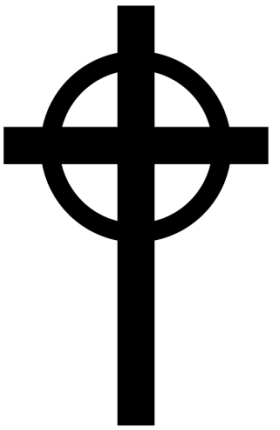

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRIST IS PREEMINENT

March 15, 2026

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IN PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

As Christians, we are all called to be His ambassadors in this world, especially in Eden, NC, where the Lord has placed us. We all know family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., who have not been saved. They continue in the misery of their sinful state, not giving themselves over to worshipping Christ. Who are those who are near to you but far from God, who need to hear, from you, the glorious truth that their sins can be forgiven in Jesus Christ?

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Welcome, Announcements, & Congregational Greeting

Gospel Greeting

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come – this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Meditation: *2 Corinthians 5:20* *(Recite in Unison)*

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 67:4-5*

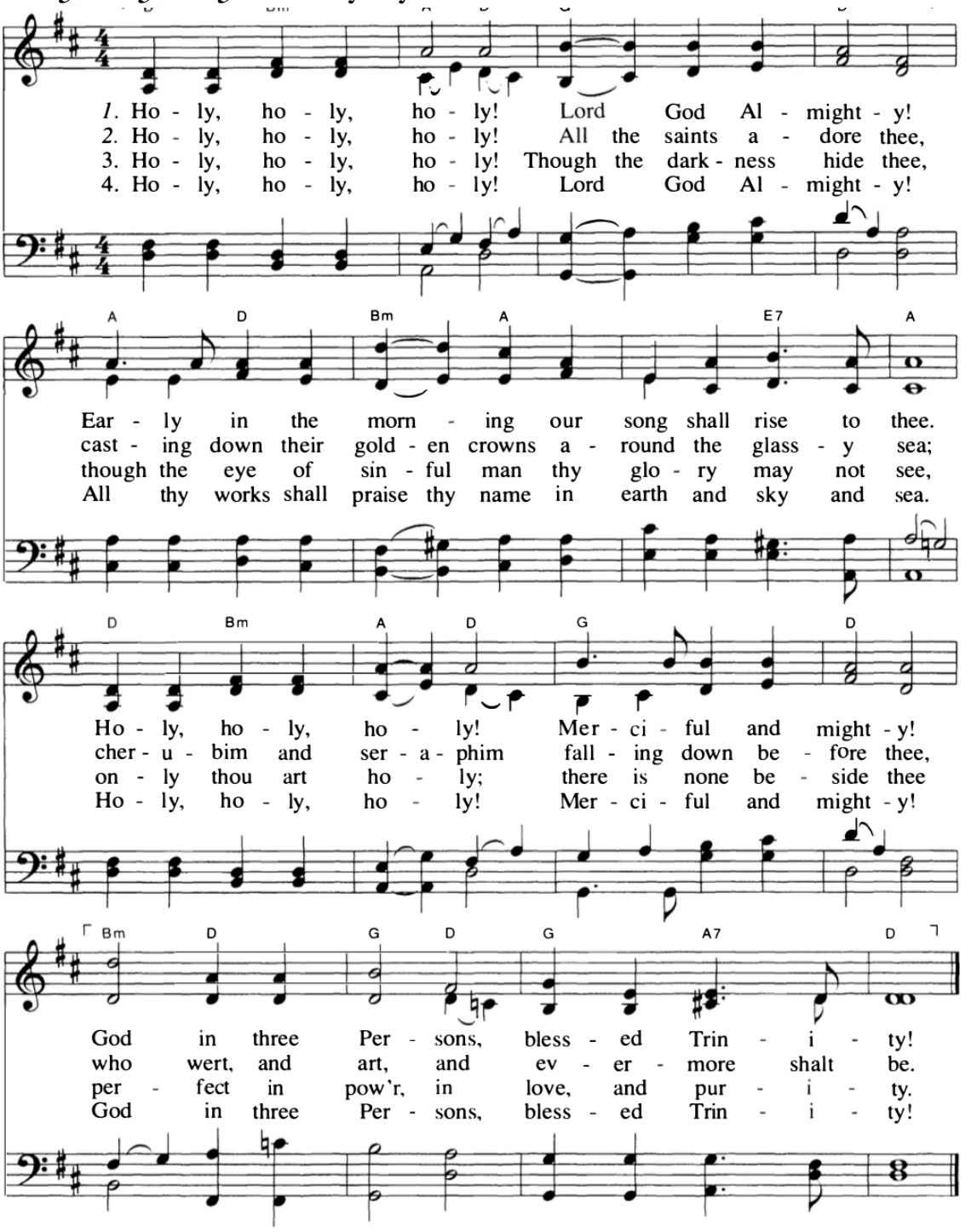
Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

