

First Presbyterian Church

Christ is Preeminent

November 8, 2026

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In Preparation

In a world deeply desiring a "word from God," we, as Christians, know we hear from the Lord every time we read or pray the Scriptures, or sit under the teaching or preaching of the Scriptures. The Scriptures are living, active, and enduring. Holy Words pierce our hearts, convicting us of sin and encouraging us, pointing us to our Savior. The sacred writings are God's breathed-out words. In the Word, we are made wise unto salvation and godliness. Christians have always been a people "of the Book." Let us continue to love the written Word of God, for in it the Living Word is made known.

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: *Isaiah 40:8* *(Recite in Unison)*

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 16:28–30*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
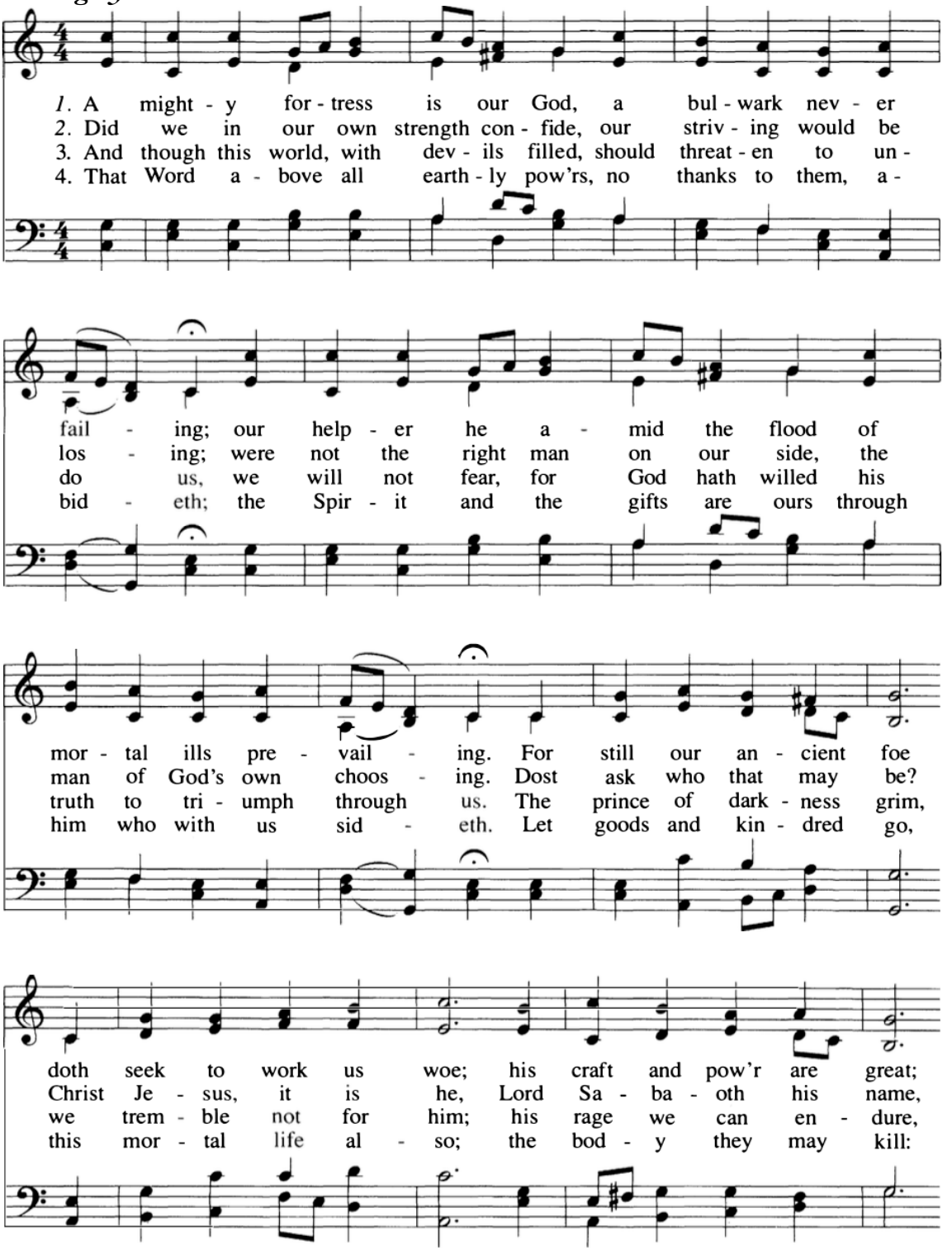
* Prayer of Invocation

