invited.

The Pastor's Bible Study continues Wednesday at 10AM in the E&F. Bring your Bible and join us as we study and discuss the Book of Acts.

Edisto Presbyterian Church invites you to celebrate the first anniversary of Rev. Charles Heyward and Rev. Carolyn Heyward on Sunday, November 5th, at 3PM at 1890 Cypress Bottom Road, Edisto Island. Their guest speaker will be Rev. Cecelia Armstrong, Associate Pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church on James Island.

Presbyterian Women will meet November 6th at 10AM in the E&F. Pastor Ashley will lead us in lesson 3 in our books. All are welcome!

Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child by Nov. 12: Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that began over forty years ago, that sends the Good News of Jesus Christ along with small gifts in a shoe box to children all over the world. Please fill a shoe box with small gifts, include a check for \$9 payable to Samaritan's Purse (for shipping), wrap the box in Christmas paper (lid/box separate), place a label on the shoe box, and bring it our Fellowship Hall by Nov. 12. Their website has ideas of gifts for boys and girls ages 2 to 14. Labels are available on the porch.

Remember In Prayer (Members/Affiliates/Friends of the Church): John Moseley, Caroline Boineau, Betsy Thrash, Jake & Duck Lomas, Newton Hornsby, Bunny Perkins, Sam Lybrand, Sam Todd, Vera Klotzberger, Shelly Rainwater, Tom Yeargin, Bob Foster, and Jim Bishop.

Remember in Prayer (Friends, Family, and Loved Ones of Church Members): Shelly Myers (Sandra Collins), Sharon and Mike Eubanks, (Brenda Barnes), Sandra Leshar (Stan and Linda Manus), Joseph Daniel Barteet, Arthur Black, Fran Holcombe, Ryan Nettles (Carla Tumbleston), Luke Herndon (Okie Murray), Will Myers (Pat Moseley), David and Vivian Good (Weldon Burns), Mac McCord, Katie Budds (Jim and Margaret McCord), Marilyn Myers (Paula Burns), Will Pierce (Maxine Clay), Gordon Locatis (Elaine Freeman), Roane Auld (Libba Johnson), Sara Franklin (Bill Franklin), Marc Yeadon, Clare Cook Faggart (Cathy Price), Mott Parker, Eliza Messersmith, Candi Hawkins, John Harrison (Bess Kellett), DeWitt Helm (Ashley Sanders), Betty Robinson (Ann and Eddie Robinson), Vivian Fidler, Nancy Garrett (Betty Partenheimer), Chloe Guarza, William Wowk (Bonnie Lee), Chris King, Maxcy Westmoreland (Buddy and Dianne Watson), Andie Hardy (Jo Ringer), Samuel DuPree Lybrand, and Jim Lybrand (Sam Lybrand).

*Our deepest Christian sympathy to the Coker family for their recent loss.
Please keep them in your prayers as they mourn the
passing of Marc's father, Rev. Roy W. Coker of Charlotte, NC.*