* Prayer of Invocation

*** Please stand if you are able.**

* *Holy, Holy, Holy* – Trinity Hymnal #100



Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

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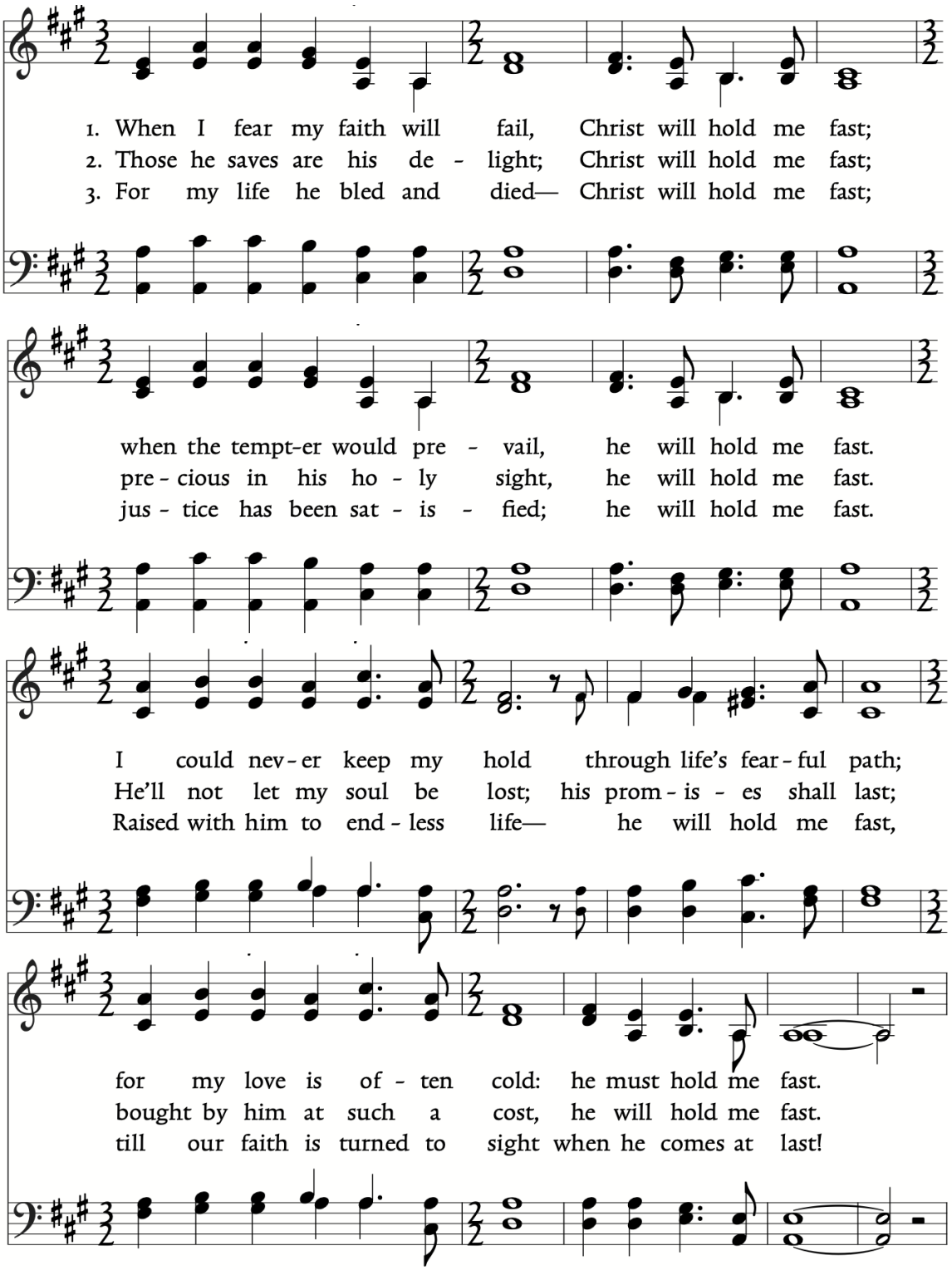
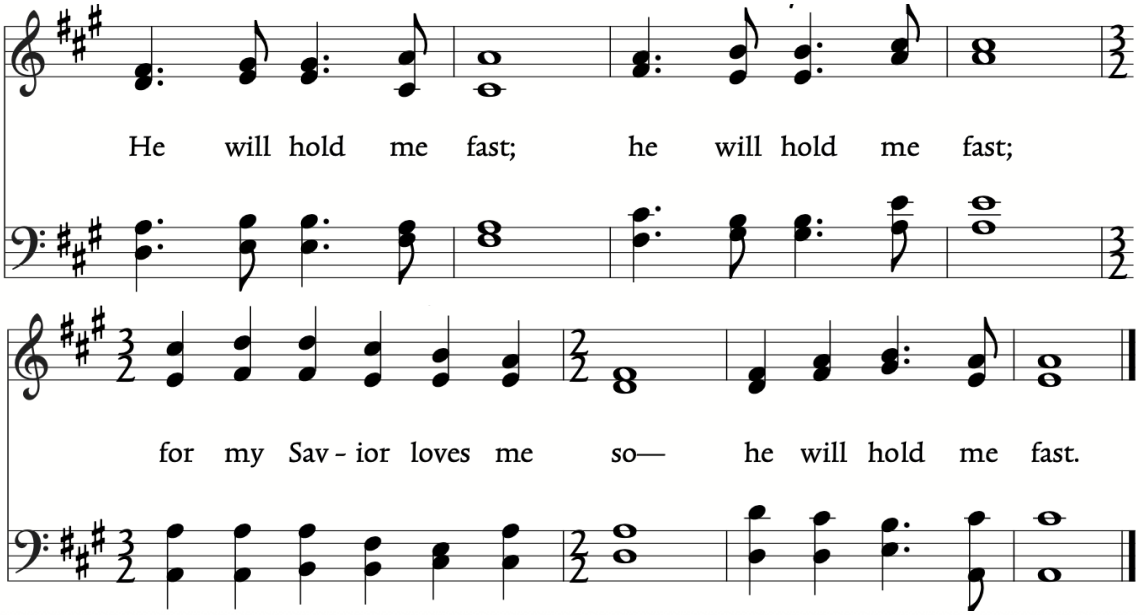
John B. Dykes. 1861

