WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 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 Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Great is Thy Faithfulness
(Hymn #245, arr. Schinske)

It is Good to Sing Your Praises
(Hymn #92B)

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship

Jesus, My Great High Priest
(Trinity Psalter Hymnal #274, vv. 1, 2)

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside.
His pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;
he answers and fulfills his Father's broken laws.
Behold my soul at freedom set, my Surety paid the dreadful debt.

† Call to Worship Psalm 5:7, 103:5

Leader: Through the abundance of the Lord's steadfast love, enter his house and bow down before him.

People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

† Hymn of Adoration *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* #271

† 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 Isaiah 1:13-17 pg.566

Silent Confession of Personal Sins

Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, please pardon all our sins. The sins of early, middle, and advanced years, of omission and commission, of sullen and angry tempers, of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, and pride. Forgive our unfaithfulness to the souls of men, for lacking bold decision in the cause of Christ, for lacking outspoken zeal for his glory, and for bringing dishonor upon His great name. Forgive our deception, injustice, and untruthfulness in our dealings with others. Forgive our impurity in thought, word, and deed. Forgive our covetousness, which is idolatry, of possessions unduly hoarded, unwisely squandered, and not consecrated to your glory. Forgive our sins in private and in the family, in study and recreation, in the study of your Word and in the neglect of it, in prayers irreverently offered and coldly withheld. Forgive our time misspent, our yielding to Satan's wiles, in opening our heart to his temptations, in being unwatchful against sin, and for quenching the Holy Spirit. Pardon all our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten, all for the sake of Christ, the only savior of sinners. Amen. (Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:1-2, pg. 944

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:23-24, pg. 985

† Psalm *O Sing a New Song to the Lord* #98A, vv.1-5

Prayer of Intercession and Dedication Mr. Joe Steele

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Thanks Be to Thee
(Ochs, edited by Liebergen)

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Joe Steele

"A Theology of Death and Pleasure"

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 pg. 557

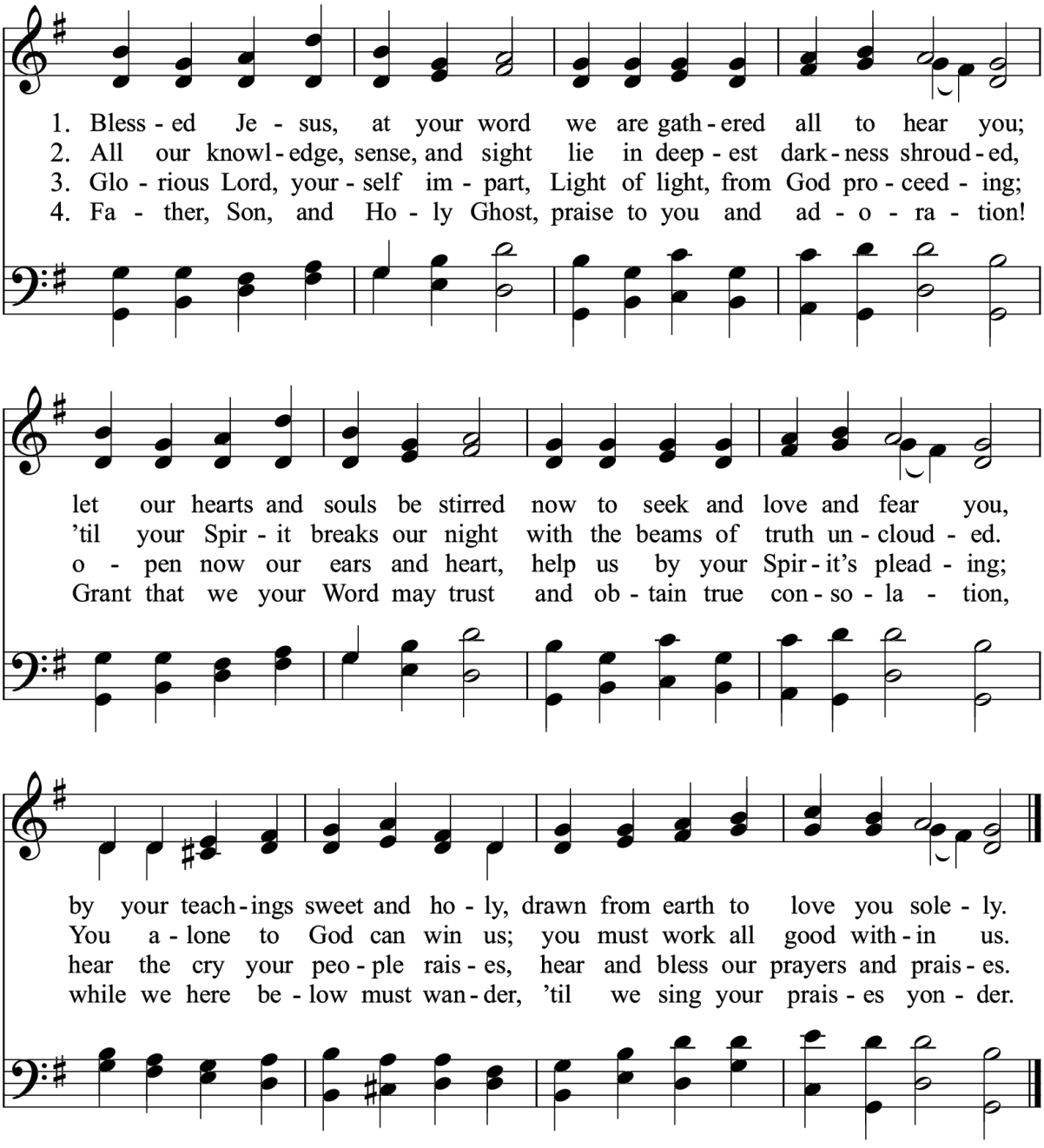
† Hymn of Response *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness* In Bulletin

