

*October 27, 2024 – Reformation Sunday
10:00 am Livestream Liturgy with Confirmation*



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Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Opening Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

- P) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C) **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

- P) Let us pray ... Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

+ + + **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD** + + +

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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. 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. 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. 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.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

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.

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

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. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

R) The Word of the Lord.

C) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

P) The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 8th Chapter.

C) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 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’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon Sermon

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

+++ THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION +++

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism:

Lilianne Charlotte Aldas Acheson

Caroline Danielle Michel

Elizabeth Marie Michel

Ethan Joseph Mills

Taylor Jo Mills

Erik Sebastian Sander

Anthony Alexander Taylor, Jr.

The Pastor addresses the Confirmands:

P) Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

The Pastor addresses the Parents:

Parents, when your children were baptized, sacred promises were made by you:

- + to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house;
- + to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments;
- + to place in their hands the holy Scriptures and
- + to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.

Encouraging your children to participate in the confirmation program is just one of the ways you fulfill these baptismal promises. Will you continue to support these and all young people as they grow in Christian faith?

R) *Yes, by the help of God.*

The Pastor again addresses the Confirmands:

P) Dear Friends in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R) *I do.*

P) Do you believe in God the Father?

C) **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P) Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C) **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P) Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C) **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

P) Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, for all the baptized people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

A brief silence.

Each petition concludes:

A) Lord, in your mercy,

C) **hear our prayer.**

P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C) **Amen**

The Pastor addresses those making affirmation.

P) You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person answers in turn:

R) *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P) Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept so that prayer may be made for those making affirmation

P) Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C) **Amen.**

The Pastor lays hands on the head of each person as they kneel:

- P) Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

Each person answers: "Amen."

The Sharing of the Peace

- P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C) **And also with you.**

The Offering

We encourage everyone to support our ministry together here at Prince of Peace! If possible, [please give electronically](#) or through online banking. If you are worshipping live with us, you may also place your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give electronically. Thank you for your continuing support of our ministry!



The Offertory

Offertory Prayer

- A) Let us pray... God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P) The Lord be with you.
C) **And also with you.**
P) Lift up your hearts.
C) **We lift them to the Lord.**
P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C) **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P) It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P) Holy God, mighty Lord, Gracious Father,
in the beginning you created heaven and earth.
You gave us the gift of life, and you blessed us with your Spirit,
so that we might have life abundantly.

You loved us throughout the ages,
for even when our sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills, to take our sins upon himself,
and to form us again into your people.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing, his self-offering on the Cross,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when Christ will come again
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with your Son, the Bread of life.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P) Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C) **Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.


For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

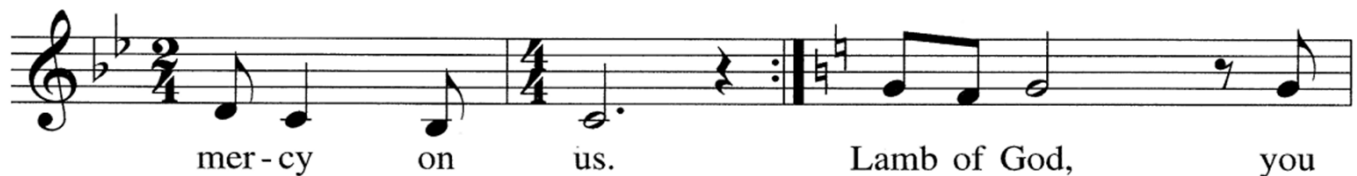


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us. mer - cy on us.

Final Stanza



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Communion will be distributed by individual glass (red wine; white grape juice) if you are worshipping in person. Gluten free wafers are also available.

If you are worshipping at home, please commune yourself or one another with the words:
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Music During Communion

- P) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C) **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

- A) Let us pray... O God of love, you bind us to yourself in this sacrament, and strengthen us through this meal for service to the world. Guide us by your Spirit, that we may forever witness to the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C) **Amen.**

The Benediction

- P) Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C) **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal!"