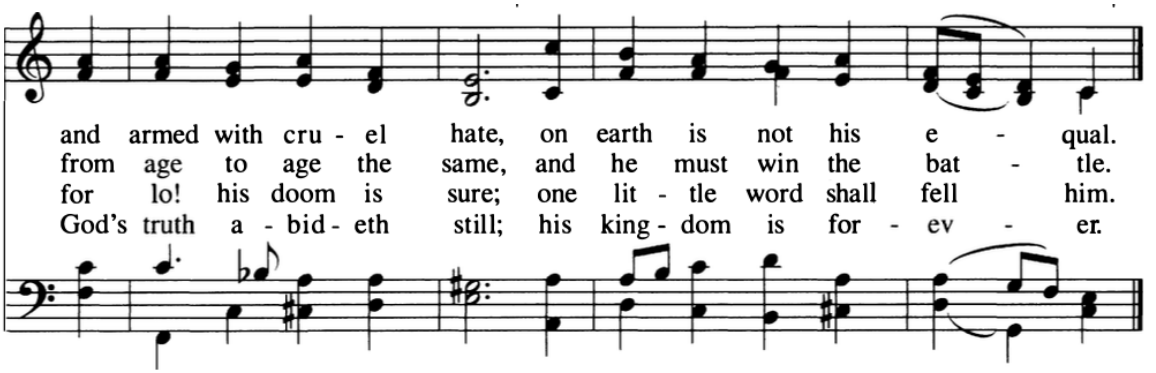
* *Doxology*

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.

