

First Presbyterian Church

Christ is Preeminent

November 22, 2026

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IN PREPARATION

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Jesus words are still applicable for us today. Is your heart heavy this morning? Come to Jesus. Is your soul burdened by life? Come to Jesus. Raise your weary souls to Christ in worship to Him, for He is our Redeemer!

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: *Psalm 147:5–6* *(Recite in Unison)*

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Introit & Silent Preparation

* Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:4–5*

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

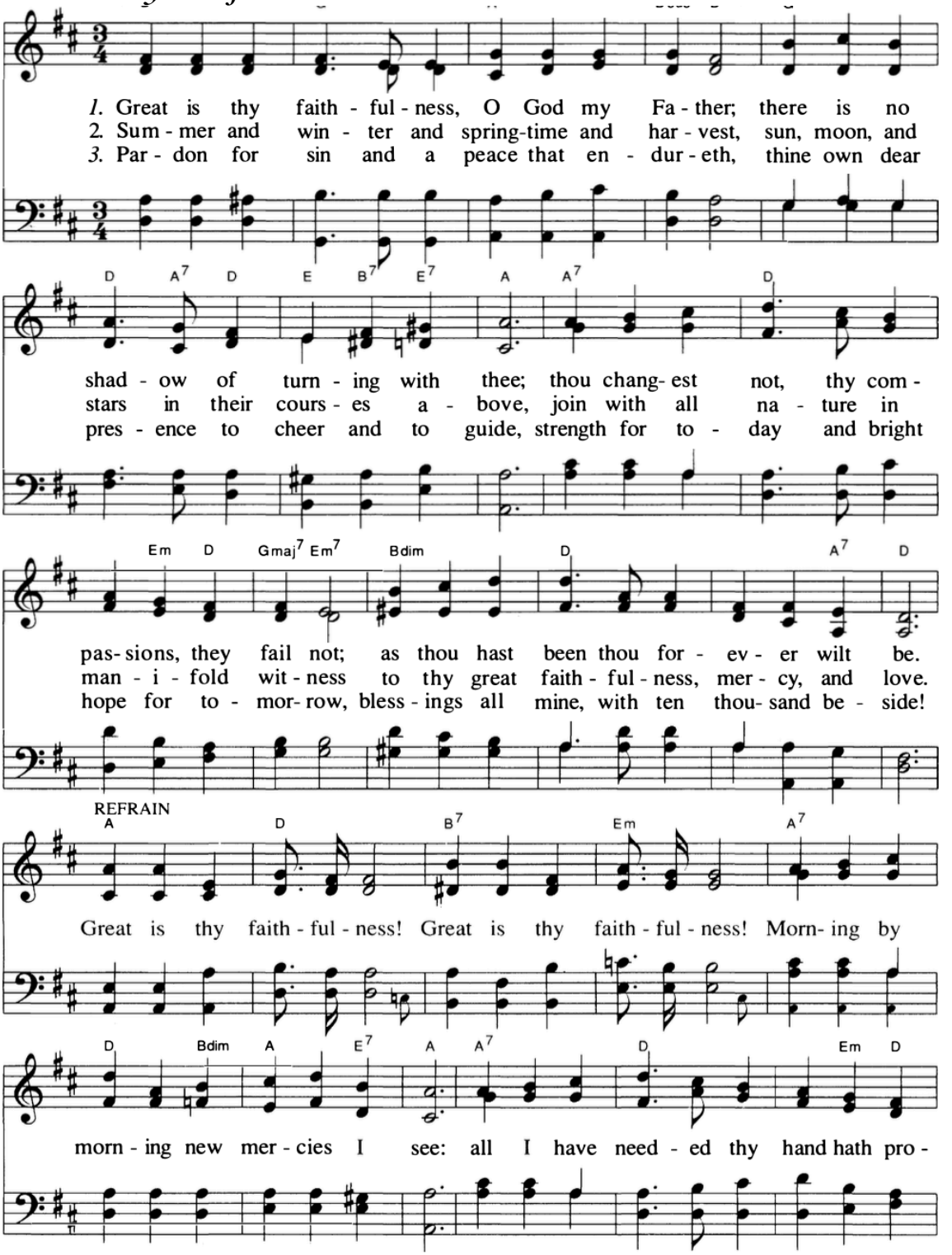
* Prayer of Invocation