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917
Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

Dismissal

- P) Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C) **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

This morning we celebrate the Confirmation of: Lili Acheson, Carly Michel, Libby Michel, Ethan Mills, Taylor Mills, Erik Sander & AJ Taylor!

Special thanks to Monumental Brass Quintet for providing special music for us this morning!

Altar flowers are given by the Sander Family in honor of all confirmands and in memory of Marvin Sander.

**Please also join us on:
Sunday, November 3 – All Saints Sunday
Worship @ 10:00 am
(in person & [live stream on Facebook](#))**

On All Saints' Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate one of the oldest festivals of the Church. During worship there will be a time to remember family and friends who have gone before us. If there are some special people you would like to remember on this day, please submit their names to the Church Office and their names will be spoken during the service. Please include your name, their name(s), relationship to you, and whether the passing occurred in the past year. **Please submit names by Tuesday, October 29.**

Adult Coffee & Conversation - Sundays at 11:00am

10/27 (Confirmation Sunday) Adult Bible Study

11/3 Adult Bible Study

11/10 Adult Bible Study

11/17 Adult Bible Study

11/24 SJM – Packing Thanksgiving Boxes

As the season of gratitude and giving approaches, Prince of Peace will once again be participating in the City of Gaithersburg Thanksgiving Program. Please join the Social Justice Ministry Committee in a planning session **immediately following Sunday School on October 27th.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty of ways to contribute to this project. Please watch the weekly emails and bulletin for opportunities to be a part of making this a happy and meaningful Thanksgivings for our sponsored families.

Interested in being a part of the Christmas Pageant this year?

We need actors, coaches, photographer, lighting controller, sound person, microphone manager, costumer, prop person, music director, projector person, pianist, etc. We can find a job for you! For more info and/or to sign up, contact Jon or Lisa Conary at 301-461-2697, e-mail iconary@prodigy.net or sign up in the narthex.

This Christmas, PoP hopes to help low-income residents at The Village at Rockville by presenting each of them with a new fleece or other plush twin-bed blanket. This year we partner with a small group of Bible Study women from Rockville to spread a little cheer with something soft and warm. Note that blankets remain on autumn sales at Macy's and JC Penney's right now. Also requested have been bags of candy to share and lotions for hands and body. If you'd like to help sign up [here](#). **Due date is Sunday, December 8.**

A huge THANK YOU to all the members of the congregation, this year's confirmation class, youth Sunday school, Interfaith Power and Light, and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) for all the work on Sunday, 10/20 during the planting of the Sacred Grounds garden. We had over 30 volunteers after church with rakes, spades, trowels, wheelbarrows, watering cans, and plant markers who put in over 180 new native plants in the new semi-circular garden bed on the south side of the church. We had so many plants that we were able to place some in the existing bed against the church building as well. Please stop by and take a look! A sign-up to receive more information from NWF about using native plants in gardening is available in the narthex, and if you are interested in helping care for the garden, please check out the [Weedbusters signup online](#).

Honduras Mission 2025 We are already planning for the next Honduras Mission Trip scheduled for **June 26-July 5, 2025!** An interest meeting/breakfast to hear more details/Q&A will be held **on November 16, 2024 at 8:00am**. Please contact [Ric](#) or [Sherry Kienzle](#) for the meeting location, or if you cannot make the interest meeting and would like more information. See the following to view a slide show of the 2024 trip: [Honduras Mission Trip Slides 2024](#)

Food for Thought: The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. (*Matthew 9:37-38*)

Prince of Peace welcomes people as they are and embraces all the dimensions of diversity in which God has made us: race, gender identity, sexual orientation, family structure, physical ability, and cultural and religious backgrounds, among others. We are all loved by God.

Next Sunday's Readings

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#); [Psalm 24](#); [Revelation 21:1-6a](#); [John 11:32-44](#)

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