

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

**Looking Ahead.** Next week's sermon is on Luke 3:1–14. Sunday school will be on Psalm 137.

### **Midweek Activities.**

Our prayer meeting is on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at LCM. Join us for dinner and fellowship, worship, and prayer. If you need a ride, please contact the elders and deacons. Dinner is bring-your-own. Every third Wednesday of the month we will cater a meal.

The elders are encouraging the congregation to meet in small prayer groups roughly once a week to pray for the evangelization of Toledo, for opportunities to share your faith, and for the preaching of the Word to come in the power of the Holy Spirit. This can be done in nearly any setting, but make it your aim to pray with someone else. If you want to join a group, please contact Brian if you live north of the river or in East Toledo, or Tom if south of the river.

**Save the Dates.** The Wright family invites you to join them at their home for a Fall Fellowship Party on October 28th and an Advent Breakfast on December 10th. The Stonebridge Christmas party will be December 16. More details to come.

### **New Resources Available.**

There is a new resource library in Pastor Taylor's office. The various booklets are free for your personal use or to share with a friend. There are titles like *What is a Christian?*, *What Is Experiential Calvinism?*, *How Can I Cultivate Private Prayer?*, *Why Should We Sing Psalms?*, *How Can I Stop Worrying?*, *Help! I Want To Change*, and *Help! I Can't Forgive*.

If you take a book, please let either Pastor Taylor know or write the title on a slip of paper and leave it on his desk so he can restock it.

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Welcome to



A Reformed Church For Toledo, OH

The Lord's Day, September 17, 2023

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Welcome And Preparation For Worship

Prelude

### Call To Worship

Rev. Taylor Wright

### \*Hymn Of Adoration

“Now With Joyful Exultation”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #95C

### \*Prayer Of Invocation And 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.

### \*Confession Of Faith

*Minister:* Christians, what do you believe?

*All:* We believe that the only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, forever.

We believe that as our Redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king in both His humiliation and His exaltation.

We believe that as our prophet, Christ reveals by His Word and Spirit the will of God to us for our salvation.

We believe that as our priest, Christ offered Himself up once, as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, and that He continually intercedes for us.

We believe that as our king, Christ subdues us to Himself, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and our enemies.

(from Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English Questions 21–26)

### Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:18–25 (Page 1015)

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### Confession Of Sin

*All:* Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love and abundant mercy. Blot out our transgressions! Wash us from our iniquity! Cleanse us from our sin! for our sin is ever before us. Against you only have we sinned. Behold, we were conceived in iniquity. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from our sins! Blot out all our iniquities!...Create in us a clean heart, O God! Renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence! Take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen. (from Psalm 51:1–5, 7–12)

\* Congregation stands as able.

## **Assurance Of Pardon**

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:16–17)

## **Hymn**

“Jesus Paid It All”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #276

## **Hymn**

“O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #107A, Verses 7–13

## **Tithes And Offerings**

### **\*The Doxology**

Trinity Psalter Hymnal #567

## **Prayer Of Intercession**

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### **\*Hymn**

“Christ Is Coming”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #390

## **Sermon**

Luke 3:1–14 (Page ...)  
Rev. Taylor Wright

### **\*Hymn**

“Come, Take By Faith The Body Of The Lord”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #197, Verses 1–2

## **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

Fencing of the Table  
The Words of Institution  
Exhortation to the Congregation  
Prayer for the Table  
The Bread  
The Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Benediction

### **\*Closing Hymn**

“Come, Take By Faith The Body Of The Lord”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #197, Verses 3–4

### **\*Closing Prayer**

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Congregational Response**

“The Son Of God Goes Forth To War”  
Trinity Psalter Hymnal #541, Verse 4

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