

Greeter Today: JoAnn Kilbourne
 Greeter Next Week: Mary Jane Crosby
Note: Greeters, if you will not be available a particular Sunday, please contact Barbara at the church office.
 Nursery Today: Maria Briscoe and Annie Lowry
 Nursery Next Week: Melissa Eller & Audriana Jackson
Note: Nursery Volunteers, if you switch your scheduled day, please contact Barbara at the church office after calling Retha to change your day.
 Young Disciples' Worship: Tim & Holly Briscoe
 Deacon of the Month for October: Ed Dean (451-1500)
 Deacon of the Month for November: Mark White (676-0461)

This Week's Events

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| Sun. | Oct. 30 | 9:45am 11:00am | Sunday School Worship Service (Reformation Sunday) |
| Wed. | Nov. 2 | 10:00am 7:00pm | Brunch at Perkins Restaurant Choir Practice |
| Coming Soon | | | |
| Sun. | Nov. 6 | 9:45am 11:00am | Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday School Worship Service-Communion |
| Tues. | Nov. 8 | 7:00pm | Election Day Session Meeting in the fellowship hall |
| Wed. | Nov. 9 | 10:00am 7:00pm | Morning Circle meets in the fellowship hall Choir Practice |

Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor
 Barbara King, Secretary/Office Manager
 Kevin Flannagan, Choir Director
 Patti Quarles, Accompanist

A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Abingdon Presbytery
 Green Spring Presbyterian Church
 serves Jesus Christ at
 22007 Green Spring Church Road, Abingdon, VA 24211
 Adult & Children Sunday School Classes at 9:45am
 Worship Service & Young Disciples' Worship at 11:00am
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Welcome



Green Spring Presbyterian Church

A place to worship, to serve, to belong ... Since 1781

October 30, 2011

Reverend Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor

Order of Worship

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 2011

Prelude *Highland Cathedral* Traditional
Andrew Hicks, Bagpipes

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choral Introit *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me* Vasile

*Call to Worship

One: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

All: The world and all who dwell in it.

One: We will not fear, for God's will is triumphant!

All: And God's truth remains forever. Let us worship God!

*Hymn #43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you deliver from distress all who cry to you in their trouble. We seek such a rescue from the burden of sin, from saying one thing and doing another, from pursuing what does not lead to new life. Forgive us, we pray, and remind us of our redemption in you. Lead us by your way following after Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith (*The Second Helvetic Confession, 5.077*)

For we teach and believe that Jesus Christ our Lord is the unique and eternal Savior of the human race, and thus of the whole world, in whom by faith are saved all who before the law, under the law, and under the Gospel were saved, and however many will be saved at the end of the world. The Apostle Peter also says: "There is salvation in no one else, for

there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." We therefore believe that we will be saved through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, as our Fathers were. Now there only remains for all of us to give glory to Christ, believe in him, rest in him alone, despising and rejecting all other aids in life.

*Response of Praise (*Gloria Patri*, #805)

Time with Young Disciples***

*Hymn #612 *How Firm a Foundation*

Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:19-25

The Offering

Offertory *McRae Meadow* Traditional
Andrew Hicks, Bagpipes

*Doxology (#809)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem *Lord of the Dance* arr. Pote

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

Scripture Reading Matthew 23:1-12

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Leveling Access* Jon Martin

*Hymn #651 *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

*Benediction

*Choral Response *Together Met, Together Bound* Wren

*Postlude

*Congregation please stand.

*** K through 5th grade depart for Young Disciples' Worship following the Time with Young Disciples.



◆CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS!

The time has come to make plans to beautify our church Sanctuary for Christmas. As we celebrate our Savior’s birth, let us remember and honor our loved ones by placing a poinsettia in the church for this glorious season. The cost this year will be \$9.00 per plant. Order forms will be in upcoming bulletins.

◆The Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center presents “Choral Voices”, a concert to benefit Ecumenical Faith in Action on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 7:00pm at the St. John’s Lutheran Church. Admission is free with a Love offering to be taken in support of the ministry of Faith in Action. Performance by The Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center’s Road scholar Choir directed by Andrew Walker. For more information call 676-6180.

