WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 1, AD 2026



"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."

- ISAIAH 40:8 -

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Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Morning Worship

Prelude Mrs. Ella Grace Baker

Let Thy Holy Spirit Guide
(Kevin G. Pace)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

O God Beyond All Praising
#241 Trinity Psalter Hymnal

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

† Call to Worship Psalm 46

Leader: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**
People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
Leader: **Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
Leader: **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**
People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
Leader: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
People: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.
Leader: **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**

People: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth!"

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† Hymn of Adoration *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* #244

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;** the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.*
***"catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places*

† Gloria Patri #572

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Call to Repentance 2 Chronicles 30:9, pg. 381

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

O LORD, we confess that we have often kept silent about our sin, causing our bones to waste away through groaning all day long. Our silence regarding sin has caused your hand to be heavy upon us, and our strength to be dried up as by the heat of summer. Please grant us grace to acknowledge our sin to you, and not to cover our iniquity. Help us to confess our transgressions to you, knowing that in Christ, you forgive the iniquity of our sin. We boldly claim your promise: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Amen. (Adapted from Psalm 32)

Assurance of Pardon Acts 10:43, pg. 919

New Testament Reading Romans 13:1-7, pg. 948

† Psalm *I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills* #121A

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Before the Throne of God Above
(#277)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Joe Steele

"Wisdom and Government"
Ecclesiastes 8:1-9 pg. 557

† Communion Hymn *In Christ Alone* #265, vv.1-2

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The purple cups contain wine, and the clear cups contain grape juice. The bread is gluten-free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