* *He Will Hold Me Fast* – Sing! Hymnal #598





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Reading of Scripture: *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Corporate and Personal Confession of Sin *(Recite in Unison)*

I, poor sinner, confess myself before God Almighty, that I have gravely sinned by the transgression of his commandments; that I have done many things which I should have left undone, and I have left undone that which I should have done, through unbelief and distrust in God and weakness of love toward my fellow servants. God knows the guilt I have incurred, for which I am grieved. Be gracious to me, Lord. Be merciful to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Jeremiah 31:33-34* *(Recite in Unison)*

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Giving of Tithing & Offerings

Offertory

* The Doxology

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.

The Pastoral Prayer: *Romans 1:16-17*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

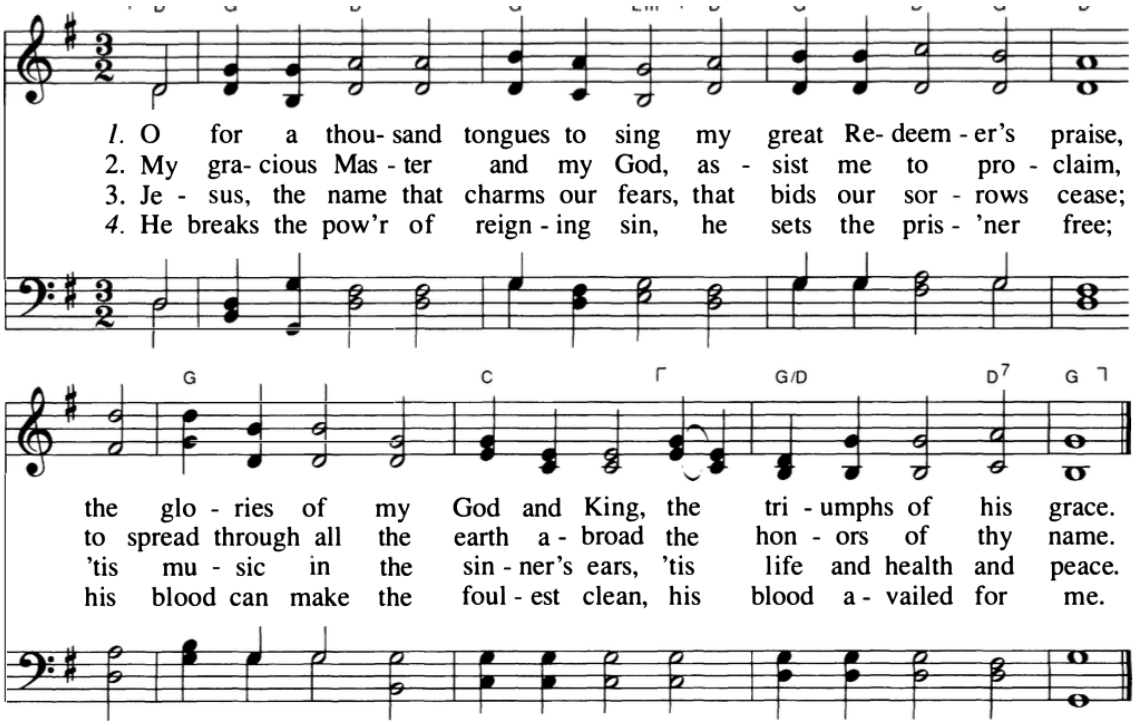
The Lord's Prayer (*Recite in Unison)*

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Children's Sermon

***** Children Dismissed for Children's Bible Study*****

* *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* – Trinity Hymnal #164



5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
Alt. 1961

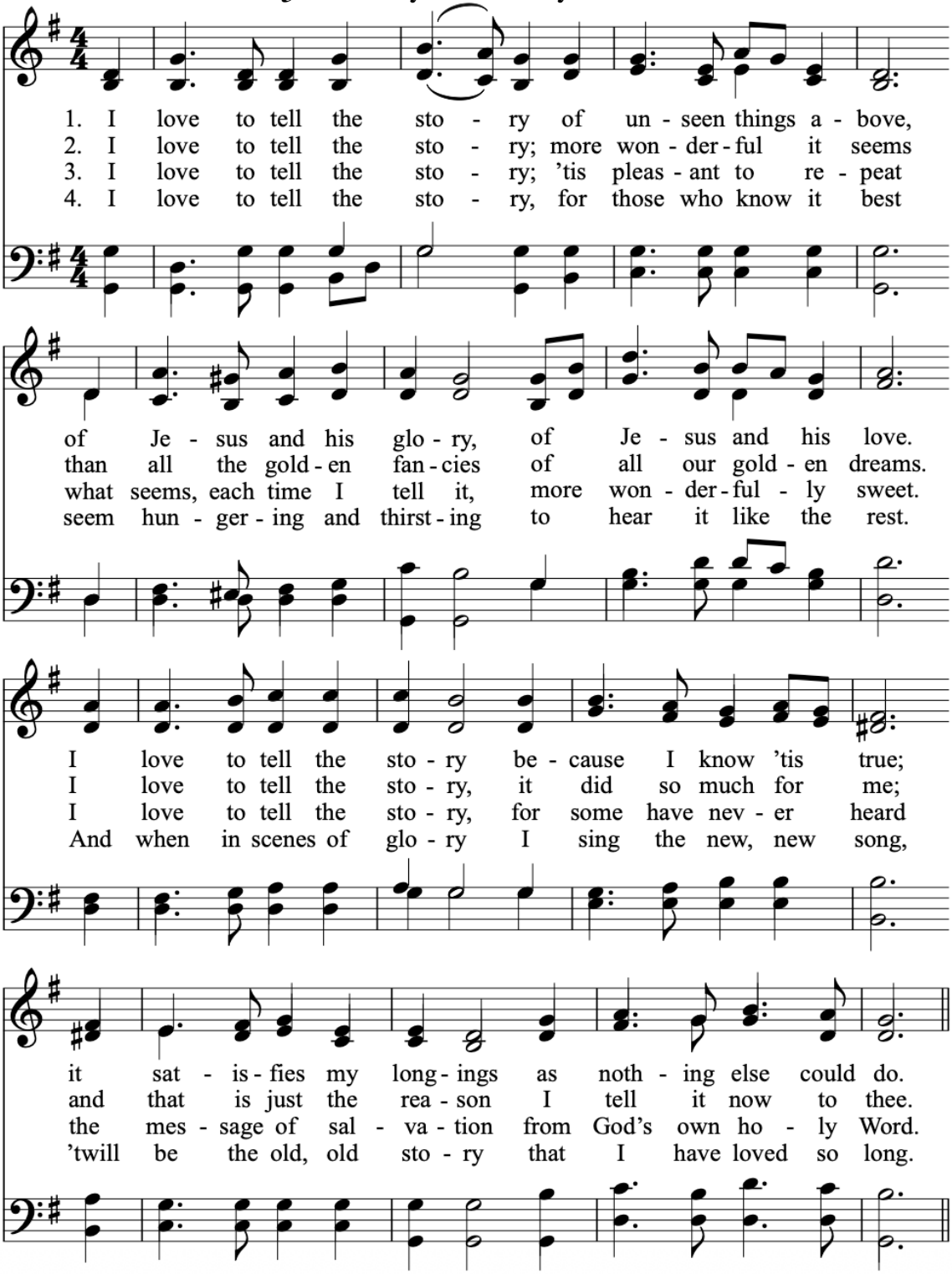
AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