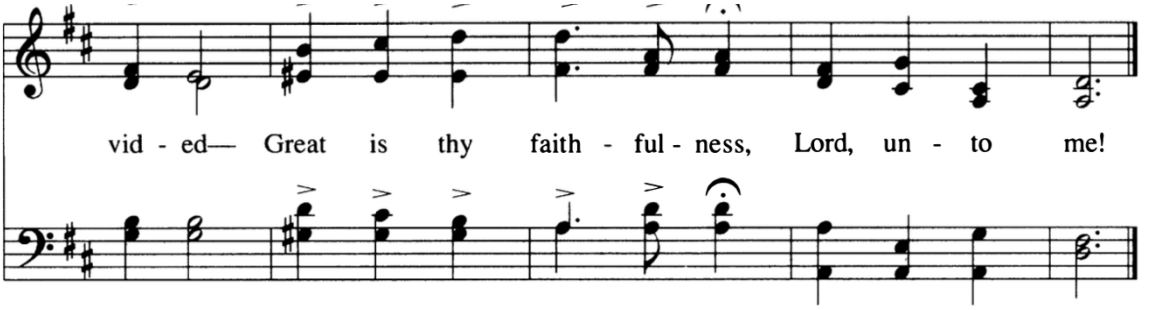
* *Doxology*

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.**

*** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***





Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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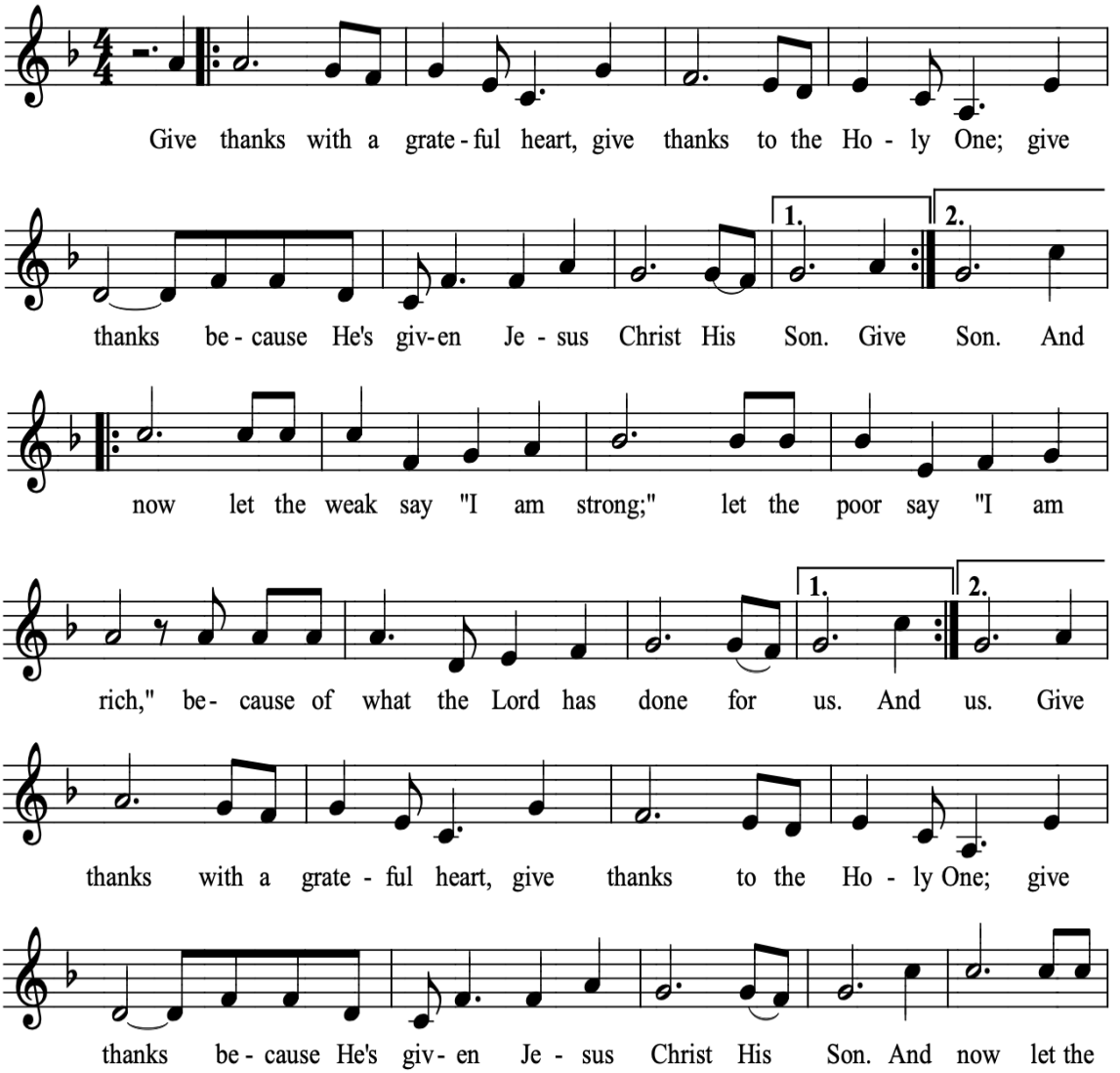
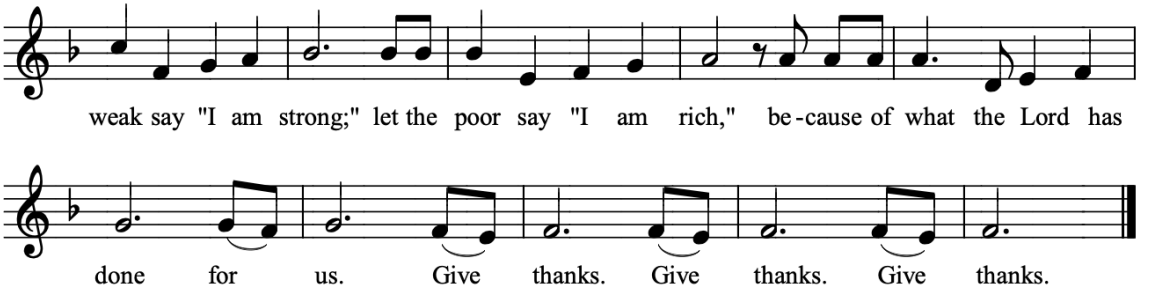
* *Give Thanks*

