

**17th Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2017
“Reformed: Scripture Alone”**



Delta Presbyterian Church

Strengthening Christ in us

Sharing Christ among us

Showing Christ around us

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Order of Worship
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Prelude
Tolling of the Bell

Frederick Isaac, Pianist

Gathering for Worship

**Singspiration

Change for Change

Thy Word

Your word is so pleasing to my taste buds—
it's sweeter than honey in my mouth!

I'm studying your precepts—
that's why I hate every false path. Psalm 119:103-104

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Strengthening Christ in Us

Prayer of Confession

Maureen Dykstra, Lay Leader

**O Lord, our God, we confess that we do not know Scripture very well.
We like when people interpret Scripture in ways that support our beliefs
and desires.**

We are less open to passages that challenge us.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Give us the courage to embrace your Word, especially when it is
challenging.**

**Help us to take the time to learn more of Scripture, that we might be
equipped to recognize false teachings.**

Time for silent prayer

We commit ourselves to

**Strengthening Christ in us,
Sharing Christ among us, and
Showing Christ around us. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these comforting words:

If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy,
your sins are forgiven.

**We trust in God's promises and begin anew our lives
with God and all people
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace

**Response

Glory Be to the Father (Avery & Marsh)

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40:6-11 (CEB)

Anthem

At The Name of Jesus

Celebration Choir

Scripture Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (CEB)

Children's Sermon

Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs. 2)
(Children may go downstairs for Sunday School)

Proclamation of the Word **Reformed: Scripture Alone**

Rev. Wendy S. Pratt

The grass dries up;
the flower withers,
but our God's word will exist forever. Isaiah 40:8

Communion Hymn **All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sharing Christ Among Us-- Showing Christ Around Us

Offering

(Children in 5th grade and up may go downstairs for Sunday School)

Response **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Life in the Community

Prayers for Those Among & Around Us

You will have the opportunity to offer silent prayer on suggested topics. After each time of silence, we will close with the pastor saying "Lord in your mercy" and you may respond with "Hear our prayers."

Closing Hymn **I Love to Tell the Story

**Challenge & Blessing

Closing Response **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (vs. 2)

Postlude

***Please stand if you are able*



At Delta Presbyterian Church, we observe open Communion. All who truly repent of their sins and seek God's forgiveness, found in Jesus Christ, are invited to participate in the Sacrament. Children who have received instruction from their parents on the meaning of communion are encouraged to participate.

As God's love came to us in Christ, so the bread and the cup will come to us today in our seats. Please hold the bread and the cup that we might partake of it together as a sign of our unity in Christ. Receive this gift as a sign of God's grace, and pray that it will awaken in you the hunger to go deeper. All the bread this morning is gluten free.

Welcome to Delta Presbyterian Church!



We are pleased to have you worshiping with us this morning. We provide this information to help you fully participate in the worship of God. Please take a moment to sign the guest book on the stand in the back of the sanctuary (worship space) to the left of the drinking fountain. We invite you to stay for our fellowship time following the service. Feel free to help yourself to the coffee and hot water (for tea) that is available in the back of the sanctuary before and after worship.

Everything you need to participate in worship is on the screen. If you are able, you are invited to stand when the congregation stands.

Restrooms are in the back of the sanctuary on the left.

There is information on the activities at Delta on the counter in the Commitment Center. The Commitment Center is on your left as you leave the sanctuary.

We welcome the sound of children in worship. If your young child is distracting to **you**, you are welcome to do any of the following:

- Get up and move to the back. The colorful bags have small items designed to keep children busy. They are welcome to play with them on the floor in front of the Commitment Center, or you may take the bags to your seats.
- There is a nursery available downstairs. Exit the sanctuary via the door on the right and go straight down the stairs. The nursery (101) is at the foot of the steps on the right. Pagers are available to notify you if your child needs you.
- There is a cry room (202) where you can take your child. Instead of going downstairs, go down the hall and the cry room is on the right. You can view the worship service through a window. The cry room is equipped with a changing table.

Preschool through early elementary children are dismissed following the Children's Sermon. They may either return to their seats, or go downstairs to the Nursery (101 infants & toddlers), or Sunday School (Room 107). Older elementary and youth are dismissed during the offering to go down to the gathering room, except when there is a Fellowship Meal following worship.

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm

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