† Communion Hymn *In Christ Alone* #265, vv.3-4

† Benediction
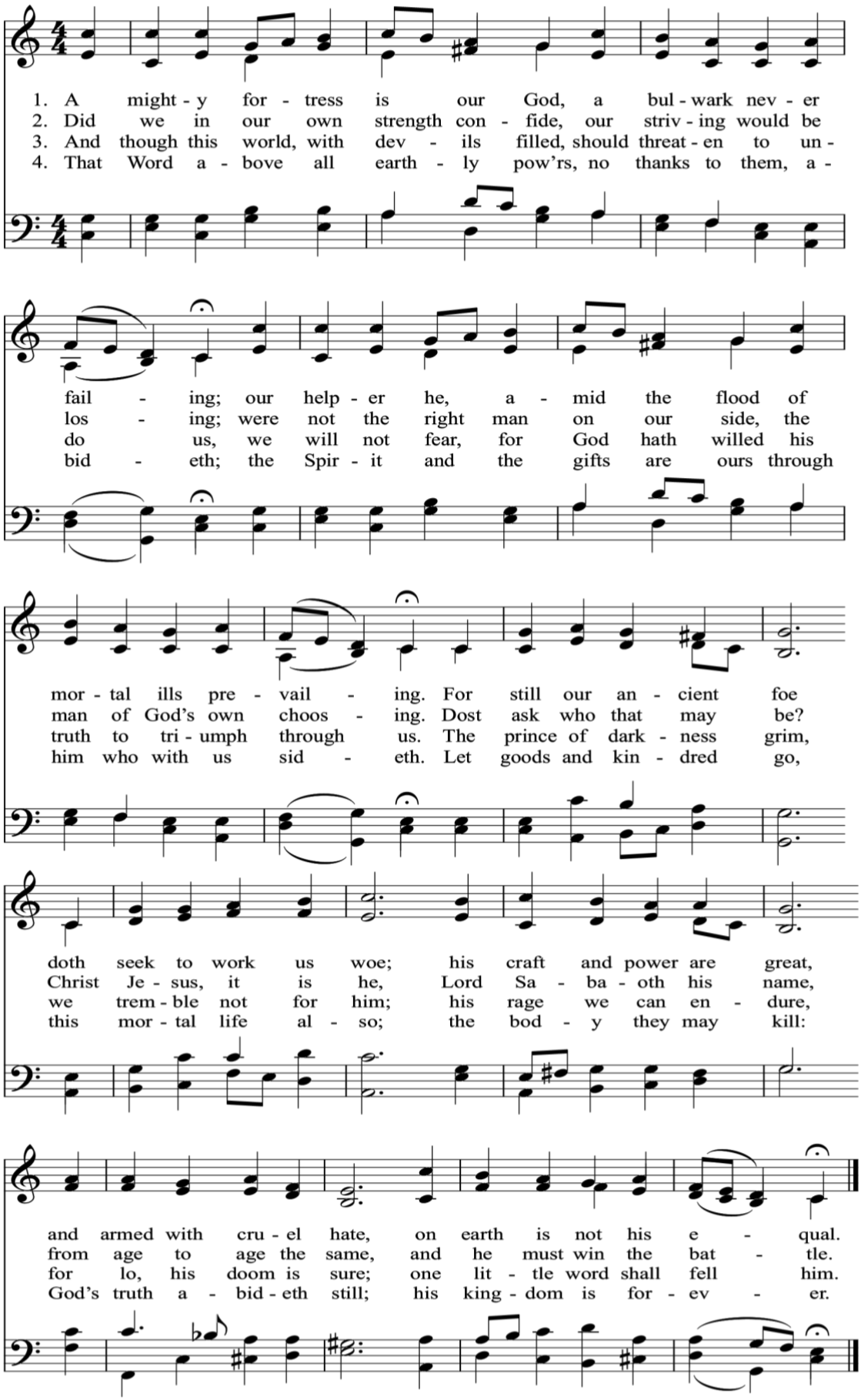
† Doxology #567

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude Mrs. Ella Grace Baker

Ye Servants of God
(Charles Wesley, arr. Forrest)
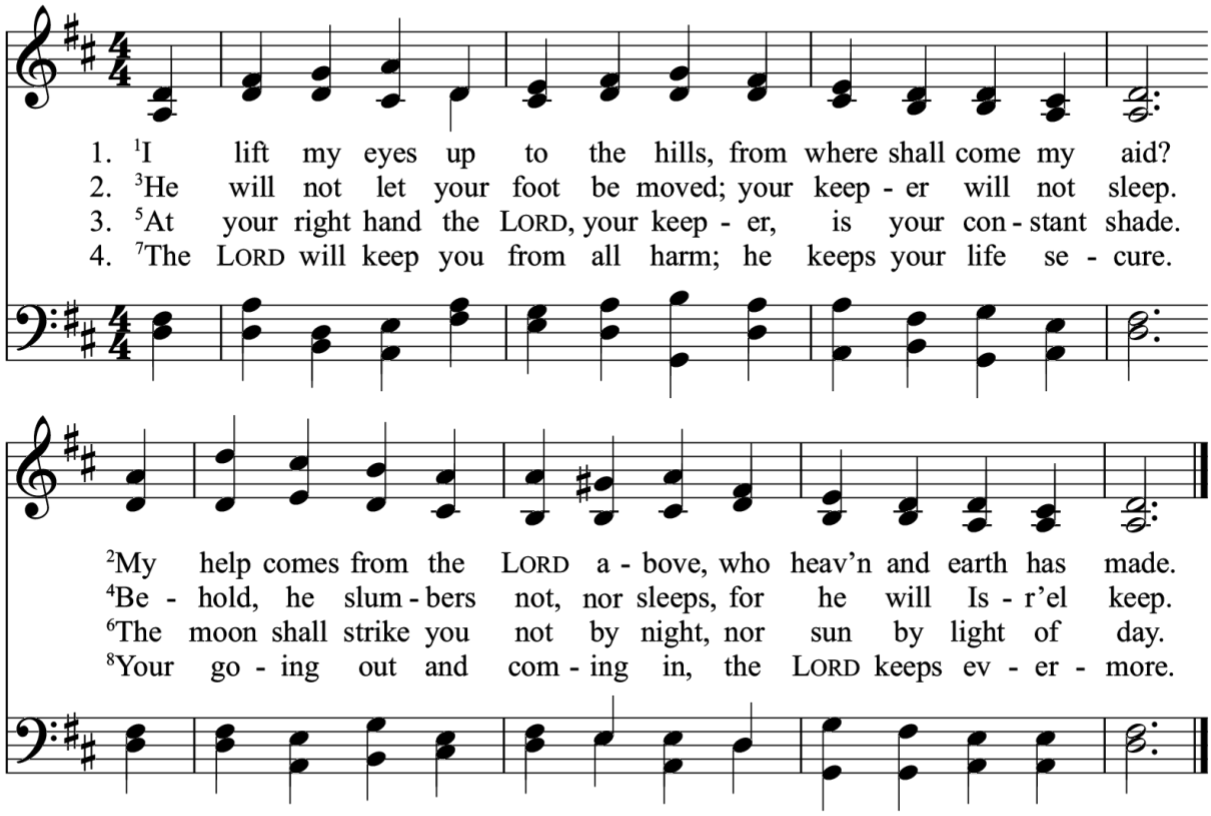
244 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



Based on Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1529
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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Martin Luther, 1529