Henry Smith





Reading of the Law: ***Romans 3:23***

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin, death, the devil, and hell. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son Jesus Christ, who is far more precious and dear than heaven, and much stronger than sin, death, the devil, and hell. For this I rejoice, praise, and thank you, O God. Without cost and out of pure grace you have given me this boundless blessing in your dear Son. Through him you take sin, death, and hell from me, and do grant me all that belongs to him. Amen.

~ Martin Luther

Assurance of Pardon: ***John 3:16***

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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 Elder's Prayer

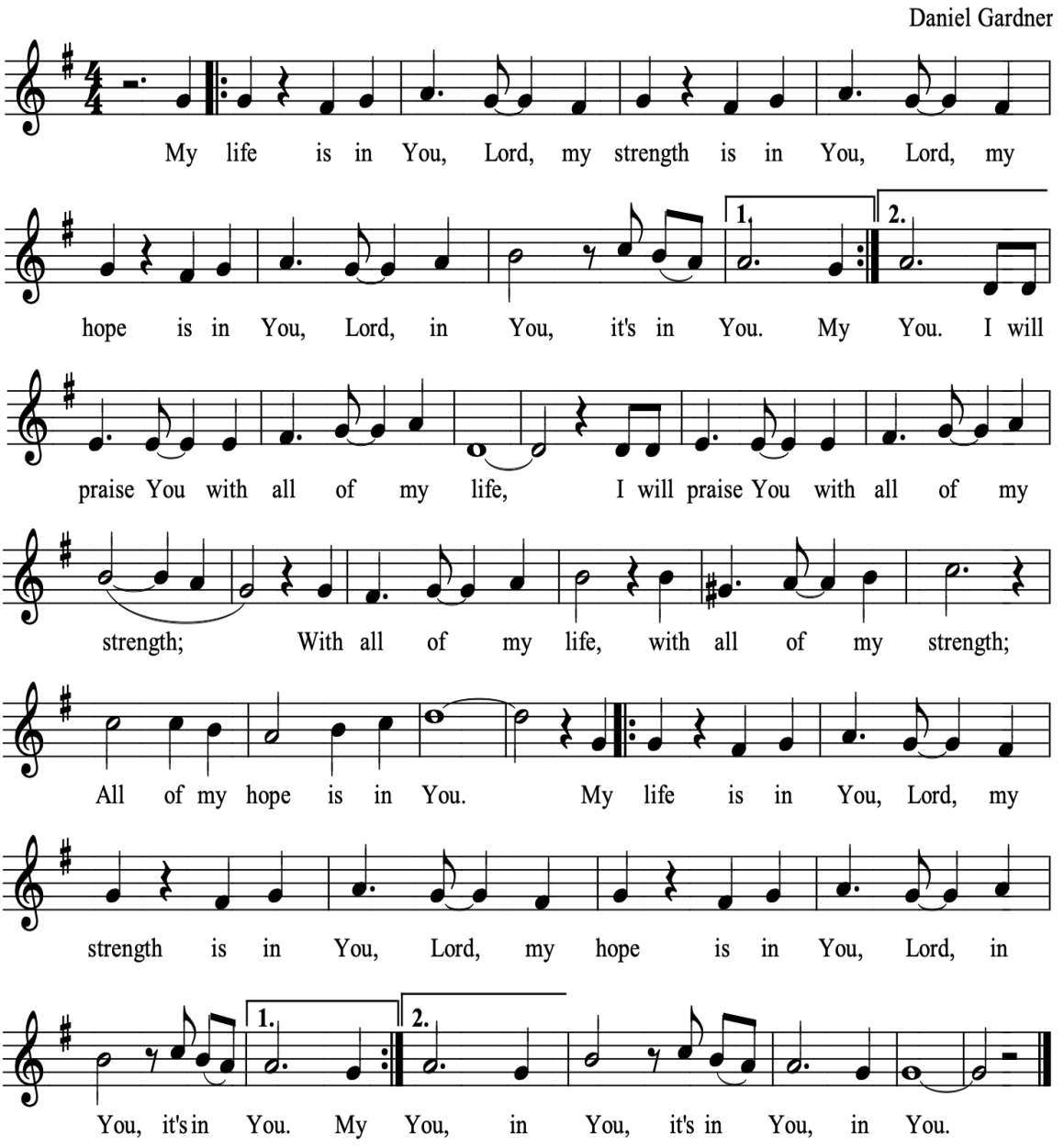
The Lord's Prayer ***(Recite in Unison)***

