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To Our Guests and Visitors

We welcome all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A Service for Reformation

Order of Service

- The Invocation
- Opening Readings: A Firm Foundation

**My hope is built on nothing less
 than Jesus' blood and righteousness;**

**No merit of my own I claim,
 but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 all other ground is sinking sand.**

A Mighty Fortress • Psalm 46

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace;
 In ev'ry high and stormy gale
 my anchor holds within the veil.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 all other ground is sinking sand.**

Our Firm Foundation • 1 Corinthians 3

**His oath, His covenant, His blood
 sustain me in the raging flood;
 When all supports are washed away,
 he then is all my hope and stay.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 all other ground is sinking sand.**

Built Upon the Word • Matthew 7

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 oh, may I then in Him be found,
 Clothed in His righteousness alone,
 redeemed to stand before the throne!
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 all other ground is sinking sand.**

Our Forever City • Revelation 21

- Confession and Absolution • A Mighty Fortress

L *Without Your Word, O God, our lives are built upon sand:*
 C **The sinking sand of selfishness, the foolishness of pride.**

L *Forgive the arrogance that places ourselves above Your Lordship.*

C **Place us upon a firm foundation. Help us to seek, to know, to do Your will.**

**A mighty Fortress is our God, a trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need that hath us now o'ertaken.**

**The old evil foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

L *Almighty God forgives you through His Son, and grants you the eternal peace of His Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

• Prayer of the Day

L *You have crafted a new covenant, O God, written not on tablets of stone,*

C **but upon the chambers of the human heart,**

L *scrawled not in ink,*

C **but in blood—the blood of Your Son.**

L *Keep us steadfast in Your covenant.*

C **Keep us steadfast in Your Word.**

L *Only then will we be defended against every temptation.*

C **Only then will Your people be at peace.**

L *Through Jesus Christ, our Rock and Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now,*

C **and forever. Amen.**

• Hear the Word of the Lord • A Mighty Fortress

• Jeremiah 31:31-34 •

• Romans 3:19-28 •

**With might of ours can naught be done,
soon were our loss effected;**

**But for us fights the Valiant One,
whom God Himself elected.**

**Ask ye, who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

• John 8:31-36 •

• The Apostles' Creed •

• The Children's Sermon •

• The Homily •

• The Offering

• The Prayers • A Mighty Fortress

L *Lord of Mercy,*

C **keep us strong upon a rock.**

**Though devils all the world should fill,
all eager to devour us,**

We tremble not, we fear no ill, they shall not overpow'r us.

**This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, he's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.**

- The Lord's Prayer
- Hymn • Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Thy Son
And set to naught all He hath done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

- We Are Sent • A Mighty Fortress

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

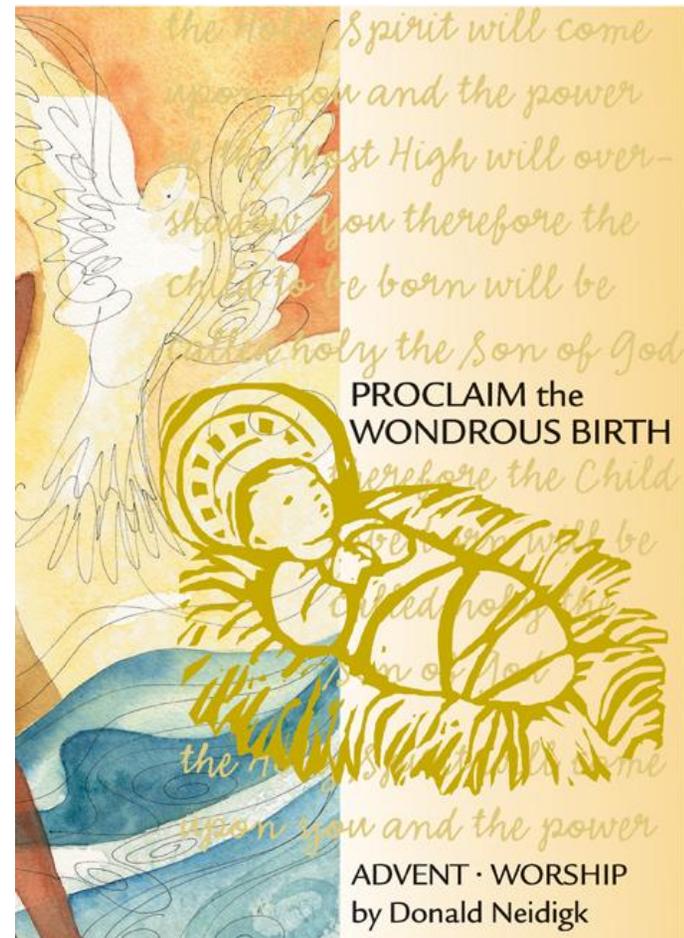
C Amen.

**The Word they still shall let remain
nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
with His good gifts and Spirit.**

**And take they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone, they yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

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Looking forward to Advent Services



In Advent we are looking toward the wondrous birth of Jesus on Christmas, but along the way in Scripture there were other wondrous births that pointed to God's promises fulfilled and to that most special birth in Bethlehem. Author Donald Neidigk helps us in this series to proclaim the news of each of these wondrous births and takes us straight to the crib to meet "**the Baby of promise.**"