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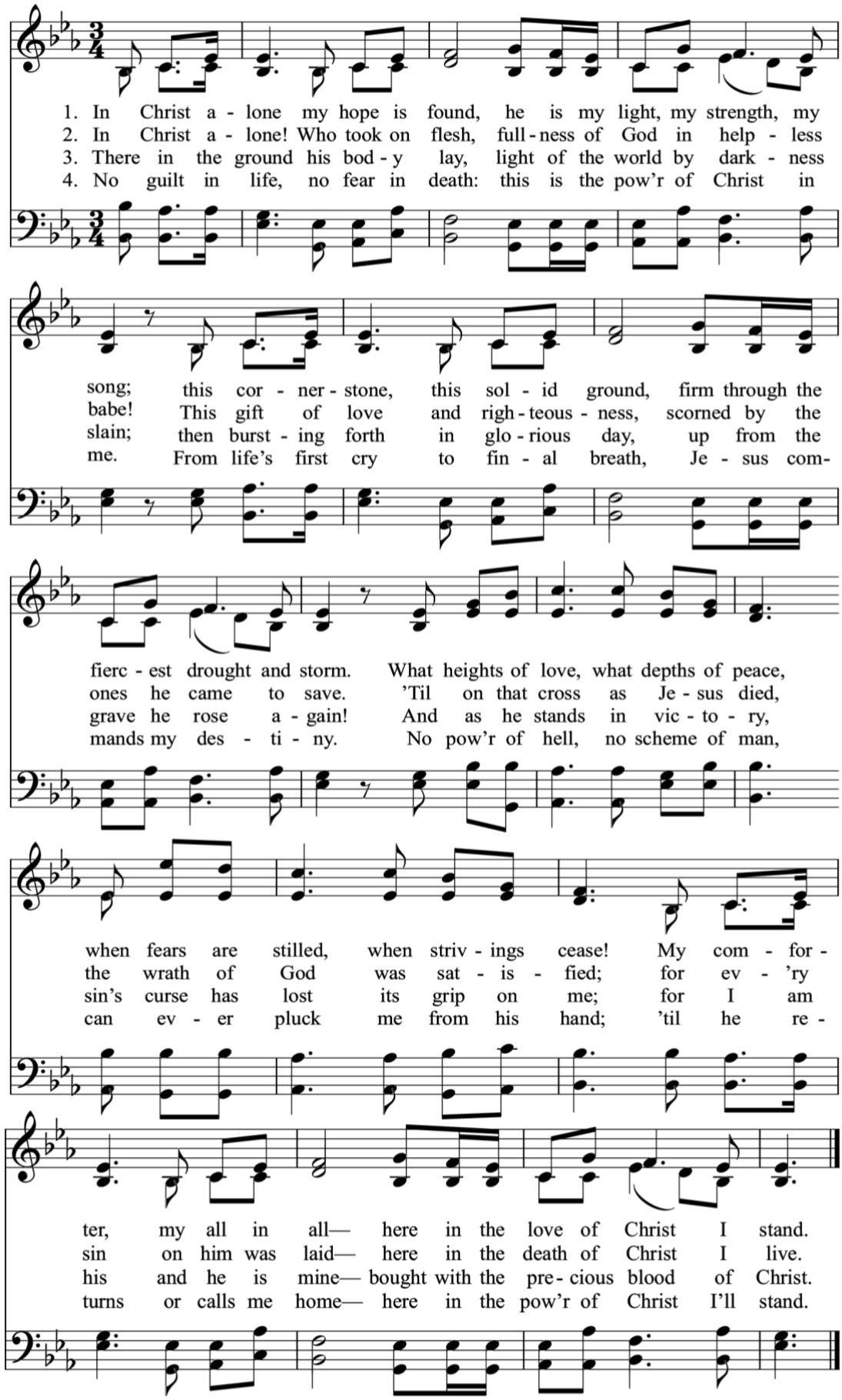


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DUNDEE C.M.
Scottish Psalter, 1615

265 In Christ Alone



Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Arr. Ruth Coleman

Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Isaiah 40:30-31, coda is vs. 29
(S. Sacks)

To the Hills I Lift My Eyes (Hymn #121B)
Sing Praise to God (Hymn #216)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship Galatians 3:23-28

Leader: **Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.**

People: But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

Leader: **For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

All: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

† Hymn of Adoration *The Church's One Foundation* #404

† Invocation

Psalm of the Month *Though Princes Hound Me for No Cause* #119U
† Hymn *This Is My Father's World* #252

Confession of Faith WLC Q. 88, pg. 949

Question: ***What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?***

Answer: Immediately after the resurrection shall follow the general and final judgment of angels and men; the day and hour where-of no man knoweth, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.

Prayer of Intercession Mr. Nat Causey

Offertory

Eph. 1:3-4
(S. Sacks)

Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Andy Ball

"Veritas about Vocation"
1 Corinthians 7:17-24 pg. 955

† Hymn of Response *My Dear Redeemer and My Lord* #327

† Doxology #567
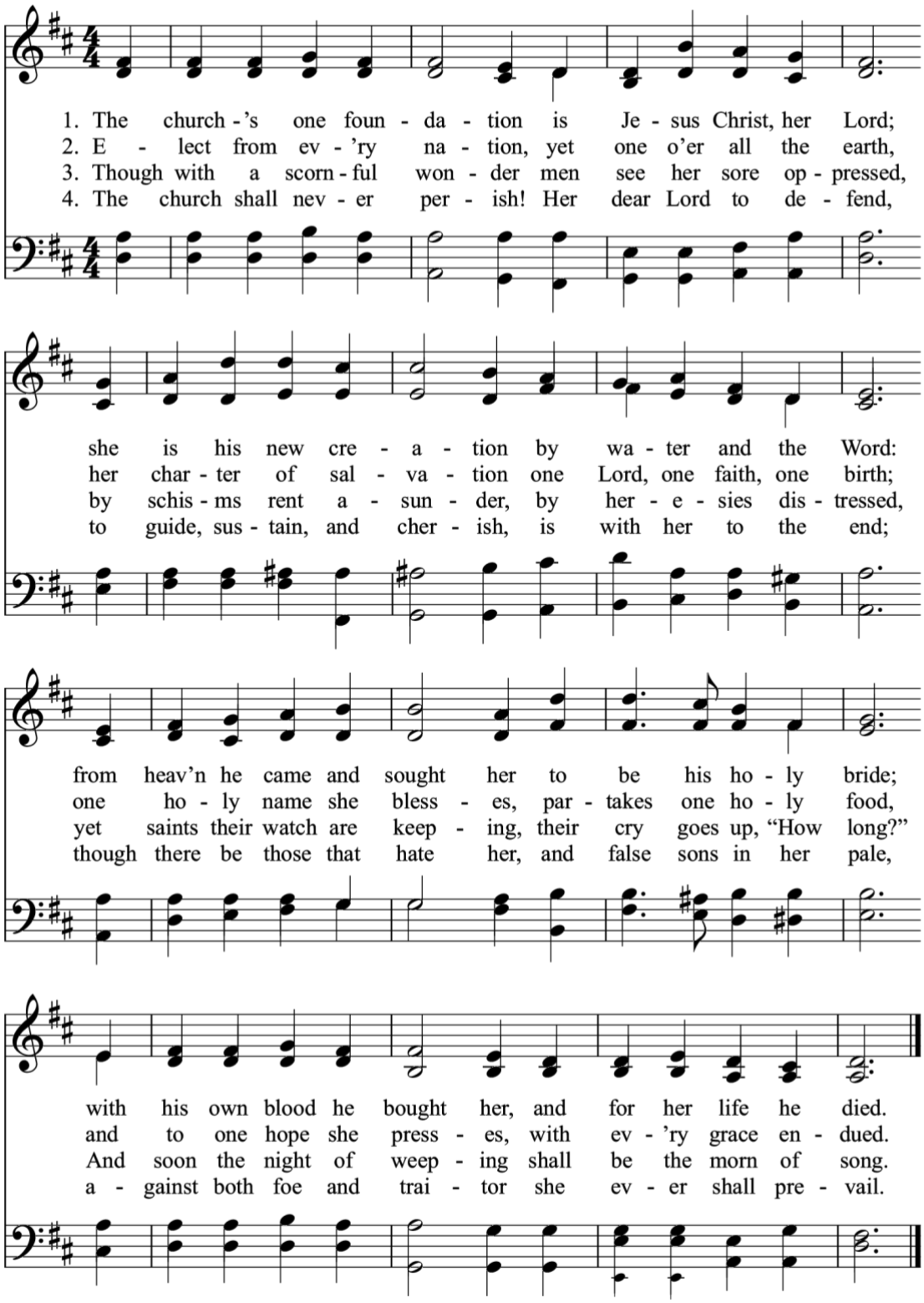
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dysktra

Clothed in Righteousness

(lyrics by Sproul, tune by Courtney)