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*****

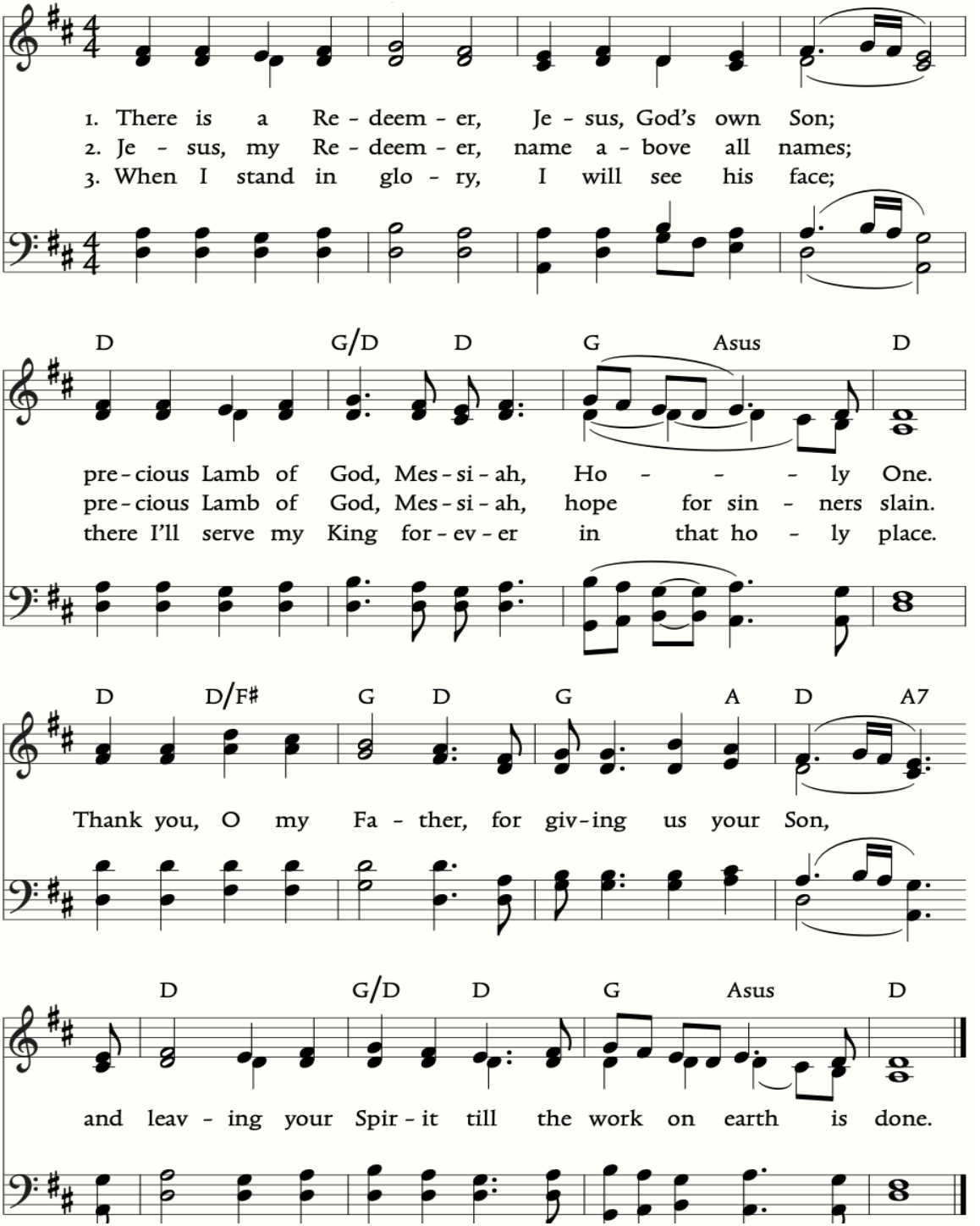
***** ***My Life Is In You***



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

The Preaching of God's Word

* *There is a Redeemer*



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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
- 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 – Turkey

For over 1,000 years, this region was a stronghold of Christianity. Later it became a centre for the spread of Islam. The Christian population declined from 22% in 1900 to less than 0.2% today. Few of today's 73 million Turkish Muslims have ever truly heard the gospel. The ancient Churches survived until the beginning of the 20th century, but massacres (Armenians), severe persecutions (Assyrians), and emigration (Greeks) removed most of them from the land. Pray for a reviving work of the Holy Spirit among the 130,000 Christians from these ancient confessions who still remain in Türkiye.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Question & Answer #25

Question: *Since there is but one Divine Being (Deut. 6:4), why do you speak of three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?*

Answer: Because God has so revealed Himself in His Word (Isa. 61:1; Ps. 110:1; Matt. 3:16–17; Matt. 28:19; 1 John 5:7), that these three distinct persons are the one, true, eternal God.

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

*** Benediction:** ***Psalm 67:1***

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

***** ***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

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER NEXT WEEK

We are instructed to examine ourselves before partaking in the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:28). Let us consider these questions this week as we prepare ourselves:

1) Do I willfully practice any sin in rebellion against God?
2) Do I harbor hatred or envy toward my fellow believers or neighbors?
3) What is my motive for coming to the Lord's Table? Do I come to Christ by grace seeking spiritual nourishment, or do I come receiving material advantage?
4) Do I approach the table with a broken heart, knowing my sin, while also giving praise for God's glorious grace to me in Jesus Christ?

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 on November 22 at 5:00pm to pack boxes into cartons, and 2) 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.