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

When This Passing World is Done

(M'Cheyne, Getty)

271 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



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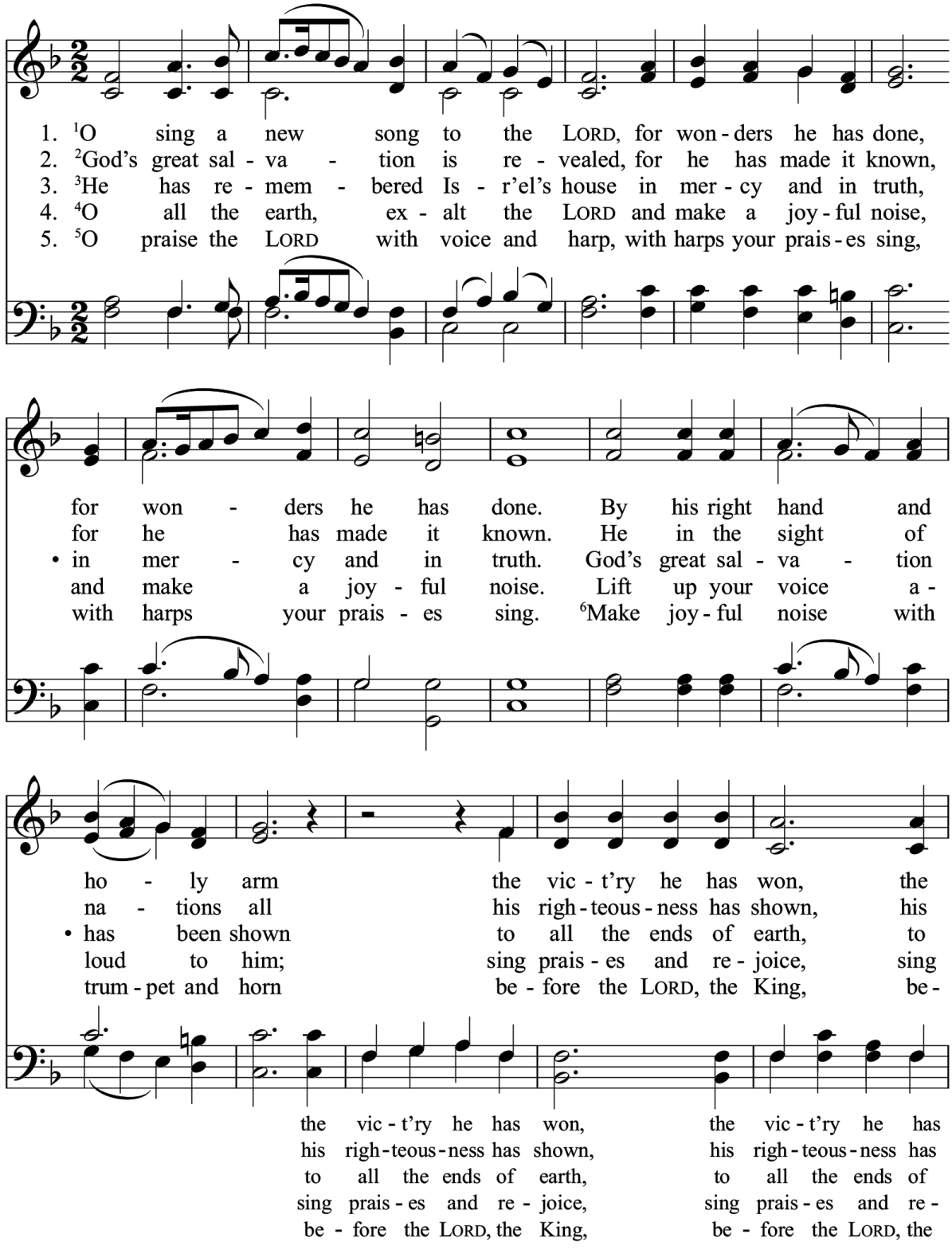
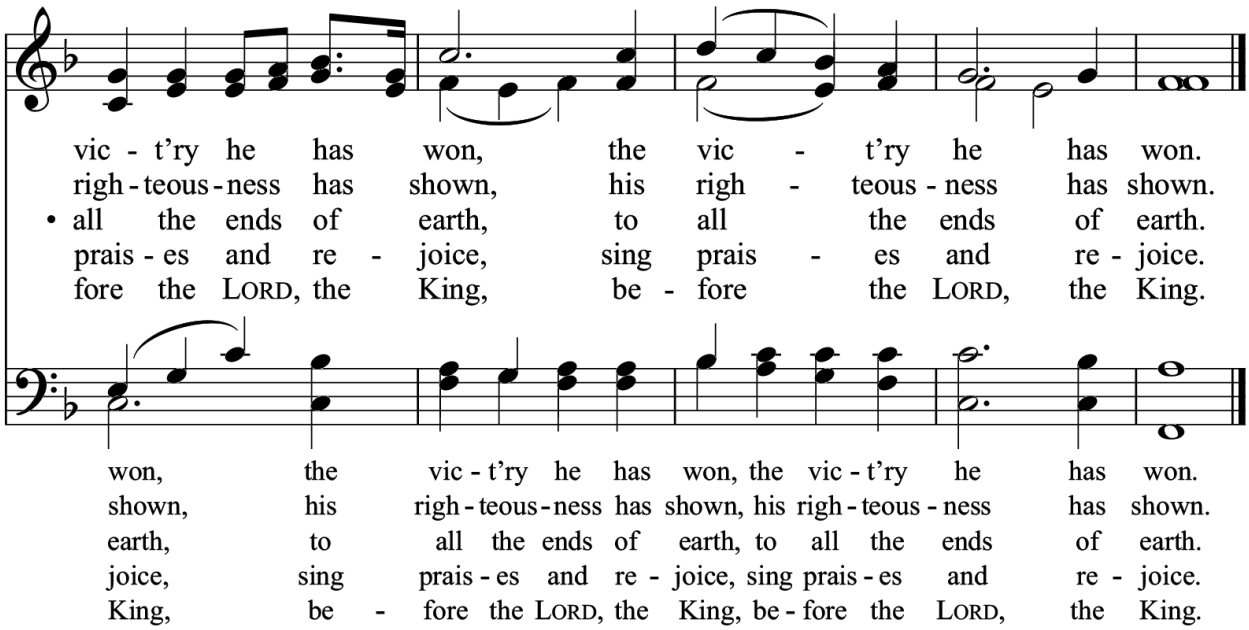
LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8.
Johann R. Ahle, 1664

