



Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
Dedication Sunday



October 25, 2020

11:00 AM

To our visitors and guests: WELCOME!

Whatever your religious background and however you have come to be here, we welcome you to Butner Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will feel comfortable and fulfilled, and that you will be strengthened to meet the challenges of your daily lives. If you are looking for a faith family and would like to join our church, speak with the pastor or an elder.

† Please stand, as you are able

Bold- Spoken/sung by entire congregation

Gathering Music

“Nada Te Turbe”

Taizé

Nada te turbe
 Nada te turbe,
 nada te espante,
 quien a Dios tiene
 nada le falta:
 Solo Dios basta.

Let nothing disturb you
 Let nothing disturb you,
 let nothing frighten you,
 he who has God
 nothing lacks:
 God alone suffices.

Todo se pasa,
 Dios no se muda,
 la paciencia
 todo lo alcanza.

Everything passes,
 but God stays,
 patience
 reaches it all.

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 quien a Dios tiene
 nada le falta.
 Dios basta

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WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME

† *Opening Sentences*

Susan Mazzara

Prayer of the Day

Greetings and Announcements

† *Welcome One Another*

Call to Confession

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. In recognition that our ways have not been righteous and often we have gone down wicked paths, we turn to our merciful God to confess our sin and ask for God's forgiveness. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Unison

Lord, we come to you with questions that are not genuine, seeking only your affirmation of our behavior and opinions. We assume our own righteousness and quickly condemn others in your name, forgetting that our ways are not your ways, our judgment not your judgment. We do not take time to examine our hearts and seek your will. We jump to conclusions and neglect a life of prayerful discernment. Help us, gracious God, to humble ourselves before you and listen. Give us the courage to hear your corrective word and act upon it in ways that reveal our love for our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, in joy we proclaim that through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We need not stumble in darkness, nor fear the night, because you send your Son to be the light of the world. In this hour of worship,

we ask to be illumined by your wisdom and will through the power of your living word read and proclaimed. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson 1:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Old Testament Lesson 2:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You

shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Mind Games"

Susan Mazzara

Meditation Music "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

Rafael Brom

† *Affirmation of Faith*

Unison

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Susan

Prayers of the People

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Stewardship Story

Michael McFadden

Offerings and Pledges

Offering Music

"Take My Life"

Norton Hall Band

†*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer*

(unison)

Lord, you have blessed the work of our hands, given us resources and talents to share in your service, entrusted us with gifts to share for the building up of your kingdom. We rejoice that you enlist us to participate in your providential care for all creation. We celebrate the work of your Spirit in us and in our world and through these gifts we give to you in faith and hope. Bless and use these pledges and offerings in ways we may never see but can nonetheless trust through Christ in whom we pray:

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.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE THE LORD

†*Charge and Benediction*

Sending Music

"Mind Games"

John Lennon

Weekly Announcements

BCC Thanksgiving Blessing Bag Challenge: In order to protect our community from coronavirus, the Butner Church Council will not be distributing bags and collecting food donations for Thanksgiving this year. Instead, we will be providing families in need with Food Lion gift cards. The Session voted to give \$1500 to the Butner Church Council Thanksgiving Blessing Bag project and challenges the congregation to match this gift. Please write your checks to the Butner Church Council and place them in the offering plate or mail to Butner Presbyterian Church, PO Box 121, Butner, NC 27509, Attention: Michael McFadden.

Stewardship Emphasis: We'll be emphasizing stewardship throughout October and dedicating our pledges on October 25, Reformation Sunday. You will have an opportunity to place your pledge for 2021 in the offering plate on October 25. Or you can mail your pledge to Butner Presbyterian Church, PO Box 121, Butner, NC 27509, Attention: Cecil Hudgins using this form:

Butner Presbyterian Church – Stewardship Pledge Card

For the year 2021, I prayerfully submit the following pledge

\$ _____ weekly \$ _____ monthly \$ _____ quarterly \$ _____ single offering

Signature

Print Name

Please place the completed pledge card in an envelope marked "2021 Pledge" and seal it. During worship on October 25 the entire congregation will be invited to bring the envelopes forward as a sign of our dedication to God. If you cannot attend worship because of coronavirus, please mail your pledge card to Butner Presbyterian Church, PO Box 121, Butner, NC 27509, Attention: Cecil Hudgins. All pledges are kept confidential, and the totals are used by the finance committee to set our annual budget.

Covenantal Restoration: A 12-Session Film Series on Faith and

Race: In January 2020, the Session voted to become a Matthew 25 congregation. The Matthew 25 project encourages churches to commit to three areas of emphasis: building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. As part of our commitment to dismantling structural racism, we'll be offering the *Covenantal Restoration* film and discussion series at 10:00 am starting Sunday, January 3. We had hoped to offer this series in the fall, but feel it would be better to wait a bit longer so that we can more safely gather to watch and discuss together. The series will include brief films (about 15 minutes each) featuring faith leaders such as Rene August, Jim Wallis, Bryan Stevenson, Simone Campbell, and James Forbes, followed by discussion.

Food Pantry Updates: 3rd week Oct: Approx. \$650 of food was dispensed to 9 families, equating to 30 people. One new family came for food assistance.

Most needed items: white or brown rice, 1 to 5 lb. bags (especially low on 1 & 2 lb. bags); 1, 2, 3 lb. bags of dry peas/beans, any kind;

canned white potatoes; canned chicken; canned tomatoes or tomato sauce; soup, any kind

Food donations may be brought to church. You may also bring food to the pantry for curbside collection on Tuesdays 1:00 pm, Wednesdays 4:30 pm, Sundays 4:00 pm

Monetary donations: Make checks payable to "Butner Church Council," memo "food pantry." Mail checks to Butner Presbyterian Church, Attn: Michael McFadden, P.O. Box 121, Butner, NC 27509.

Visit the Butner Church Council on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Butner-Church-Council-103176674832490>

Session Meetings: Session has begun meeting in person again. The remaining meetings for this year are November 1, December 6.

Prayer Wall: Each week as we share prayer joys and concerns, they are added to the prayer wall in the narthex. You are invited to take some of the tags from the wall each Sunday and use them to pray for members of our faith family, our community, and the world during the week and then bring them back next Sunday to exchange for a new set. Ideas for praying:

- Hang them near your front door and read through them each time you leave the house to carry the folks represented with you throughout the day.
- Keep one tag in your pocket and take it out for prayer throughout the day.
- Hang them in your car and pray as you drive.
- Keep them by your bed and pray through them before sleep each night.

Joys and Concerns

If you have updates to joys and concerns, please email Susan at susan@butnerpres.org or let an elder know. You can also reach Susan by phone at 919-656-1097 for prayer concerns or pastoral support.

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

- Our nation's upcoming elections
- Jordan Osborne and all college students returning to campuses
- Bebe Coleman, home after hip surgery.
- Rae Ellen Wilkins, as she makes transitions in her life.

- Jean and Garland Walker as Jean deals with serious health issues.
 - Michael Ellis, Brenda and Mike's son: home, recovering from heart surgery, doing great!
 - Mike Poole, recovering from surgery
 - Pat Oakley, recovering from brain surgery
 - Kevin's co-worker, Kim, cardiac blockage
 - Michael McFadden's family, celebrating their mom's birthday
 - Jeffery's brother-in-law, John Jones, and his sister and brother-in-law, Jackie and David
 - Our nation as we struggle with social, racial, and civil unrest
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October Birthdays

4 Nancy Wilkins

29 Justin Hudgins

Do you have a birthday in October? Let us know and we will add you to the list!



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