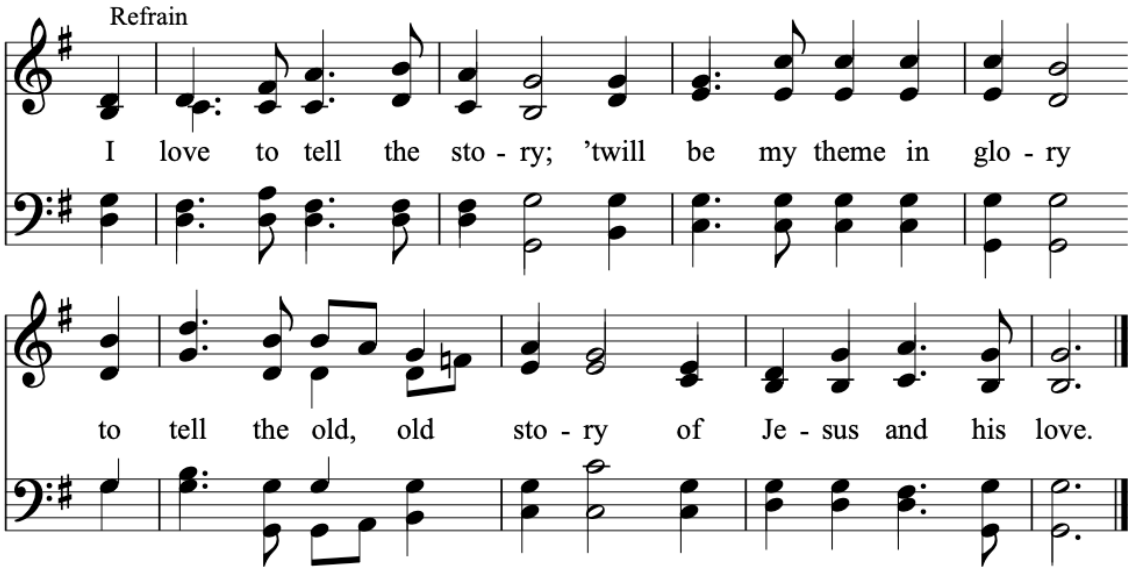
* Prayer of Illumination & The Reading of God's Word

The Preaching of God's Word

JOHN 4:27-45 – LOOK! THE HARVEST IS HERE

* *I Love to Tell the Story* – Trinity Psalter Hymnal #438





Katherine Hankey, 1866

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY 7.6.7.6.D.ref.
William G. Fischer, 1869

* Benediction: *Hebrews 6:19-20*

We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

* Gloria Patri

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.