98A O Sing a New Song to the LORD





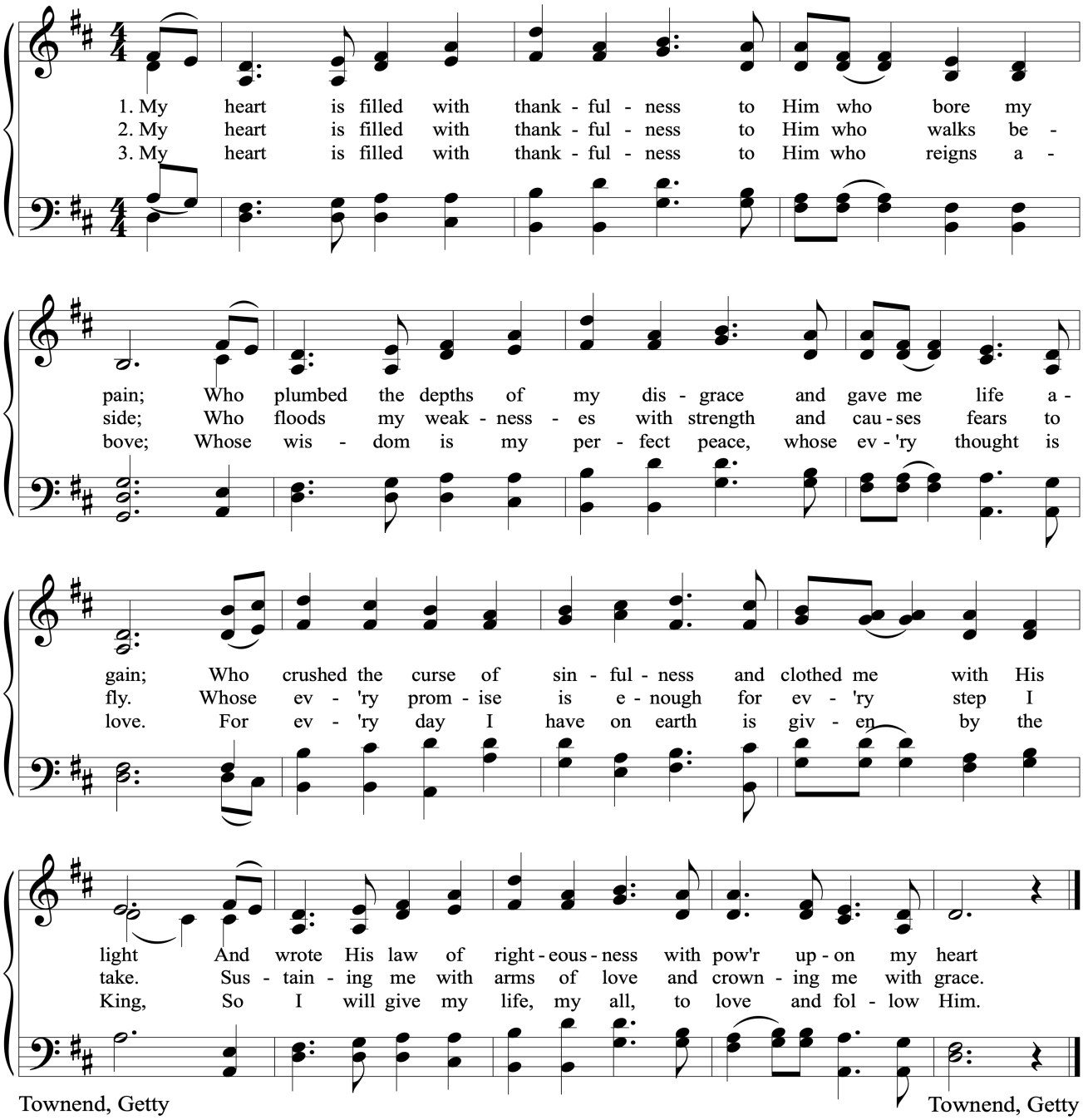
6. [7]Let sea and land and all they hold
resound with one accord. [*sing two times*]
[8]Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
for joy [9]before the LORD. [*men sing four times; women sing three times*]