404 The Church's One Foundation
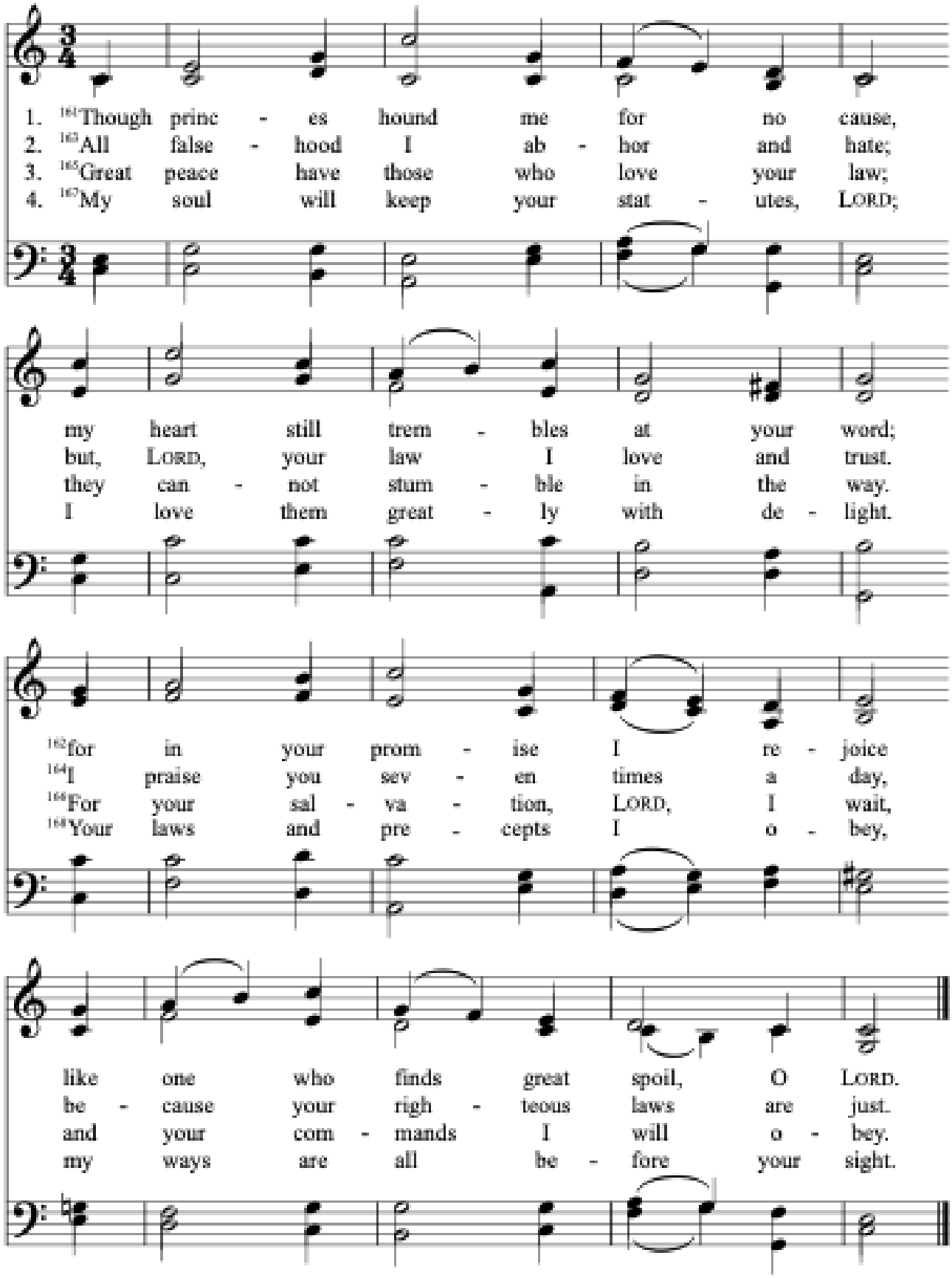


5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
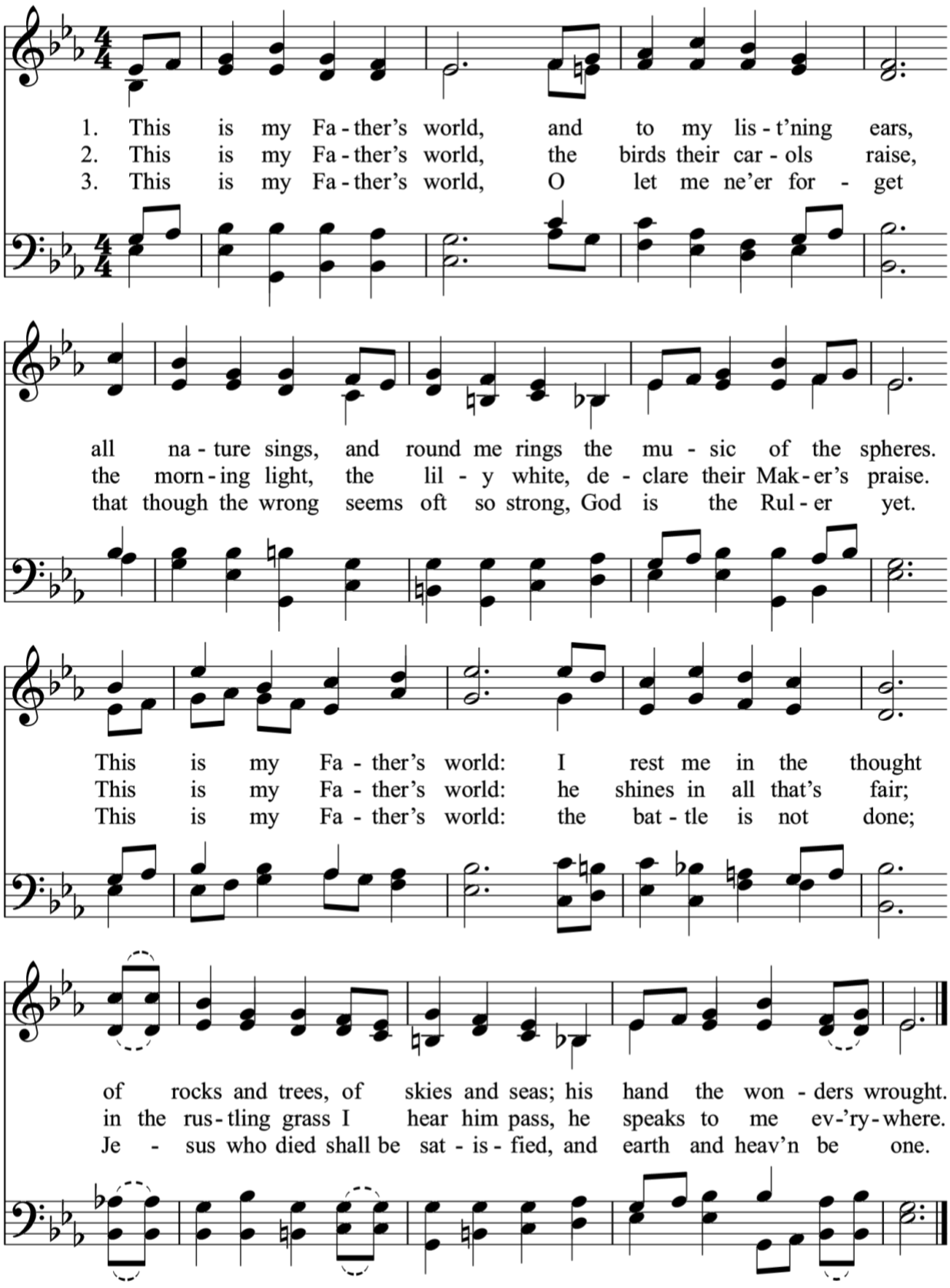
Psalm 119U



