

April 7, 2019

**First Christian Church,
Chehalis**

Order of service:

Opening prayer / scripture - John Johnstone

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, hymn #3 – all verses

NOTE: the origin of this song is explained on the following page.

Prayer – John Johnstone

Emmanuel, on screen only – sing twice

Above All, on screen only – sing twice

Sacrament of Communion – John Johnstone

Offering Thought and Prayer – Denise Marshall

MESSAGE: “Jesus Is Still Here”(part 4)

All Hail King Jesus, on screen only – sing once

Closing prayer – John Johnstone

Adult Bible Studies

-Sunday morning adult Sunday School in the library at 10:00am
-Sonshine Seekers Sunday School in their classroom at 10:00am
-Wednesday Bible Study - 2:00 – 3:00pm -”Revelation”

Outreach Ministry

Christian Women’s Fellowship meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon for a potluck and outreach ministry.

Shoebox Ministry

This ministry is part of the Samaritan’s Purse International Relief Effort.

Franklin Graham – President - Samaritanspurse.org.

Items requested: socks for bigger kids and individually wrapped toothbrushes.

CONGREGATION HAPPENINGS

Board Meeting today following service.

We are accepting medical supplies to have on hand for our congregation.

We will offer nursery service as needed with Verna being the attendant.

CWF Project:

We are collecting items for our Lewis County Animal Shelter. Items needed at this time are: wood pellets (used for litter and found at stores like Tractor Supply, The Farm Store), cost is about \$4.00 a bag; kitten food; dog food; 45 gallon size trash bags; kitten toys; always need **kennel blankets**. The blankets can be made by quartering blankets or quilts and sewing the raw edges rather than purchasing actual kennel pads. Please help us help them.

Food for Thought:

The Son of God became a man
to enable men to become Sons of God...

A Mighty Fortress is Our God – song origin:

"A Mighty Fortress" is one of the best loved hymns of the [Lutheran](#) tradition and among [Protestants](#) more generally. It has been called the "Battle Hymn of the [Reformation](#)" for the effect it had in increasing the support for the Reformers' cause. [John Julian](#) records four theories of its origin:

- [Heinrich Heine](#): "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" was sung by Luther and his companions as they entered [Worms](#) on 16 April 1521 for the [Diet](#);
- K. F. T. Schneider: it was a tribute to Luther's friend Leonhard Kaiser, who was executed on 16 August 1527;
- [Jean-Henri Merle d'Aubigné](#): it was sung by the German Lutheran princes as they entered Augsburg for the Diet in 1530, at which the [Augsburg Confession](#) was presented; and
- the view that it was composed in connection with the [1529 Diet of Speyer](#), at which the German Lutheran princes lodged their protest to [Holy Roman Emperor Emperor Charles V](#), who wanted to enforce his 1521 [Edict of Worms](#).

Alternatively, [John M. Merriman](#) writes that the hymn "began as a martial song to inspire soldiers against the [Ottoman forces](#)" during the [Ottoman wars in Europe](#).

The earliest extant hymnal in which it appears is that of Andrew Rauscher (1531), but it is supposed to have been in Joseph Klug's Wittenberg hymnal of 1529, of which no copy exists. Its title was *Der xxxvi. Psalm. Deus noster refugium et virtus*. Before that it is supposed to have appeared in the Hans Weiss Wittenberg hymnal of 1528, also lost. This evidence would support its being written in 1527–1529, since Luther's hymns were printed shortly after they were written.

The song was used like an anthem by [Sweden](#) during the [Thirty Years' War](#).