

# Plymouth First Baptist Church

## Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

9:45 AM Sunday School

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

### 11 AM Morning Worship

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” Romans 1:17

Prelude B.J. Lyle

Welcome Pastor Paul

Prayer

Hymn # 151 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Luther’s hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” is based upon Psalm 46, the words of which were chosen for his tombstone: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”*

## The Five Solas

**Sola Scriptura** **Scripture Alone**

The Scriptures given by God, are the ultimate authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Music Ministry Ancient Words Scott and Madeline

Ministry of the Word Deut. 31:9-13; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21

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**Sola Fide**

**Faith Alone**

*Our righteous standing before God is by faith alone.  
Through a righteousness that is not our own- but God’s.*

Hymn # 528 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Ministry of the Word Rom 1:16-17, 3:21-26; John 6:25-29

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**Sola Gratia**

**Grace Alone**

*Salvation from the Wrath of God is made possible only by the Grace of God.*

Music Ministry Grace Alone Vocal Ensemble

Ministry of the Word Eph 1:3-8, 2:8-9

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**Solus Christus**

**Christ Alone**

*The Lord Jesus Christ and his sacrifice on the cross alone has accomplished the work of salvation. He is sufficient for all who believe in Him.*

Music Ministry In Christ Alone Pastor Paul

Ministry of the Word Is 52:13, 53:3-5; 1 Tim 2:1-6a

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**Soli Deo Gloria**

**Glory to God Alone**

*All is for the Glory of God Alone*

Ministry of the Word 1 Cor. 10:31; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Is. 42:8-10

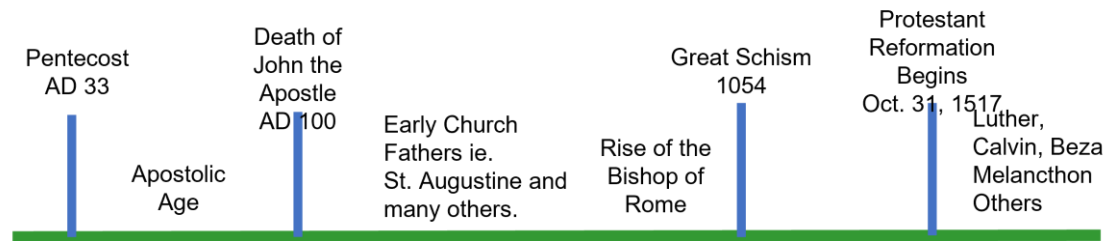
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Closing Hymn of Praise # 812

Glory Be to the Father

## Basic Timeline of Church History from Pentecost to the Protestant Reformation



### Who Was Martin Luther?

The son of a German iron miner in 16<sup>th</sup> century Germany. Luther instead of obeying his father, entered seminary, became a monk and studied to become a priest. But he found little comfort in the Roman Catholic Church and was constantly troubled by his own sinfulness and fear of hell. He was tormented continually in his spirit. Providentially however Luther was appointed as a professor of theology at the university in Wittenberg and began to study the Bible. This changed his life.

One day he came across this verse in Romans: “The righteous shall live by faith.” Rom 1:17. Luther learned from this that what he had come to believe about how to acquire salvation was wrong. The practices of pilgrimages, fasting and other good works had no effect on his eternal destiny. Troubled by the errors of the church, in particular the evils of selling indulgences in exchange for the promise of eternal life, Luther decided to open up a debate on the issues. On October 31, 1517 he posted an invitation for debate on the door of the seminary Church. Little did Luther know the significance that act would have in his own life and in millions of others- including you and I!. His ninety-five theses were copied and eventually distributed all across Germany. Providentially the Gutenberg printing press was now on the scene and Luther’s writings soon found their way to the Pope. To the Catholic Papacy, Martin’s teachings were heresy. Enough for him to be burned at the stake. It was soon demanded that Luther recant of everything he had come to believe. His response was: “My conscience has been taken captive by God, I cannot remove anything, nor do I wish to. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, so help me, God.”

What followed were years of councils and hearings and writing his defense of His beliefs. He hid, Aided by Frederick the Wise from those who wanted him done away with. As a result, and not by intent, Luther became the leader of a whole new fellowship of churches that broke away from Rome. This gave birth to protestant churches. We should praise God for these events over 500 years ago!

## First Baptist Church Of Plymouth NORTH CAROLINA

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