

A Litany for Reformation Sunday

This litany for Reformation Sunday is composed of excerpts from the Creeds, Catechisms, and Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

Nicene Creed

**the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints.**

Apostles' Creed

This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal,
because it contains the chosen of all ages,
of all realms, nations, and tongues,
be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles,
who have communion and society with God the Father,
and with the Son, Christ Jesus,
through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Scots Confession

**We believe that,
from the beginning to the end of the world,
and from among the whole human race,
the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word,
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself,
in the unity of the true faith,
a congregation chosen for eternal life.**

Heidelberg Catechism

The Church is an assembly of the faithful
called or gathered out of the world;
a communion of all saints,
namely, of those who truly know
and rightly worship and serve
the true God in Christ the Savior,
by the Word and Holy Spirit,
and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits
which are freely offered through Christ.

Second Helvetic Confession

**The visible Church,
which is also catholic or universal under the gospel,
consists of all those throughout the world
that profess the true religion,
together with their children;
and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ;
the house and family of God.**

Westminster Confession of Faith

The visible church has the privilege
of being under God's special care and government;
of being protected and preserved in all ages,
notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies;
and of enjoying the communion of saints,
the ordinary means of salvation,
and offers of grace by Christ, to all members of it,
in the ministry of the gospel,
testifying that whosoever believes in him shall be saved,
and excluding none that will come unto him.

Larger Catechism

**The church's commission,
upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message
of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ's stead,
and therefore in the ministry
of his own Word and work
through sermon and Sacrament.**

Theological Declaration of Barmen

The church confesses its faith
when it bears a present witness
to God's grace in Jesus Christ.
The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life
and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.

Confession of 1967

**With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Brief Statement of Faith