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

***** ***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***
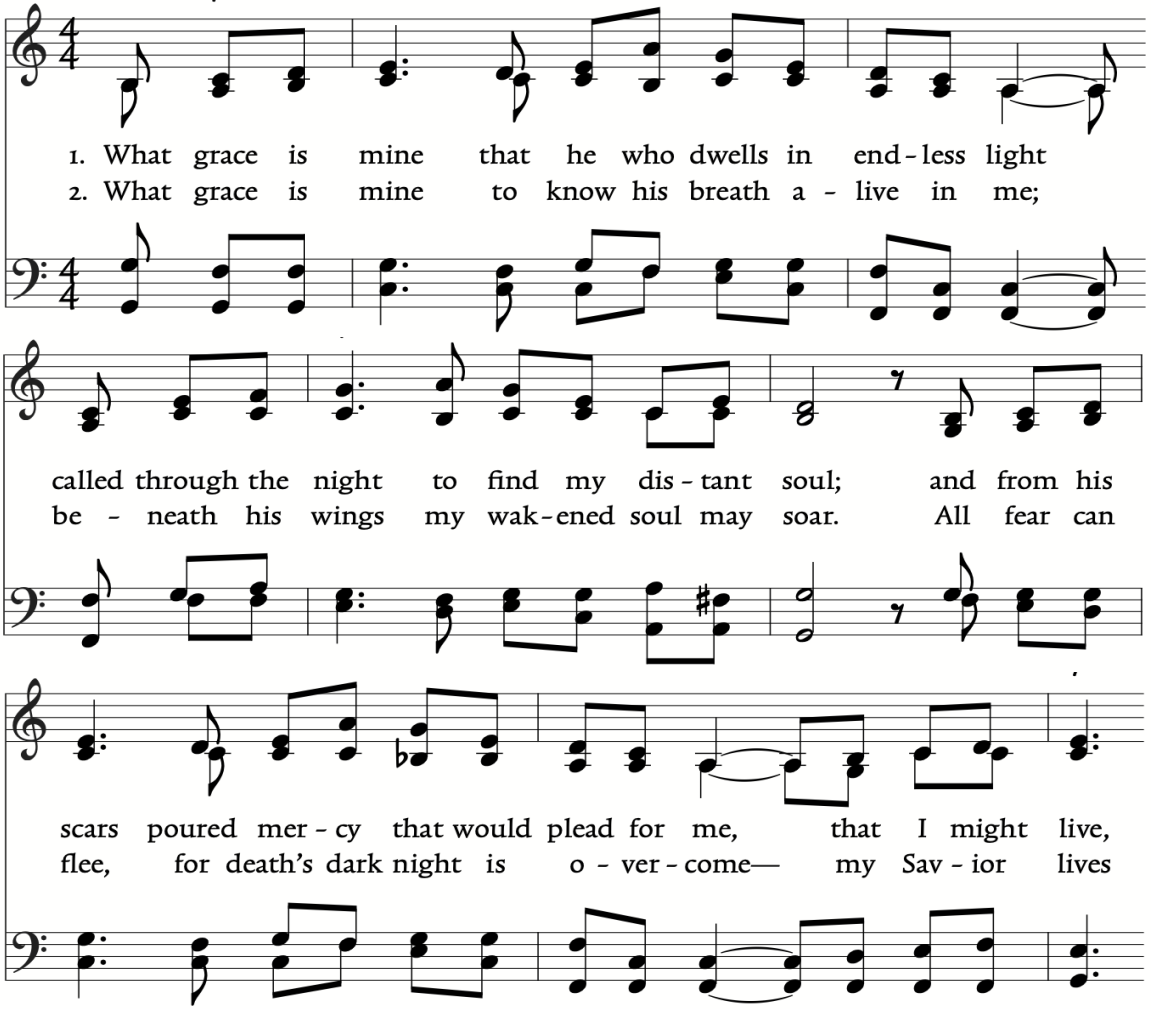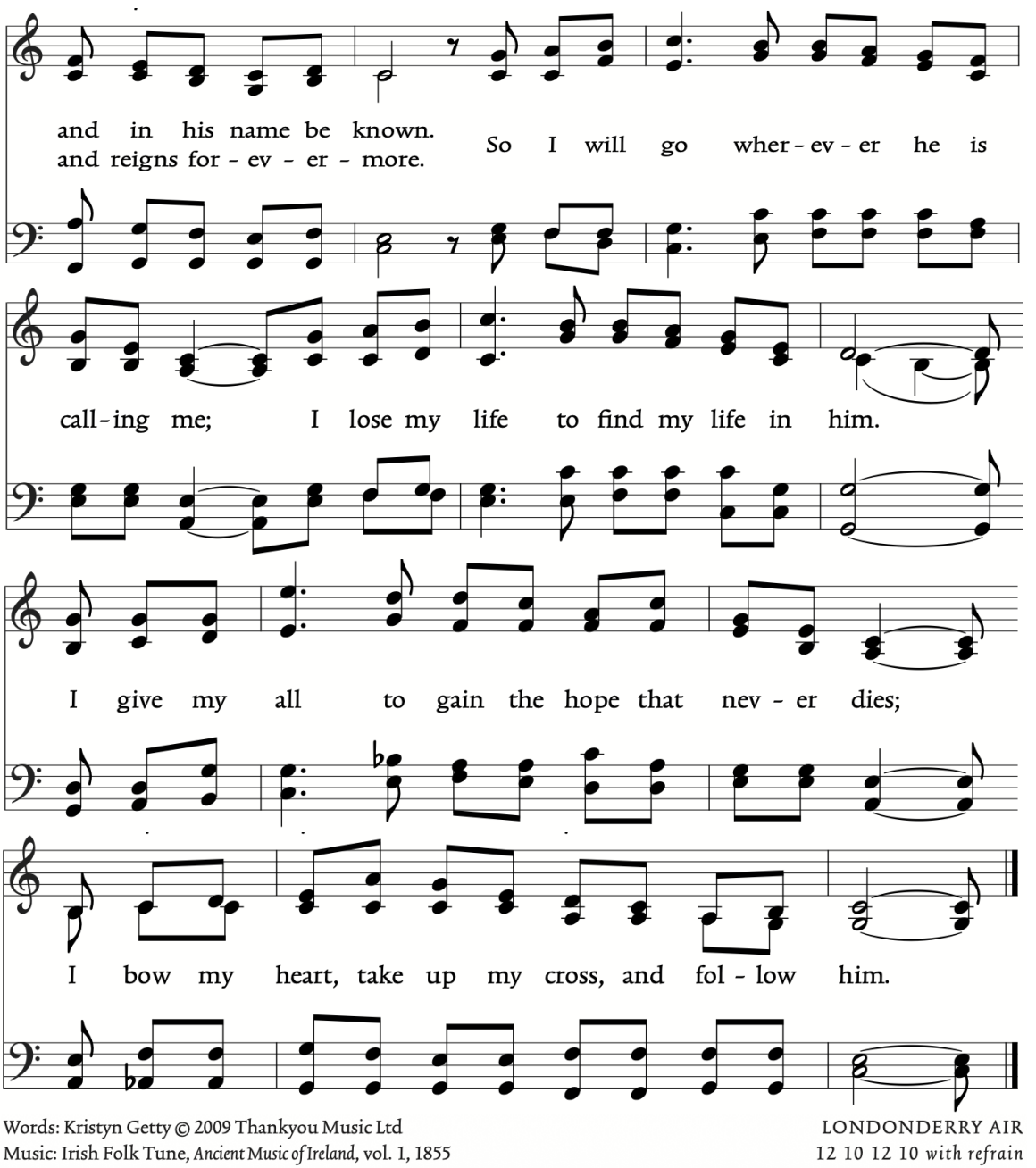