* Postlude & Dismissal

While the gathering has ended, service to Christ continues; let us go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, serving our Lord as His ambassadors!

PRAYER REQUESTS

****If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Jeni Hartley at jhartley@fpceden.org****

Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Billy Shafer
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor
- Tristen Wittman and the 109th MP Battalion

Our Missionaries

- Stephanie Black – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Ben and Ellie Childs – Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- Al and Joy Doomy – Outreach to Asia Nationals
- Bradley and Jessica Long – Frontier Fellowship
- Brent and Marianne Pilson – Café 1040

Operation World – Brazil

Brazil's evangélicos grew from 2 million in 1960 to an estimated 55 million in 2020. They are one of the largest evangelical populations in the world, and very strong in prayer meetings and movements. Large gatherings, women's networks, youth movements, and events like the March for Jesus, all bring masses together to pray and celebrate Jesus. Praise God for Brazilian prayer warriors!

Father, help us to be a God-glorifying, Christ-exalting, Spirit-led, Bible-saturated, Mission-driven, and Fellowship-focused people.

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Supper

Our next celebration of the Lord's Supper will be on April 5, 2025.

Session

Paul Sasser (2026)
Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)
Kenny Mabe (2028)
Everall Peele (2028)
Bill Robertson (2028)
Pastor Brad Milks

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Ministries

Sunday School | Sunday 9:00am
Public Worship | Sunday 10:00am
The Pastor's Study | Wednesday 10:00am
Church Prayer | Wednesday 6:30pm
Choir Practice | Wednesday 7:00pm
Puritan Fellowship | Thursday 7:00am
Women Bible Study | Thursday 6:45pm
Romans Bible Study | Saturday 7:15am

Stewardship – January 30, 2026

Operational Budget
YTD Received $17,896
YTD Expenses $25,060
Budget YTD -$7,164

Building Fund
Building Need: $15,131
Building Received: $22,599
Building YTD $7,468

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)
Sunday, April 5, 2025

NEW TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

We are thankful you have gathered with us this morning as we worship the living triune God! We pray you encounter the Lord's presence and glory through singing, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Super Senior Sunday. On Sunday, March 29, we will celebrate our "Super Seniors." We will have a covered-dish lunch immediately following worship to show our appreciation for you. Those 78 or older do not need to bring anything. We are thankful for these individuals and their service over the years at FPC.

Bingo Night. Come enjoy a wonderful night of fun and fellowship on Sunday, March 22, at 5:00pm in the Gathering Area. We will have a hot-dog meal, followed by a rousing game of Bingo. There will be a signup sheet next Sunday with all pertinent information. We have some great prizes, but could also use a few more. If you'd like to donate, gift cards or gift baskets are always welcome. Be sure to sign up today if you intend to attend! Cost for Meal and Bingo: Family $25, Couples $20, Individuals $15. Just meal: $7, Just Bingo: $8.

Easter Lilies. For a donation of $15 per flower, Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of remarkable individuals. A list of those being honored and remembered will be included in our worship folder on Sunday, April 5, 2025. Signup sheets for the lilies are on the table near the entrance.

Nancy and Bill Putnam's 60th Wedding Anniversary. To the friends of Nancy and Bill Putnam: On April 2, 2026, Nancy and Bill will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. There will be a gathering at the church on Saturday, April 11th, at 1:00 pm for a light lunch. Please come and join the celebration of this wonderful event. Please RSVP by April 6th with the number of people attending and any questions to: *putnam.60th.annivesary@gmail.com* , or call Laura Putnam at 781-248-1340, or speak with Bill and Nancy. The RSVP is for food-ordering estimates; if you don't RSVP, you can still come to the party.

To parents with children: We are glad you, your family, and your children are here this morning. Children are a blessing from the Lord. Sometimes they wiggle and squirm throughout the service. Children are not a distraction to the church. They are a gift from the Lord.

To children: If you want to doodle all over this bulletin – go for it! We are glad you are with us.

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