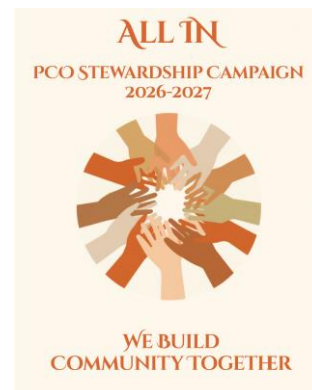


The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

*At PCO we strive to be a faithful, open, and inclusive community.
We welcome the full participation of all people of any age, ability, gender
identity, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.*



Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Trumpet Tune and Air
Micah Laird, trumpet
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Jacques Aubrey
(1689-1753)

Choral Introit

Bless the Lord, O My Soul
Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov
(1859-1935)
Adapted by Donald Moore

*** Call to Worship** (adapted Psalm 63)

Laurie Harkema, Liturgist

One: O God, you are our God; earnestly we seek you; our souls thirst for you and our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

All: So we have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

One: Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.

All: So we will bless you as long as we live; we will lift up our hands and call upon your name.

*** Hymn #275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, vs. 1-4
[Ein' Feste Burg]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: Let us put aside our good works and remember that we do sin and fall short of the glory of God.

All: Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood of your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us Lord from the sins we hide. [A moment of silence for reflection and self-examination.]

One: God of refuge and strength;

All: Have mercy on us, write on our hearts. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: God shows us true righteousness and divine forbearance. Through the work of the Holy Spirit given to us, we may come to know the truth and be made free. Jesus Christ the Son of God sets us free from our bondage to sin. Our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

One: It is as a forgiven and freed people that we share the peace of Christ. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

*** Act of Praise #582**

Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer of Illumination (together)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God be in my mind (touch forehead)
and in my mouth (touch mouth)
and in my heart. (touch heart)

Be on my left hand (touch left side of chest)
and on my right hand. (touch right side of chest)

May the words of my mouth (reach with outstretched hands)
and the meditation of my heart (touch heart)
be acceptable in your sight (reach outstretched hands up)
through Jesus Christ our Lord. (raise finger skyward)
Amen! (Clap hands together)

Children's Sermon and Time of Wonder

Pastor Aaron Punt

First Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

All in With Our Hands

Pastor Aaron Punt

Anthem

More Love to Thee

Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

Shelby Laird, director

Minute for Stewardship

All In with Our Hands

Youth

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Larghetto

Willem de Fesch
(1687-1761)

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Laurie Harkema, liturgist

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** Hymn #316**

Where Charity and Love Prevail, vs. 1-5
[Twenty-Fourth]

*** Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Aaron Punt

Postlude

Ein' Feste Burg

Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jeff & Michele Arbour

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Kent Workman for supplying snacks and to Edward Ennen for washing the dishes.

HYMN NOTES

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Ein' Feste Burg) is one of the most powerful statements of faith in the entire body of Christian hymnody. It has been called the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation" for its role in rallying support for the Reformation cause.

In the late Middle Ages, the use of hymns was widespread, but they were sung in Latin by the clergy and choir. Martin Luther changed the course of church music by restoring the hymn back to the congregation and was the first of the Reformation hymnists. Certainly, the large number of German hymns which suddenly appeared were an invaluable gift from the Reformation movement.

Luther wrote a total of 37 hymns of which "Ein' Feste Burg" is the best known. It has been translated into more languages than any other hymn, including more than 70 English language versions.

Education Hour following worship

Elementary Education in Room 116 led by Barbara Fretwell-Cooke and Jane Dettore

Middle School Education in Room 107 with Elsie Punt

Confirmation Class in the Temple Room with Pastor Lisa

Sermon Talk Back in Room 108 with Pastor Aaron

Next Week November 1, 2026; All In Stewardship Campaign, Week 3; Celebration of All Saints' Day
Scripture: Mark 10:17-31 *All in With Our Resources*

This morning's Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon have been adapted from prayers written by Bill Wessner and posted on re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/confession-reformation-sunday.html.
Wessner, Bill. "Confession: Reformation Sunday." Oct. 2011

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