Based on Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1529
Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

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Martin Luther, 1529

* *What Grace Is Mine*





Words: Kristyn Getty © 2009 Thankyou Music Ltd
Music: Irish Folk Tune, *Ancient Music of Ireland*, vol. 1, 1855

LONDONDERRY AIR
12 10 12 10 *with refrain*

Reading of the Law: ***John 15:10-12***

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

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

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked you to anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to receive us into your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

~ John Oecolampadius

Assurance of Pardon: ***Micah 7:18-20***

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

**** 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.

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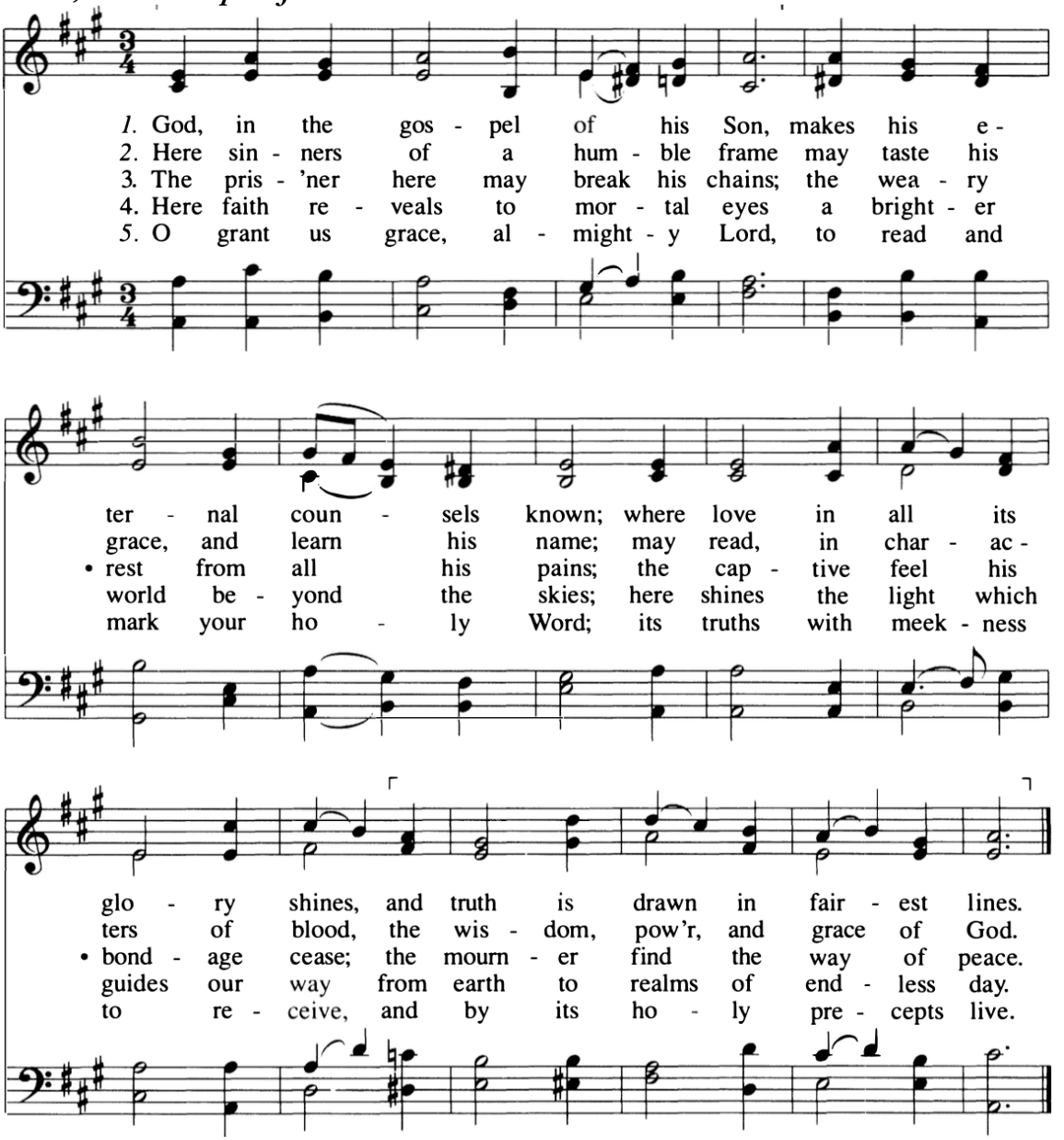
The Lord's Prayer ***(Recite in Unison)***