7. He surely comes to judge the earth;
the judge of all is he. [*sing two times*]
He'll judge the world with righteousness,
all men with equity. [*men sing four times; women sing three times*]

The Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009; alt.

LYNGHAM C.M.rep.
Thomas Jarman, ca. 1803

My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness



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Evening Worship

Prelude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Thanks to God For My Redeemer
(Hultman, arr. Sanborn)

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire
(Lyrics of #267, tune: Greatorex, arr. Grotenhuis)

Welcome and Announcements

† Call to Worship Exodus 20:1-3; Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Leader:And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

People: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

† Hymn of Adoration *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #379

† Invocation

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

Psalm of the Month *Though Princes Hound Me for No Cause* #119U

† Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #465

Confession of Faith WLC Q. 91, pg. 950

Q. Wh*at is the duty which God requireth of man?*

A. The duty which God requireth of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Prayer of Intercession Mr. Bill Emrich

Offertory

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another
(I John 4:7, Grotenhuis)

Proclamation of the Word of God Mr. Duncan Cantrell

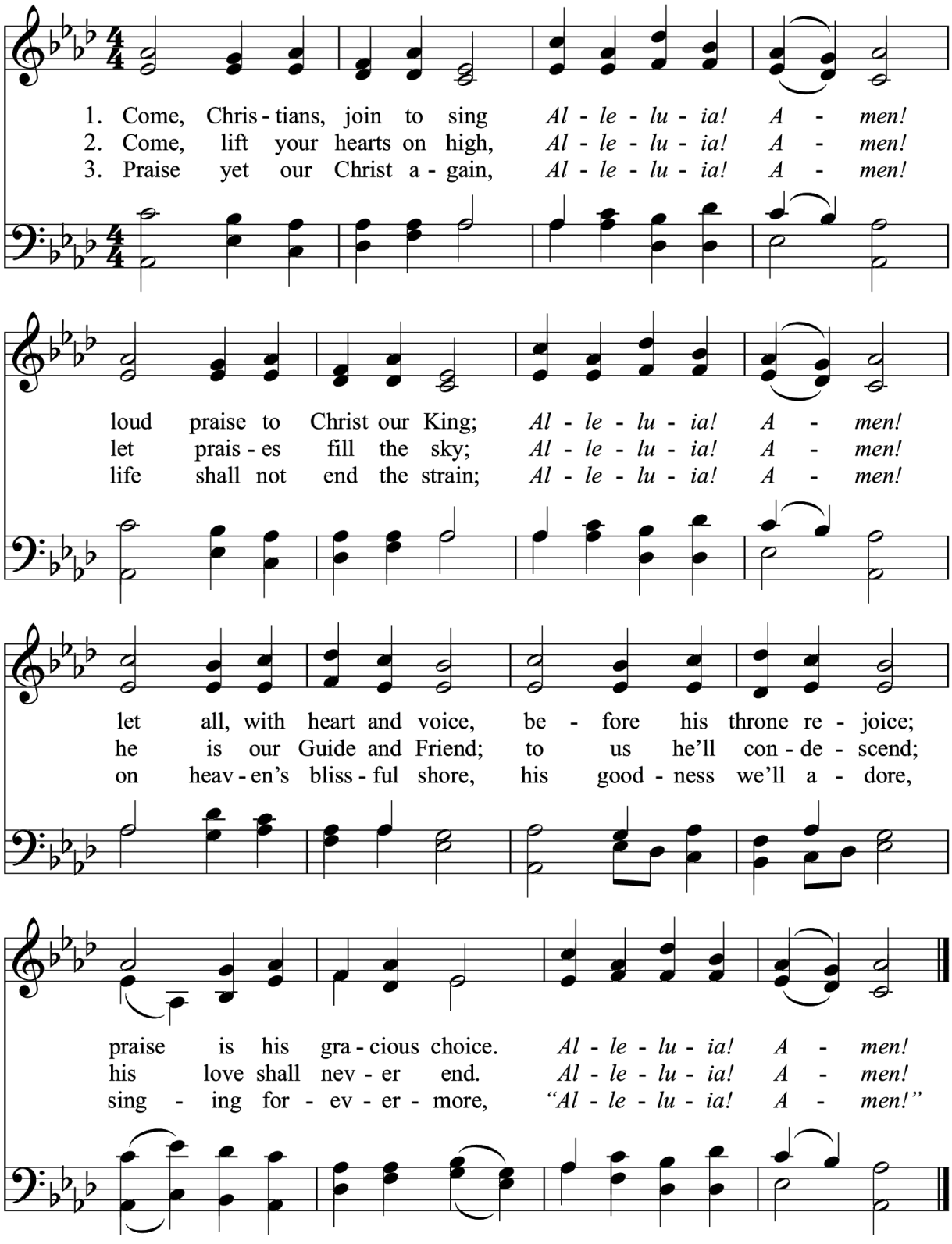
"A Divided Heart"
1 Corinthians 8:1-7 pg. 956

† Hymn of Response *The God of Abraham Praise* #234

† Postlude Ms. Bertha Dykstra

The Glorious Exchange
(Cruse, Strong)

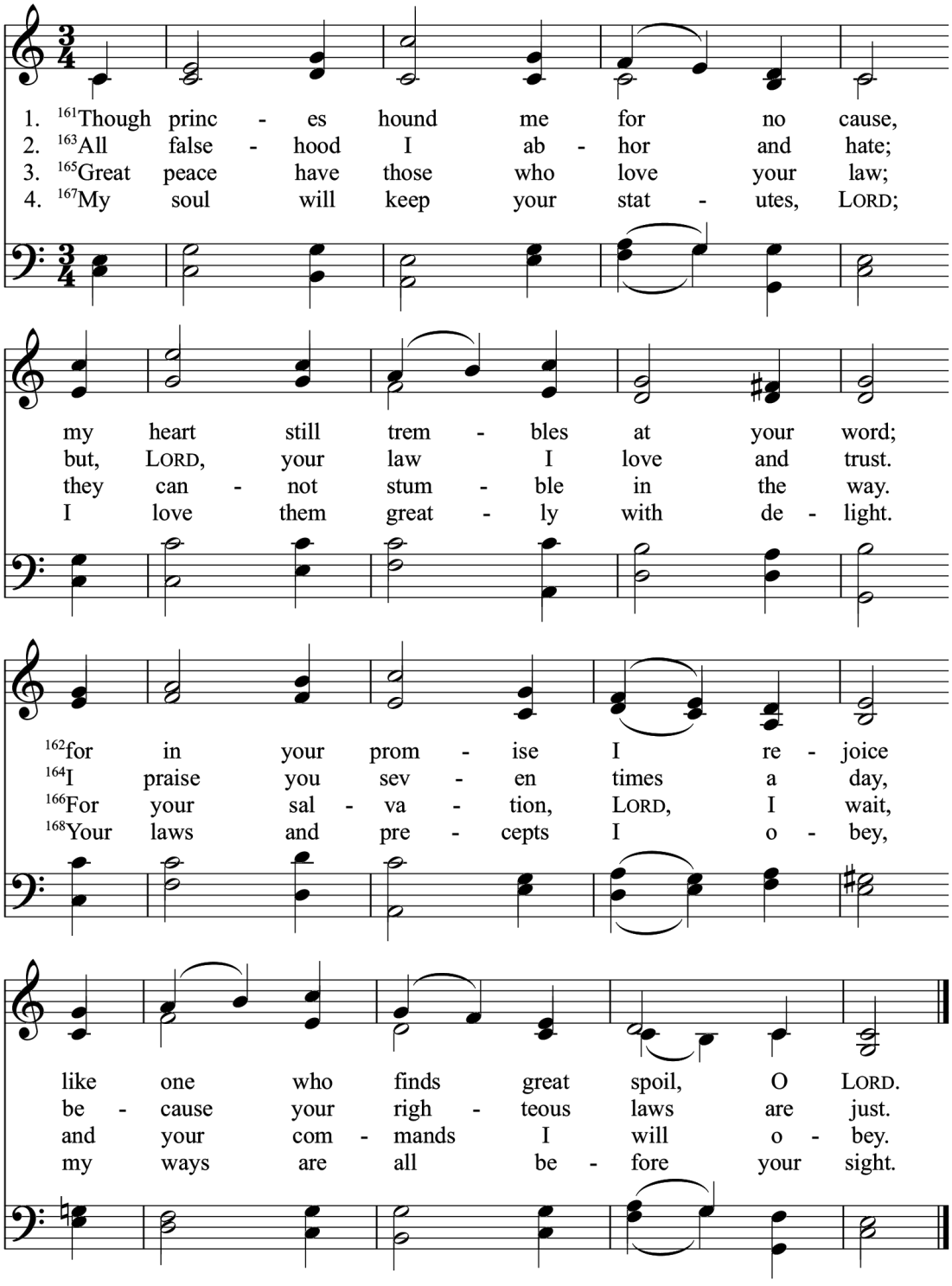
379 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



