



## **Reformation Sunday**

October 27, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Henrik Sonntag, Pastor  
120 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA  
215-884-3005

# GATHERING

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## THE PRELUDE

(8:00only ) *Chorale Prelude on "A Mighty Fortress" (Ein Feste Burg)*

David N. Johnson

(10:30 only) *Intrada*

Harold Stover

Dawn Webster, trumpet

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen. OR**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

# OPENING HYMN

No. 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Ein Feste Burg*

8:00 AM verses 1 in German; verses 1-4 all

10:30 AM verses 1 in German; verses 1, 2 all; verse 3 choir; verse 4 all

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - cd. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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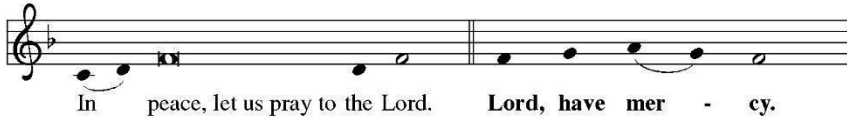
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# GREETING

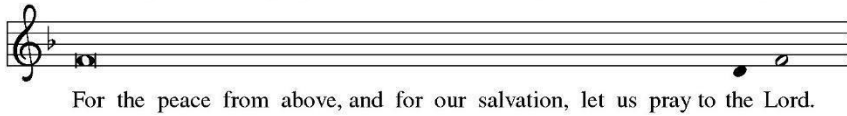
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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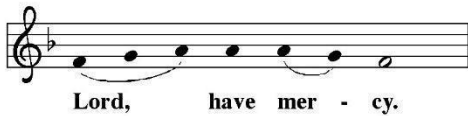
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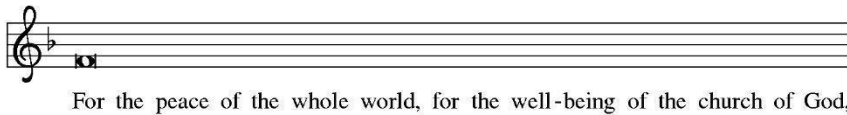
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



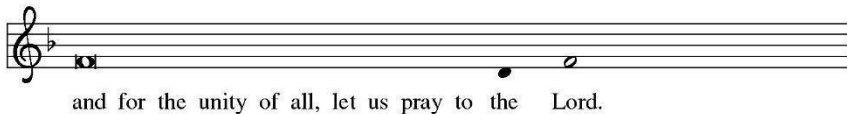
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



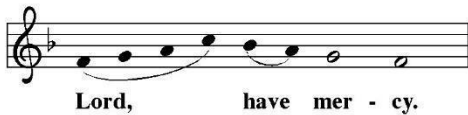
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



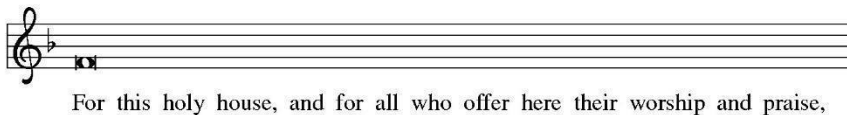
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



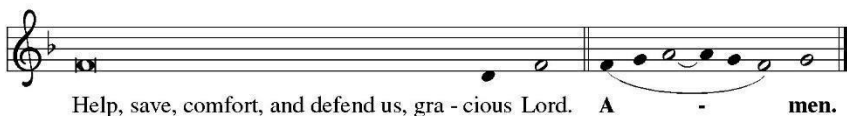
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**



Glo-ry to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## THE WORD

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### THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

# THE PSALM

Psalm 46

8:00 *The Psalm will be read responsively with the assembly reading the verses in bold.*

10:30 *The antiphon is introduced by the choir, then is sung by all. The assembly sings the verses in **bold print**.*

The LORD of hosts is with us; the  
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef and F-sharp key signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Psalm 46:7

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- <sup>1</sup> God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**
- <sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields  
with fire.

<sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the  
earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.


<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



# THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Eighth Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

10:30 only  
*Amazing Grace*

*arr.* John Rutter

Chancel Choir

SERMON

Mr. Collin Grooms, Bear Creek Camp

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

*Erhalt Uns, Herr*

### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please kneel or sit for the prayers:* This week's response is: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond, especially the family and loved ones of Jeanne Lewis, for Ed Hayes, and for all those on our prayer list. Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day, especially remembering Jeanne Lewis. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*All greet each other with Christ's gesture of peace saying "Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated*

# MEAL

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## OFFERING

8:00 Organ Selection

10:30 *How Firm a Foundation*

David M. Cherwien

The Chancel Choir  
Dawn Webster, trumpet

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERTORY No. 692 We Are an Offering

*Offering*

The image shows a musical score for the offering 'We Are an Offering'. It consists of six staves of music in treble clef, 7/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes). The lyrics are: 'We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER Concludes with...**Amen**

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THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## THE COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are some slurs and ties used to connect notes across measures.

No. 591 That Priceless Grace

*That Priceless Grace*



# That Priceless Grace



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less  
2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less  
3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful  
4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious



grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.  
blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.  
death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.  
word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

Text: Emmanuel F. Y. Grantson, b. 1949  
Music: THAT PRICELESS GRACE, Ghanaian traditional  
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*Please stand as you are able.*

THE COMMUNION BLESSING Concludes with... **Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE  
Now Lord, You Let Your Servant Go in Peace

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Concludes with **Amen**.

# SENDING

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THE BLESSING

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THE SENDING HYMN

No. 594 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
*Verses 1-4, and 8*

*Nun Freut Euch*

# Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



- 1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, with ex-ul-ta-tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay, death brood-ed fierce-ly  
3 O God, you saw my deep dis-tress be-fore the world's foun-  
4 You said to your be-lov-ed Son: "'Tis time to have com-



spring-ing, and, with u-nit-ed heart and voice and ho-ly  
o'er me, sin was my tor-ment night and day; in sin my  
da-tion, and, with your mer-cy mea-sure-less, you planned for  
pas-sion. Then go, bright jew-el of my crown, and bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, pro-claim the won-ders God has done, pro-  
moth-er bore me. My own good works all came to naught, free  
my sal-va-tion. You turned to me a fa-ther's heart; you  
all sal-va-tion; from sin and sor-row set them free; slay



claim the vic-t'ry God has won, how pre-cious was our ran-som!  
will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, so firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.  
did not choose the eas-y part, but gave your dear-est trea-sure.  
bit-ter death for them that they may live with you for-ev-er."

- 5 The Son obeyed your gracious will,  
was born of virgin mother;  
and, your good pleasure to fulfill,  
he came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised he bore,  
a servant's form, like mine, he wore,  
to lead the devil captive.
- 6 To me he said: "Stay close to me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be;  
for you I strive and wrestle.  
The foe will shed my precious blood;  
all this I suffer for your good;  
my life o'er death will triumph.
- 7 "Now to my Father I depart,  
from earth to heav'n ascending,  
and, gracious wisdom to impart,  
the Holy Spirit sending,  
who will in trouble comfort you,  
will teach you well, your faith renew,  
and in all truth will guide you.
- 8 "What I on earth have done and taught  
guide all your life and teaching;  
so shall the glorious reign of God  
increase, the whole world reaching.  
Let none the gospel gift impede;  
I make you free; be free indeed!  
This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: NUN FREUT EUCH, *Eitlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524  
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*Please be seated for the announcements.*

## PARISH NOTICES AND JOYS

Sending: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Recessional on "Ein Feste Burg"*

Franklin D. Ashdown