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*****

*** *God, In the Gospel of His Son***



Benjamin Beddome, 1787
Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1819; mod.

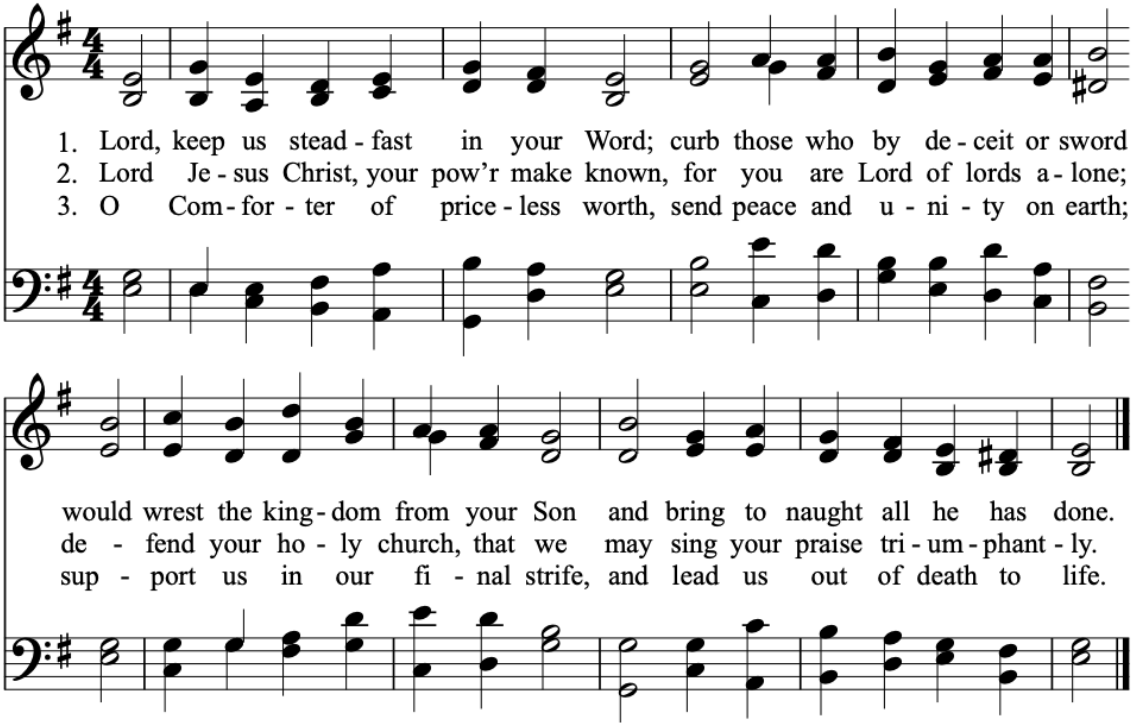
GERMANY L.M.
William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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

The Preaching of God's Word

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17 – THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE

* *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word*



Martin Luther, 1541, 1542
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.; mod.