Christian H. Bateman, 1843

MADRID 6.6.6.6.D.
Traditional Spanish melody
Arr. David Evans, 1927

Though Princes Hound Me for No Cause 119U



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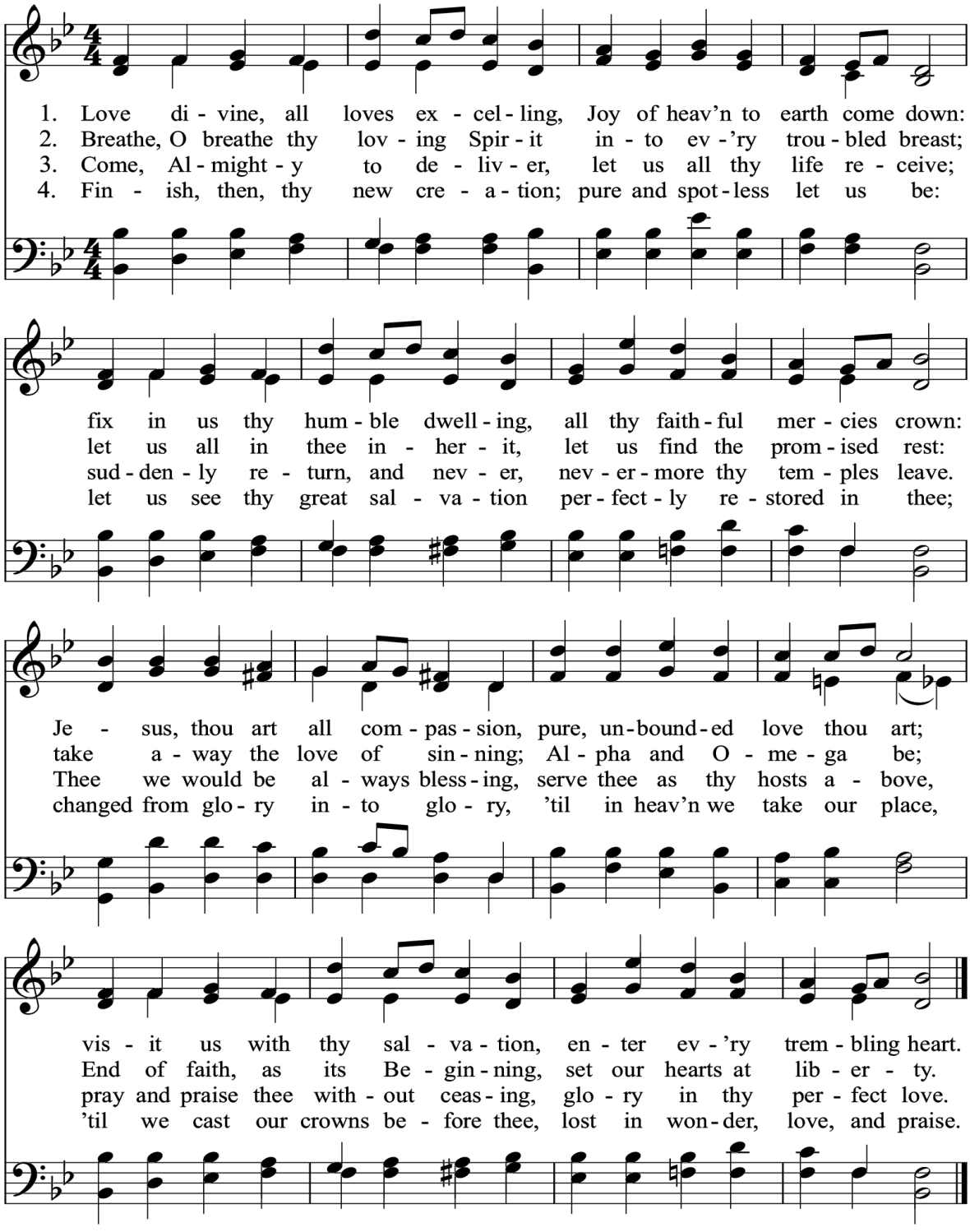
DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.
Antiphoner, Grenoble, 1753