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Grenoble Antiphoner, 1753
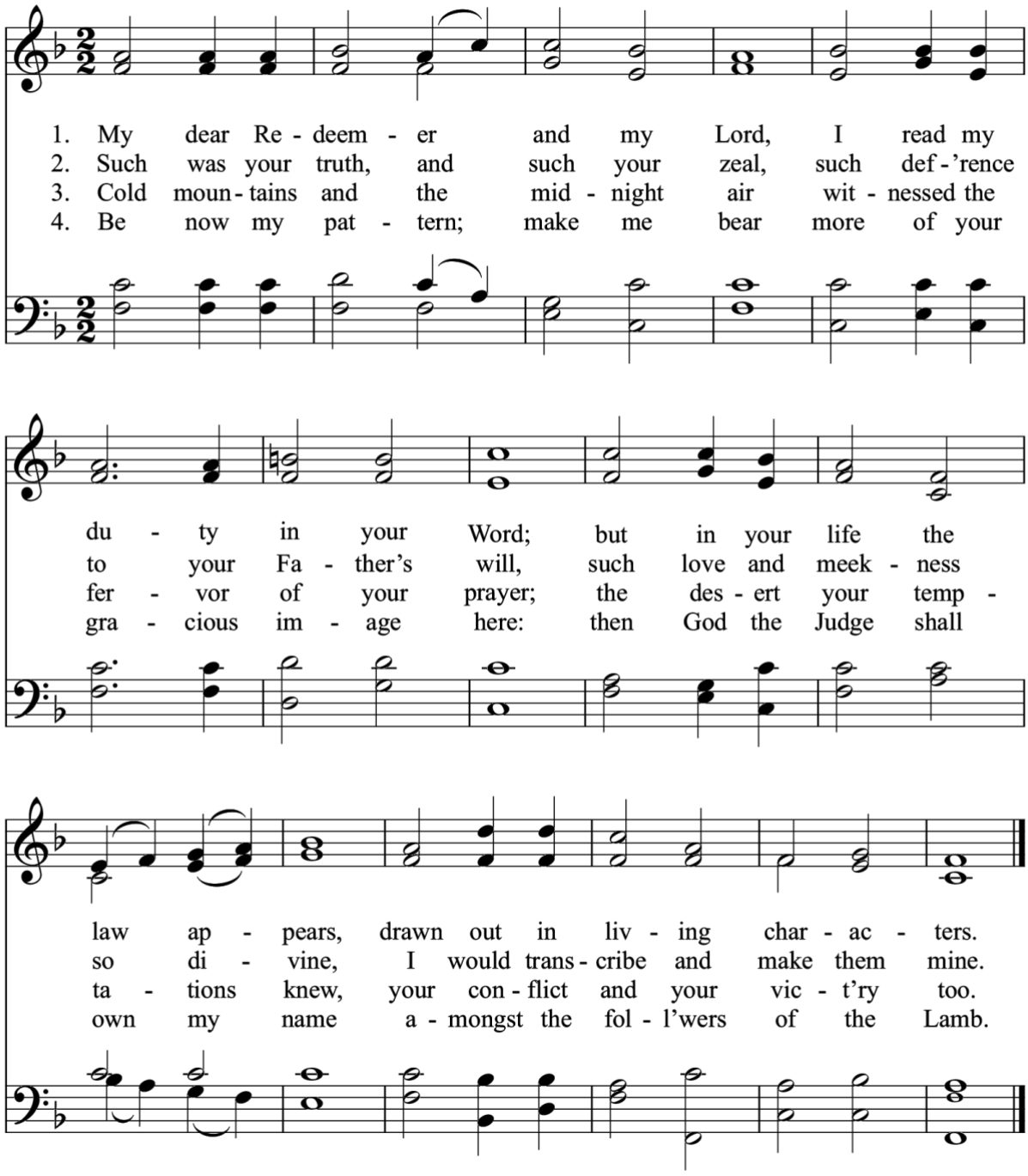
252 This Is My Father's World



Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

TERRA BEATA S.M.D
Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

My Dear Redeemer and My Lord 327



Isaac Watts, 1709
Alt. 1990; mod.

FEDERAL STREET L.M.
Henry K. Oliver, 1832

Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and our congregation's welcome, and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord's Supper: Partakers must be baptized, communing, and active members in good standing of a church that preaches the true Gospel. We kindly ask that children of visiting families who have not made a public profession of faith to the church refrain from partaking in the Lord's Supper. If you have questions concerning our practice, please speak with our pastors or an elder.