ERHALT UNS, HERR L.M.
Joseph Klug, *Geistliche Lieder,* 1543

*** Benediction:** ***Deuteronomy 7:9***

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

**** Threefold Amen***

*** Postlude & Dismissal**

Although 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 in both the demonstration and the proclamation of the Gospel

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Our Congregation

- Frank Parker
- Stuart Peele
- Jonathan Smith
- Rick & Debbie Taylor

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 – Sudan

Sudan has known only war for its entire modern history. Violence is rife throughout Sudan, which is regarded as one of the world's least stable nations. The belligerent government/military waged war against restive populations in the south, west and east at massive human and economic cost to its own citizens. With such religious, ethnic and linguistic diversity added to civil conflicts and hostile relations with neighbours, peace is nearly impossible. Pray for sweeping change at the highest levels and throughout the land - for repentance, restitution and rebuilding of communal life.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #23

Question: *What are these articles (Christian faith)?*

Answer: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten 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 from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living 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.

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 December 6.

Session
Bruce Nooe – Stated Clerk (2027)
Kenny Mabe (2028)
Everall Peele (2028)
Bill Robertson (2028)
Carter Combs (2029)
Pastor Brad Milks

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

Stewardship – Thru September
Operational Budget
YTD Received: $208,531.14
YTD Expenses: $223,746.97
Budget YTD: -$15,215.83

Building Fund
Building Need: $117,662
Building Received: $86,353.84
Building YTD: -$31,308.16

Pennies for Hunger Offering (Missions/Outreach)
Sunday, December 6

Sign Up for Our Emails
Scan the code with your phone and sign up to receive our emails.

NEW TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH?

We are thankful that you have gathered with us this morning to worship the living triune God, seeing and savoring His glorious grace in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We pray you joyfully encounter the Lord's presence and glory through singing, the fellowship of God's people, and the preaching of His Word. May we glorify God and enjoy Him forever!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Calls for a Congregational Meeting immediately following the service on December 6, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is threefold: 1) Elect individuals for the Nominating Committee, 2) Present the 2027 budget, and 3) Present the Pastor's terms of call to be voted upon.

Staff Love Gift. We will be collecting through December 20, 2026. Please mark your check in the memo with "Staff Love Gift."

Special Thanksgiving Offering. Session asks that we prayerfully consider giving an offering, above and beyond our normal tithings and offerings. You may consider giving donations via our website, in cash/check, or in stocks/bonds. All gifts that are received will be applied directly to the principal of building loans. All donations should be labeled as "Thanksgiving Offering." This offering will take place on November 22, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brad or Jennifer Shafer.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes! The collection week is November 16-23. This year will mark our 15th year being a collection site. We thank God for such a wonderful opportunity. During the service on November 22, we will pray a dedication prayer over the boxes we have received. The team needs help in the following three ways: 1) Help throughout the week of November 16 with the boxes, 2) Help on November 22 at 5:00pm to pack boxes into cartons, and 3) Help on November 23, from 9:00-11:00am to load cartons onto trucks and deliver them to Reidsville Christian. If you can help, please contact Sue Parker.

Pastor Brad's Vacation. Pastor Brad will be on vacation from November 9 to 24. If you have anything during this time, please contact a Ruling Elder. Pray for Paul Sasser and Bill Robertson as they lead the congregation in worship these weeks.

Women's Advent Study. We are pleased to announce a four-week-long Women's Advent study (*All Who Draw Near)* starting Monday, November 30, 2026. The study will be held at the Southards' home from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information, please contact Jessie Southard.

Christmas Decorations. Join us on Monday, November 23, from either 10:00am-12:00pm or 5:00-7:00pm as we decorate the sanctuary and gathering area for Christmas. If you are available to help, please contact Everall Peele.

Raffle. We will raffle off six items from the Silent Auction next week after the service. Please visit the Gathering Area to see these items and talk to Pat Smith for more information.