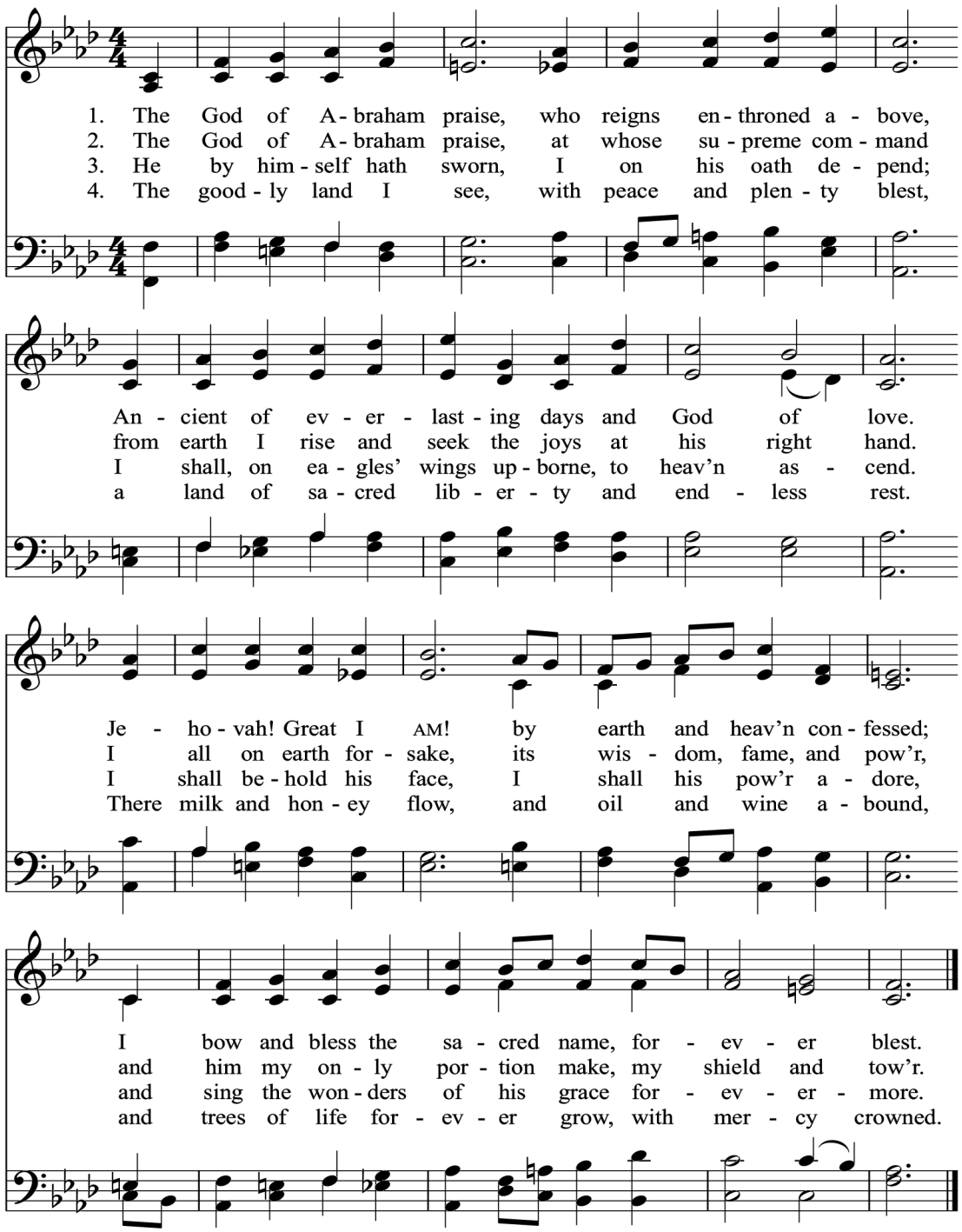
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 465



Charles Wesley, 1747

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
John Zundel, 1870; alt.

234 The God of Abraham Praise



5. There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Based on a Jewish text of Daniel ben Judah, 1404
Thomas Olivers, 1770

LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Jewish melody
Arr. Meyer Lyon, 1770

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

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.

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).