A Note About Children In Worship: As our church continues to grow, we will have an increasing number of infants and toddlers in our worship services. Since we are a covenantal church, we greatly value our covenant children and unapologetically seek to assimilate them into corporate worship from the earliest ages. Watching God grow his church through the birth of covenant children is one of our greatest joys as a church! At the same time, an abundance of children does create some challenges for corporate worship. For a congregation like ours, which deeply values the ministry of the Word, it can be challenging for some members to concentrate and receive the Word when children make excessive noise during the service. Conversely, it can be challenging for parents of young children to receive the ministry of the Word if they constantly have to step out of the service to quiet their children. Rather than allowing these challenges to breed frustration within the body of Christ, the Session warmly recommends that we view them as an opportunity to express mutual love for one another.

For the members who would prefer the service to be silent as an aid to concentrated worship, we encourage you to express love to families with young children by bearing with the noise of our covenant children. For members whose children are especially vocal, we encourage you to express love to other members by temporarily removing your child from the service and using the narthex or nursery as needed. In both instances, we have an opportunity to heed the command of the Apostle Paul: "*walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*" (Eph. 4:2–3).

2027 Faith Promise Giving To Missions: While Westminster's General Fund is used to support missions giving to stateside campus ministry and stateside church planting, the rest of our missions' program is funded by your Faith Promise giving. Faith Promise is trusting God as you give, above and beyond your regular tithes, toward the

ministry of our missionaries in furthering the spread of the Gospel across the globe. Faith Promise is sacrificial giving. It is giving through an abundance of joy and wealth of generosity according to your means and beyond your means (II Corinthians 8:2–3). Such "freewill" offerings are mentioned frequently in the Bible. One such place is Psalm 54:6-7. There David writes, "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies." Faith Promise giving will foster a more direct and personal connection between you and our missionaries as you take an integral part in their ministry. While we are thankful for those who give and do not pledge out of conviction, letting us know of your intent helps us make missions budgeting decisions more accurately. Our goal this year is $230,000. To this end, if you are willing and able to give and make a pledge, pick up a commitment card on the table in the lobby.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Look for the table in the lobby for Operation Christmas Child information & shoeboxes. This year we are asking that you fill your own shoeboxes and/or donate cash towards shipping. Last day to bring your filled box – November 8. *No individual items will be collected.*

College Student Emotional Support Snacks: Every year before finals we like to give or mail a care package to our students as a reminder of home and that they are loved and prayed for weekly. As finals will be here soon we are asking both resident students (member and visitor) and parents of away students to make sure we have your information on the blue sheet. If you would like to donate any non-perishable treats or snacks, please see Pastor Duncan.

Deacon Need: The Deacons have identified a need within the congregation for a good used car to provide transportation to and from work. Please contact Chris Wellborn (Treasurer@wpc-hsv.org) or another Deacon if you have a car that you would be interested in donating to meet this need.

EVENTS

For events requiring registration, use Realm, QR Code, or the Blue Sheet

Wednesday Evening Meal & Activities: Make plans to join us on Wednesday evening, **November 4,** 5:30 PM, for food, fellowship, prayer, choir, youth group, and catechism classes for our children. This week's meal is **LawLers BBQ**, and it costs **$6 per person, with a $24 per-family cap**. Please order meals by Tuesday at 10 am.

Nursing Home Sing: The Outreach Team invites you to join a church-wide nursing home singing at Madison Village on Nov 2, 6 pm. Please contact Pastor Duncan or Jacqueline Bryant if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

20/30s Friendsgiving: Come and join us at Peter & Grayson Schmidt's home for Friendsgiving on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 5:30 pm. The Friendsgiving Ham and drinks will be provided, but please sign up on Realm and bring a side or a dessert to share! If you can share or transport folding tables and chairs, please let Pastor Duncan know.

Final Lincoln Village Workday and Celebration: The Outreach Team is holding its final church-wide morning workday for the year at Lincoln Village on November 14th at 8 am. This workday will support Lincoln's housing program and school. Attendees should be prepared to handle tasks such as cleaning, home maintenance, yard work, or demolition. To celebrate our year of work at Lincoln, we will walk over to L'Etoile Patisserie afterward for a pastry and some fellowship. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 11th.

Spring 2027 Women's Bible Study: Ladies, we hope you'll join us as we study God's Word together in the new year. Sign up for a Spring 2027 Women's Bible study today on Realm or at the Women's Ministry table in the lobby. Groups meet at various times on Tuesday-Friday. Questions? Contact Laura Patterson - patterson.laura.s@gmail.com.

Link Conference: January 8-9, 2027. Westminster is hosting a Mission to the World conference for anyone who has ever wondered about being a missionary, through those who are seriously considering it. There will be numerous missionaries present, including a couple of MTW Regional directors and our own Rebecca S. They will be talking about a wide variety of topics, including how you determine a call, how you determine a field, what support raising is like, what it is like to raise children on the field, etc. There will also be a Q&A session. Childcare is available. Please go to https://mtw.org/link for more information and to register.