◆Last Sunday there were 115 in worship. The offering total was \$3,464.00, broken down as follows: General Fund \$3,213.00, Building Fund \$25.00, Two cents per meal \$91.00, Apple Butter \$10.00, Memorial Gifts \$125.00. As of last Sunday, we have received \$153,260.47 toward our budget total of \$200,693.00. Our weekly goal is \$3,860.00.

◆Next week’s readings are: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

◆Daylight Saving Time ends Next Sunday!!!
Remember to set your clocks back before retiring on Saturday night, November 5th.



† OUR CHURCH AT WORK †

October 30, 2011

◆We are delighted that God led you to worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and interested in learning more about our church fellowship, please call the pastor at church, 628-7739 or his cell phone, 206-6370. Also, please take a moment to fill out the ‘Visitors Card’ and place it in the offering plate, giving us the opportunity to welcome you and to know more about you. Note that a ‘pew reservation sign’ has been placed at the end of the last center pew to reserve this seating for those with special needs. Please turn off cellular phones upon entering the Sanctuary, frequencies interfere with microphones.



◆Welcome to all on this Reformation Sunday. A special thanks to Diane Thomas, guest pianist and Andrew Hicks, guest bagpiper for enriching our worship this morning.

◆The flowers were placed in the sanctuary this morning by Emory & Retha Robinette, in memory of daughter, Whitney Robinette.



◆This Sunday let us pray for **Indian Valley Presbyterian Church**, Gary Marshall, Stated Supply and for our entire congregation, especially the following: Lois Gillespie, Ginger Harris, Sara Lawson, Doris Poe, Bob Lowe, Carolyn Deaton, Lynn McConnell, David King, Virginia Thompson, Connie & Tom Counts, Edna McConnell, Sue Elkins, Sandra Wimmer, Nancy Thompson, Bill & Marge Margerum, Janet McCauley, Blair Keller, John Briscoe, Erma Combs, Rhonda Moore, Carter Garrett, Jr., Marshall Jones, Barbara Blevins, Edith Ratliff, Jane Bloom, Brenda Sprinkle, Karen Combs, Virginia McFarlane, Dr. Jim Gardner, Aiden Beard, Jim Groseclose, Melanie Keene, Eva Bailey, Phyllis Garner, Oliver Lincoln Epley, Phyllis Dorton, Nancy Greary, Don Stephens, Lena McVey, Rickey White, Eric Wimmer, Jim Losinger, Ronnie Winebarger, April Haga and Helen Carter.

◆**Note:** Please use the **colored cards** in the pew racks for **prayer requests**. Place them in the offering plate, during the offering.



◆ **Brunch on Wednesday?** Anyone interested in having a late breakfast on Wednesday morning, November 2nd, is welcome to meet at the church at 9:30am and carpool to Perkins Restaurant. You can also meet us at Perkins if you wish. Everyone is invited!



◆ **Next Sunday**, November 6th, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed during the morning worship service by distribution.

◆The **Session** will meet on November 8, 2011 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.



◆**Music Notes:** Our opening hymn, "A *Mighty Fortress is our God*" is part of the "Many Voices, One Song" program sponsored by the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song. Presbyterians throughout the world will be encouraged to sing this hymn today both to celebrate Reformation Sunday and also to increase awareness of congregational singing. As you sing this great hymn of our faith, remember that you are joining with other Presbyterians in lifting up your voices to God.

◆**Children and Youth:** Christmas Play rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 13th right after worship. A light lunch will be provided each week and we will rehearse on November 13, 20, December 4 and December 11. Please let Kevin know by next Sunday, November 6th if you plan to participate so that parts can be assigned prior to the first rehearsal.

◆A total of **\$2,130.00** has been collected for the Apple Butter.

◆The Samaritan's Purse-*Operation Christmas Child* Shoeboxes are due here at the church on November 13, 2011. God may use you to open a child's heart to Jesus Christ through your participation in the "shoebox project". If you have questions, please speak to Yvonne Brown or Barbara Quesenberry.



◆Gifts were received in memory of **Phyllis Abel** from Jack & Phyllis Briscoe and Ashley & Rebekah Abel Lamar. A gift was received for the **Cemetery Fund** in memory of **Phyllis Abel** from Jane A. Lucas. Gifts were received in memory of **Lucille King** from Jack & Phyllis Briscoe and Bucky & Patsy Buchanan. A gift was received for the **Building Fund** in memory of **Lucille King** from Lee & Grace Garrett.