Office Closed: The office will be closed Wednesday- Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Christmas Decorating: **Today** we will be decorating the church for Christmas, and we need as many hands as possible to get it done in a timely fashion. There will be two phases of work. First, immediately after Sunday School, we will bring the decorations down from the Mezzanine and stage them in the transepts. Second, immediately after Evening Service, we will set up the decorations. Please plan to join in and help get our building ready for the Advent Season.

Dead Theologians Society (DTS): On Tuesday, December 1st, we will begin reading and studying C.S. Lewis's classic work, "The Screwtape Letters." Books will be available for purchase in the church office beginning Sunday, November 15th. Books are $10. If you have any questions about joining DTS, please get in touch with Pastor Steele at joe.steele@wpc-hsv.org.

EVENTS

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

Crown Club Christmas Party Wednesday, December 2, at noon. The Crown Club (aged 60 & up) will have their Christmas party on December 2 at noon at WPC. Sign up on the Blue Sheet or see Robin Roberts to sign up and to bring food. RSVPs needed by November 29.

Women's Christmas event: Friday, **December 4** we will meet at the church for a devotion and Christmas hymn singing at 5:30 before splitting off into smaller, more intimate groups of women for a potluck dinner. Sign up for one of the homes on the event registration page. A collection will be taken up for Christmas gifts for the women at Perlentor, a home for women rescued from the sex trade in Munich, Germany. One of our missionaries, Adair Evans, works with this group. Please make your contribution by Sunday, December 6th**.** Today is the last day to sign up.

Family Christmas Caroling @ Regency: Please join us as we come together to sing Christmas Songs to Regency Retirement Village on **December 5th** @ 9:30 AM. All ages are welcome, and we encourage families to attend.

Family Tinsel Trail Fellowship: Join us on Monday, **December 7th,** @ 6 p.m. as we enjoy a time of fellowship and walk through the Tinsel Trail at Big Spring Park in Downtown Huntsville. Meet by the red bridge to grab your provided hot chocolate and treat before we begin the walk.

Christmas Shop Sponsored by Just One Africa: On Wednesday, **December 9th,** from 4-7:30 pm, Westminster will be hosting Just One Africa's Christmas pop-up shop in the Commons and Narthex. All proceeds from this event will go toward sending water filters to Kenya (which Valley Light will distribute)! The shop will include a variety of handmade items from Kenyan artisans, including apparel, Christmas ornaments, and more. Dinner is not required to shop, but Corralejos is providing dinner from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (registration for dinner is a $5 minimum donation per person). See Realm for more information and to sign up for dinner. Extra donations will be welcome on site. All proceeds from the shop and the meal will go toward purchasing water filters. **Dinner registration closes at 12 pm on December 8th.**

Event Registration

DECEMBER 4, 6:00 PM
Women's Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER 5, 9:30 AM
Family Christmas Caroling

DECEMBER 7, 6:00 PM
Family Tinsel Trail Fellowship

DECEMBER 9, 5:30 PM
Africa Christmas Shop Meal- Corralejos

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

SUNDAY MORNING 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.

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 the Sanctuary of the Church 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 include a cross-generational class that blends people from all stages of life and our own "seminary lite" BASIC Institute Class.

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.)

Upcoming Events

- December 4: Women's Christmas Event (5:30 pm)
- December 5: Children's Hymn Sing @ Regency (9:30 am)
- December 5: Men's G4 Summit Event
- December 7: Family Fellowship @ Tinsel Trail (6:00 pm)
- December 9: College & Career Christmas Party (6:30 pm)
- December 18: 20/30s Christmas Party (6:00 pm)

Sunday School

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: 11/22/26	Next Week: 11/29/26
Coffee Fellowship	Team Cochrane	Team Stegman
Evening Prayer	Bill Emrich	Curtis Edewaard
Head Usher	David Mansfield	Brady Finch
Nursery	**AM:** Cameron Baird, Bethany Miller, Chloe Littlehailes, Laura Smith, Michelle Benton **SS:** Taylor Thompson, Mary Sanford, Mary Lou Cantrell, Noelle Thompson **PM:** Nikki Bush, Joohyun Kwon, Amena Fox, Katya Eberle	**AM:** April Stegman, Kevin Carl, Isabella Berhow, Nikki Bush, Bethany Miller, Robin Roberts **SS:** Taylor Thompson, Mary Sanford, Mary Lou Cantrell, Noelle Thompson **PM:** Kelley Jones, Elizabeth Steele, Katya Eberle, Amena Fox
Sexton Counter	Nate VanKirk	John Kirkwood
Sound Booth	**AM:** James Pearce **PM:** Scott Paulson	**AM:** Eric Fulcher **PM:** Bethany Miller

This Week at WPC

November 22 – November 29,2026
Morning Worship: 9:30 AM
Sunday School: 11:10 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 22, 2026

7:00 PM - Decorating Sanctuary after evening service

Tuesday, November 24, 2026

7:00 AM - Men's DTS Book Study @ WPC
7:00 AM - Men's Transforming Grace Book Study @ Blue Plate Cafe

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