Event Registration

NOVEMBER 2, 6:00 PM
CHURCH-WIDE NURSING HOME SINGING

NOVEMBER 4, 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL

NOVEMBER 12, 5:30 PM
20/30S FRIENDSGIVING

NOVEMBER 14, 8:00 AM
LINCOLN VILLAGE WORKDAY & CELEBRATION

WAYS TO SIGN UP:
Use your Realm account, the QR Codes
or call the church office at 256-830-5754.
Some sign-ups are available on the Blue Sheet in your bulletin

Upcoming Events

- November 12: 20/30s Friendsgiving @ Schmidt's (5:30 pm)
- November 18: Thanksgiving Service & Soup Supper @ WPC
- December 5: Children's Hymn Sing @ Regency (9:30 am)
- December 7: Family Fellowship @ Tinsel Trail (6:00 pm)

Sunday School for Youth and Children

3-year-olds:	Nursery Pre-K	5th-6th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 210
4-year-olds:	WCA Room 102	5th-6th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 211
Kindergarten:	WCA Room 100	7th-8th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 207
1st Grade:	WCA Room 101	7th-8th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 209
2nd Grade:	WCA Room 105	9th – 12th Grade Girls:	WCA Room 206
3rd/4th Girls:	WCA Room 110	9th – 12th Grade Boys:	WCA Room 206
3rd/4th Boys:	WCA Room 108	College:	WCA Room 103

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 11/1/26	Next Week: 11/8/26
Coffee Fellowship	Team Mary S & Joanna P	Team Paul D & Jan P
Evening Prayer	Nat Causey	Fred Diaz
Head Usher	Andrew Buhl	Josh Buhl
Nursery	**AM:** Kelley Jones, Nancy Oberheide, Taylor Thompson, Seth Schmidt, Abby Newell, Beth Schmidt **SS:** Jacob Knowles, Taylor Thompson, Sherrie McElwain, Noelle Thompson, and Mary Lou Cantrell **PM:** Sydney Knight, Angela Boyd, Fred Diaz, Annie Padgett, Lois Carl, Pat Corder	**AM:** Cameron Baird, Micah Keel, Caroline Floyd, Suzanne Morcomb, Becky McDaniel **SS:** Taylor Thompson, Tiina Parlas, Karen Hodge, Mary Lou Cantrell, Noelle Thompson **PM:** Bethany Firth, Francesca Finch, Nat Causey, Izy Brady
Sexton Counter	Christopher Thompson	Josh Buhl
Sound Booth	**AM:** Keith White **PM:** Bethany Miller	**AM:** Eric Fulcher **PM:** Christopher Thompson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

WPC's Age and Stage Adult Discipleship Classes are organized in age groupings to encourage relational connections among people experiencing similar life circumstances.
Topics will rotate through the classes during the year.

AGE GROUP	CLASS & DESCRIPTION	TEACHER & LOCATION
College Age	**A Study of Isaiah** Discover how to understand Isaiah and enjoy the many gospel themes of this great book.	**Ryan Brady** Meets in WCA 103 School Building
20s and 30s	**Studies in the Psalms** See how the psalter plays a key role in history and the Christian life.	**Duncan Cantrell** Meets in WCA 104 School Building
40s and 50s	**Beyond Me** Look beyond yourself to God's heart for the nations and be involved in the mission.	**Jim Roberts** Meets in the WPC Library Upstairs in the Church Building
60 Plus	**Christian Ethics** Explore the 10 Commandments as God's enduring guide for Christian ethics.	**Robert Benton** Meets in WPC Room 1 Upstairs in the Church Building

OTHER WPC ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Other WPC Adult Discipleship Classes include a cross generational class that blends people from all stages of life and our own "seminary lite" BASIC Institute Class.

CLASS	CLASS & DESCRIPTION	TEACHER & LOCATION
Cross Generational	**Studies in Genesis** Explore God's purposes in founding the universe and making his covenant promises.	**Jacob Hale** Meets in WPC Room 2 Upstairs in the Church Building
BASIC	**Systematic Theology 103** A seminary-lite overview of salvation, the church, and the end times.	**Cliff Smith** Meets in the WPC Commons Upstairs in the Church Building



Note: There is elevator access for second floor classes in the church and school buildings.

This Week at

November 1 – November 8,2026
Morning Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 11:10 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 1, 2026
4:30 PM - Children's Ministry Team Meeting
4:30 PM - 20/30s Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2026
6:00 PM -Church-wide Nursing Home Sing @ Madison Village

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
9:15 AM - Women's Prayer Time @ WPC
10:00 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC
10:00 AM - Crown Club @ WPC
12:00 PM - Men's Union with Christ Book Study @ WPC

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
11:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC
5:30 PM - Meal served @ WPC
6:15 PM - Nursery Opens
6:15 PM - Children's Classes & Youth Group
6:15 PM - Choir Practice
6:30 PM - Prayer Meeting WPC Narthex
7:30 PM - College & Career

Thursday, November 5, 2026
6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study @ Carol Even's Home
6:30 PM - Men's Ezekiel Bible Study @ WPC

Friday, November 6, 2026
6:30 AM - Men's 1st Peter Bible Study @ Sunny Street Café
9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study @ WPC

Sunday, November 8, 2026
4:30 PM - Adult Discipleship Team Meeting
4:30 PM - Women's Ministry Team Meeting
4:45 PM - Orchestra Practice

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