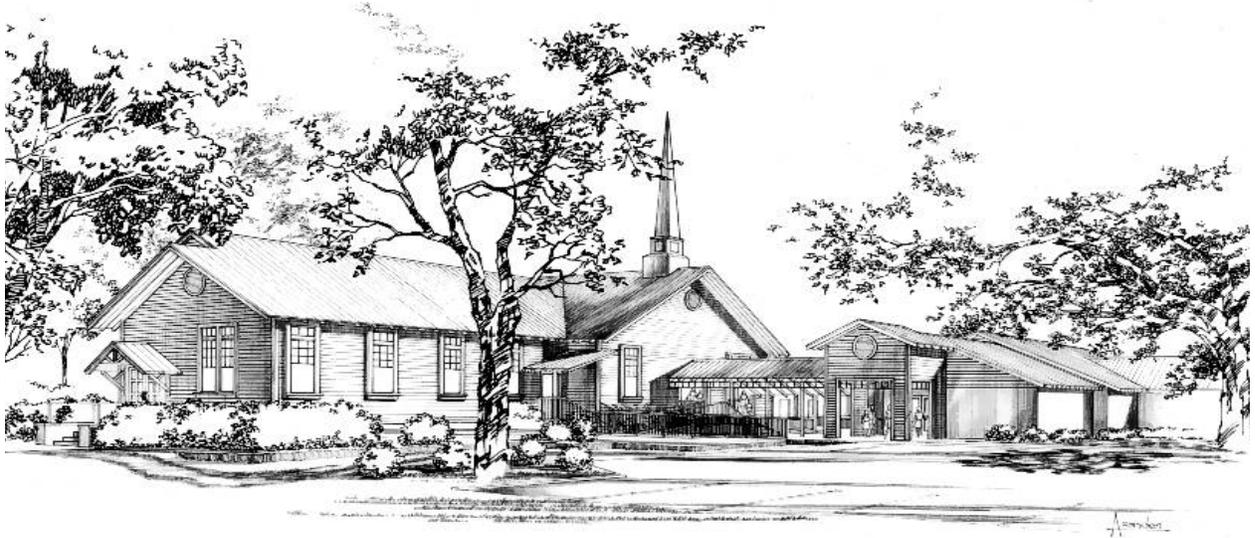


# Presbyterian Church of Seffner



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## **WELCOME**

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

### **Session Members**

|                                      |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship          | Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.   |
| Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship       | Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care |
| Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration | Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship     |
| Carol Shick - '22 - Worship          | Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission     |
| Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session   |                                     |

### **Our Mission Statement**

To provide opportunities for people to  
discover God's love,  
seek God's purpose,  
and do God's will.

### **Our Vision Statement**

Glorifying God with  
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter  
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of him who called you out of darkness into  
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

Music Director: Logan Sorey  
Organist: Sheila Donohue  
Worship Leader: TJ Childs  
Youth Leader: Lauren Sorey  
Nursery: Laura DeLeury

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**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 25, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                    "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP   (Psalm 90)

Leader:    Lord, you have been our dwelling place, our home, in all generations.

People:    **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
              or ever you had formed the earth and the world,**

Leader:    from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

People:    **Alleluia! Amen!**

HYMN # 260

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" v. 1, 2

P.H.

**A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name,  
From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Lord, do You really think You should trust us with carrying the precious gift  
of Your Good News? Our motives are not always pure. Our treatment of  
others is callous. Our knowledge of Your Word is minimal. Forgive us, Lord.  
Help us to love You with our whole hearts. Help us to love others as  
ourselves, and help us to love Your Word. We pray in Jesus' name, Your  
Word made flesh, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING       1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

SERMON       "...we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God,  
                  but also our own selves..."

**And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, For lo! His doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His Kingdom is forever.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Offering - "Stewardship Season: "...with Generous Hearts..." 3rd Quarter Report  
Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(Matthew 6:9-13)**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SONG                    "The Word of God"**

**The Word of God is light in my darkness  
Hope for the hopeless, sure and true**

**The Word of God is strength for the weary  
A shield for those who trust in You  
A shield for those who trust in You**

**Everything will fade  
Everything will fade,  
The heavens and the earth will pass away  
But You will remain  
But You will remain, always!**

**Jesus, faithful word of God,  
The anchor of my heart,  
You're everything You say You are, Lord.  
Greater than my deepest need,  
The ground beneath my feet,  
Your promises won't fail me now.**

**You will not fail us  
You will not fail us  
You will not fail us  
O word of God**

**BENEDICTION  
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all.  
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE                    "Variations on A Mighty Fortress "**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK**

Temple Keeper: Mark Williams (on or before 11/31)

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS- Saturday, October 31 before bedtime, be sure to turn clocks back one hour.**

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st** - With glad and generous hearts, let's celebrate with cake and the famous Seffner Punch out on the breezeway after the service! You can pick up your cake in the courtyard or come drive thru the back parking lot (we're getting real good at these!) Don't forget to bring your pledge!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION-** As we begin to come back to our church facilities, we ask that **everyone be diligent about following the safety protocols** that have been set after much prayer and research. When we are on church property, let us remember to **wear our masks**. Wearing masks truly is an act of **care for our neighbors and church family**. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we learn new ways of being together. And thank you for your commitment to doing all we can to keep each other as safe as possible. May God continue to bless you and yours!

**ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND IN PERSON CHURCH?** - As we continue to move forward with resuming in-person worship at 11 am, we need to make sure we can accommodate you as safely as possible; therefore, we ask that you **let us know each Thursday by 2 pm**, just email [kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org) with your name and the number of people to attend with you. We will continue to stream our service on Facebook Live. Prayerfully consider what will be the safest option for you and your family.

**STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS** - Thank you so much for your participation and engaging conversations! May God bless our learning!

**CHOIR AND BELLS HAVE BEGUN TO MEET** In separate areas, following guidelines set by the task force on reopening.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUE** - Join us for Children's Zoom Sunday school - say "Hi!" To your friends, have fun with games, and learn more about being a child of God!

**MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOU!** This great ministry is in need of **DRIVERS** for Wednesdays. If you are able and want more information, please contact Janet Holzman at 813-352-6443. Are you able to **BAKE**? How about making some delicious desserts for the people who receive meals on wheels? Please contact Janet Holzman for more details and to schedule you into the calendar.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH!** We are so grateful for your faithful giving! You can continue to give through the mail; by setting up "Bill Pay" with your bank; and now you can make a secure gift on our website. May God continue to bless you, as you continue to be a blessing to others!

**EGG CARTON COLLECTION** is an ongoing ministry. The cartons are taken to E.C.H.O. to be used for distribution of eggs to families. While the church is physically closed, cartons may be left on any of the benches around the courtyard at the church. When the church is physically open again, you will find wicker baskets in both the fellowship hall and the Narthex marked E.C.H.O. Please place your egg cartons in either basket.

**BLESSING BAGS** - We continue to help homeless people, in need of basic essentials in our community, by providing blessing bags. If you would like to pick up a blessing bag to have when out in your daily travels, there are some available on the benches around the court yard.

**OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS - Peacemaking Offering.** You may make a gift to Peacemaking Offering at any time during the month. The offering is divided into 3 parts. 25% stays in our community, 25% goes to USA programs and 50% goes to world peacemaking programs. For more information you can go online to Presbyterian Church USA and go to missions. In the past our 25% has benefitted Beth-El Ministries and Family Promise.

### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday, October 25, 2020 Reformation Sunday**

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live  
12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

#### **Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

8:30 am Meals on Wheels  
4:30 pm Staff Zoom Meeting  
6:00 pm Zoom Youth Meeting  
6:00—7:15pm Zoom Stewardship Bible  
6:15 pm Bells Meet in Sanctuary  
7:30 pm Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall

#### **Sunday, November 1, 2020 All Saints Day**

11:00 am Worship Service Online Live  
12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

### **A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD**

- Oct.** 25 - Reformation Sunday  
28 - Meals on Wheels, Youth Meeting, Stewardship Bible Study  
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall
- Nov.** 1 - All Saints' Day, Commitment Sunday,  
Cake and Punch Outside Reception, Daylight Saving Time Ends  
2 - Committees Meet  
3 - Election Day  
4 - Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, Staff Meets,  
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall  
8 - New Member Sunday  
10- Session Meets  
11- Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting,  
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall  
15- Communion Sunday  
18- Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting,  
Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall  
22- Christ the King Sunday  
25- Meals on Wheels, Zoom Youth Meeting, No Bell or Chancel Choir  
26- Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed  
29- 1st Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens  
Virtual Crafts and more

**PRAISES and CONCERNS**  
**Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a**

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Susan Kriska's family in her passing

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|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Andrew Waters        | Karen Martin   | Robert Lavazza | George Kosan   |
| Tammy Wooster        | Terry Cooney   | Bob Stetler    | Jim Barfield   |
| Bonnie & John Taylor | Rob Bargo      | Joy Lavazza    | Beverley Field |
| Anne Wheeler         | Charles Brandt | Bill Worth     |                |

**Healthcare Workers:** Mazen Al-Alawi, Waleska Alvarado, Jenny Carswell, Lexi Crawford, Allie Abrams Downey, Maggie Hehn, Patricia Hudson, Kristen Doyle, Cheryl High Sawyer, Joelle Vlahakis

**College:** Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Elias Mayfield, Alex Messina, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

**Military:** Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson