

**NOTE:** All Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version except where stated otherwise.

\* Denotes congregation standing

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD** An integral part of our worship is to bring God a token of our increase. Your tithes and offerings may be placed in the small box at the back of the room. As we will give thanks to God for his gifts *during* the service, we encourage you to make your offering *before* the service.

**Diaconal Offering** You may designate funds to the deacons by writing 'Deacons' in the Memo box of your check. The Deacons would like to designate the fourth Sunday of the month for your diaconal offering, but you may give to the deacons at any time.

**Women's Ministries Offering** You may designate funds to the Women's ministries by writing 'Women's Ministries' in the memo of your check. The Women's Ministry Funds pay for their service projects, support of OPC missionaries, and other church activities.

#### Cleansed by God

God's Law Word for His People:

"You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:3)

"To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (I Timothy 1:17)

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Exodus 20:4-6)

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything."

(Acts 17:24-25)

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain." (Exodus 20:7) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." (Exodus 20:8-11)

"On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight." (Acts 20:7)

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." (Colossians 3:20)

"You shall not murder." (Exodus 20:13)

"Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." (I John 3:15)

"You shall not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14)

"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor." (I Thessalonians 4:3-4)

"You shall not steal." (Exodus 20:15)

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need." (Ephesians 4:28)

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." (Exodus 20:16)

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." (Ephesians 4:25)

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." (Exodus 20:17)

"Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content." (1 Timothy 6:6-8)

Consider the words of the prophet as we approach the Lord with silent prayers of confession and repentance. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. "(Isaiah 55:7)

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4-6

## Called by God

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

#### Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The Lord be with you. (cf. I Timothy 1:2)

#### And also with you. Amen.

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. (I Chronicles 16:23)

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! (I Chronicles 16:24)

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! <sup>a</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; (I Chronicles 16:29)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! (I Chronicles 16:34)

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. Amen.

- \* Hymn # 125 "Let All Things Now Living"
- \* Invocation and Lord's Prayer
- \* Hymn # 731 "Doxology"

#### **Consecrated by God**

**NURSERY**: We are delighted to have God's children worship with us. Their cries, coos, and occasional shrieks are reminders to us of God's wonderful blessings. However, if you would like, there is nursery care available for children under 3 from the hymn before the sermon through the remainder of the worship service. The nursery is located behind the bathrooms of this building.

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-18

New Testament Reading: I Timothy 4:13-16

- \* Hymn # 141 "God, in the Gospel of His Son"
- \* Sermon Text: Nehemiah 9:1-8 and 12:31-43

Sermon Title: "The Reformation in Ezra's Day"

Prayer of Application

\* Hymn # 336 "Spirit, Strength of All the Weak"

## **Communion with God**

Prayers of God's People

\* Confessing Our Faith Together – Apostles' Creed (Found on the inside cover of the Trinity Hymnal)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## **Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

You are cordially invited to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a believer in Christ, have been baptized, are a communicant member in a Bible-believing church, and regularly attend church worship. We use wine in our celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Distribution of Bread: Insert "Knowing You"

Distribution of Wine: Hymn # 649 "More Love to Thee, O Christ

## **Commissioned by God**

\* Closing Hymn # 352 "Renew Thy Church, Her Ministries Restore"

Benediction



## Happy Birthday

Kenton (Nov. 18) and Nathan W. (Nov. 21)

# **SCHEDULE**

### Schedule - Today

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Sunday School

12:30 pm Fellowship Meal

2:30 pm SCPA Service

4:00 pm Youth Group at the Thibaults' Home

(Arutian – Main Dish; Call – Drinks; Thibault – Dessert;

Wood – Fruit and Vegetables; Wray – Chips)

#### **Next Sunday**

9:30 am Worship

11:30 am Voice of the Martyrs Day of Prayer

5:30 pm Praise, Prayer, and Study

#### This Week

Thursday 7:30 pm Prayer Meeting at the Thibaults' Home

Saturday 5:30 pm Harvest Dinner

## **Upcoming**

November 16 10:00 am Ladies' Blanket Project at Susan's Home

November 28 10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Service

December 6 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Warehouse Packing Evening – See Peter to help

December 15 5:30 pm Christmas Dinner and Program

December 20 6:00 pm Ladies' Christmas Party

Refreshments & Nursery	Date	Nursery	Refreshments
(If you are unable to fulfill your	Today	Kara & Adam	Raquel
assignment on your assigned day please call Amy and she	November 10	Kenton & Daniel	Shelly
will find a replacement for you)	November 17	Michaela & Jeremiah	Vicki
	November 24	Jan & AnnaGrace	Wanda
DATE	Greeter	Lord's Supper	Usher
November	Jan	AnnaGrace	Jan
December	Andrew	Vicki	Andrew

## The Reformation in Ezra's Day

I.	The Reformation in Ezra's Day Was Based on God's Law				
	A. God's L Was R to God's P (Nehemiah 8:1-6)				
	B. God's L Was E to God's P (Nehemiah 8:7-8)				
	C. God's L Was U by God's P (Nehemiah 10:28-39)				
	D. R in Our D (John 14:15, I John 2:3-6)				
II.	The Reformation in Ezra's Day Was Based on Repentance				
	A. General R for S (Nehemiah 9:1-3)				
	B. R for the S of I (Ezra 9-10)				
	C. R for O Sins (Nehemiah 13)				
	D. R in Our D (I John 1:8-2:2 and 2:15-17)				
III.	The Reformation in Ezra's Day Was Based on True Worship				
	A. A H Worship (Nehemiah 8:6 and 9-12, Neh. 9:3)				
	B. A J Worship (Nehemiah 8:10-13, 9:5, 12:43)				
	C. A W of the O Who Was P with				
	Them (Nehemiah 8:13-18, Leviticus 23:42-43)				
	D. A W of the O Who P for Them (Nehemiah 8:13-18, Deuteronomy 16:13-15)				
	E. R in Our D (John 1:14-18 and 15:7-11, I John 5:20-21)				