◆**Rest Home Birthday Reminders for November:**

Dewey Estep will celebrate his birthday on November 21st. The Morning Circle is his sponsor. The scouts will be hosting the party at the rest home for November.

Birthdays



this month



◆**Attention Circle Members:**

The **Morning Circle** will meet on November 9th at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.
The **Evening Circle** will meet on November 14th at 7:00pm at the home of Susanne Martin.

◆In order that we may know who is attending worship, especially the visitors, would **everyone** please fill out the pad in the pew and pass it to the next person beside you. Thank you.

◆**Nursery Helpers for November:**

November 6-Melissa Eller and Audriana Jackson
November 13-Retha Robinette and Barbara Quesenberry
November 20-Karen McClanahan and Mike Catron
November 27-Mary Anne Thomas and Patty Clark



Reformation Sunday October 30, 2011

Many Protestant churches observe Reformation Sunday each year on the last Sunday of October to commemorate October 31, 1517, when *Martin Luther* tacked a sheet of paper to the door of the castle church in Wittenburg, Germany. That paper contained ninety-five statements



challenging the practice of selling pardon for sins by the Roman Catholic Church. Did he hope to start a debate, a reformation, or a revolution? Historians are not of one voice about this. What he did begin, however, was a transformation of western Christianity. While many other church leaders were involved in the Reformation of the Church, Martin Luther is the one identified as setting it

in motion. There are some others, too:

Guillaume Farel was a Swiss reformer and powerful preacher who openly debated with the opponents of the Reformation in Basel despite a rule against such debates from the city's Bishop and University. In 1535, he was banished from Basel and went to Geneva. He was the first to bring the idea of Reformation to that city and when he met John Calvin, Farel convinced him to stay in Geneva and conduct its reform.



John Calvin was a French-born reformer who, at the invitation of Farel, conducted the Reformation of the church in Geneva beginning in 1536—nineteen years after Martin Luther's famous paper, nail, and door incident. Calvin's reformation of Geneva began slowly and is the seed of modern-day Presbyterianism. After a year in Geneva he went to Strasbourg, France, for three years to assist in the reformation of that city. In 1540 he returned to Geneva and remained there the rest of his life. In a book about church prayers and songs written in 1542, he described the form of the normal order for worship on Sunday morning. That form has been a regular part of Presbyterian worship ever since.



Martin Bucer was a German priest who led the Reformation of the city of Strasbourg. Calvin spent three years with Bucer in Strasbourg lecturing in Theology. Bucer and Calvin used the text from Acts 2:42 to identify the four necessary elements of worship: word, prayer, meal, and alms. Calvin wrote, Luke related in the Acts that this was the practice of the Apostolic church...thus it became the unvarying rule that no meeting of the church should take place without the Word, prayers, partaking of the Lord's Supper, and almsgiving. (*Institutes*, 4.17.44) In a fragmenting western Church, Bucer worked through his life to find unity and common ground.

John Knox was a Scottish church leader who sought refuge in Geneva at a time when the British monarch, Mary Tudor, was putting Protestants in prison (1553). In Geneva he studied the ideas of the Reformation with Calvin and then served as the pastor to an English-speaking congregation consisting of other protestant refugees in that city. In 1558 he returned to Scotland, when it was safe for Protestants again under a new Queen of England, Elizabeth I. Once home, he began the Presbyterian reformation of Scotland. Knox wrote the *Scots Confession* in 1560.



Theodore Beza was a French-born theologian who in 1558 was invited by Calvin to become a professor in the new "Academie Geneve." In 1560, Beza published a popular edition of Calvinist beliefs and a year later published a translation of the Psalms. When Calvin died in 1563, Beza became the leader of the Swiss Calvinists. He continued to write and publish scholarly work from Geneva including an edition of the Greek New Testament which is still consulted today. Its name is *Codex Bzae*.

With many other church leaders, these six reformers were committed to the five "solos" of the Reformation:

- Sola Fides – Faith Alone
- Sola Gratia – Grace Alone
- Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone
- Solus Christus – Christ Alone
- Soli Deo Gloria – To God Alone be Glory