

**PRAYER SERVICE**  
12:00 p.m.  
June 17, 2020  
First Presbyterian Church  
Athens, Georgia

Leading in Worship:  
Dr. Ryan Baer, Senior Pastor  
Dr. Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor  
The Reverend Margaret Davis, Parish Associate  
Dr. John Coble, Director of Music & Organist

**Prelude** *By the Waters of Babylon* Johann Sebastian Bach

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Psalm 124:8  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord: Psalm 130:1-2

**Hear our voice and answer our prayers.**

God consoles us in all our affliction, 2 Corinthians 1:4-5  
so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction.

**For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us,  
so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.**

**Song of Gathering** PSALM 42

**Comfort, comfort you my people,  
tell of peace, thus says our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
bowed beneath oppression's load.  
Speak you to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell them that their sins I cover,  
and their warfare now is over.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings:** Psalm 94:3-6, 14, 17-18, 22  
Psalm 137:1-6  
Matthew 11:28-30

**Prayers of the People**

God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people is wholeness and salvation.  
Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance.  
Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence.  
To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, we now offer you our prayers,  
prayers of lament and grief,  
cries for justice,  
longings for healing and wholeness,  
and thanksgivings for our blessings.

*Congregation, you are invited to type your prayers into the comment section. As they are received, they will be read aloud. The responsive refrain is,*

*“Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”*

**Hymn 191** *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* WINCHESTER OLD

**Charge and Benediction**

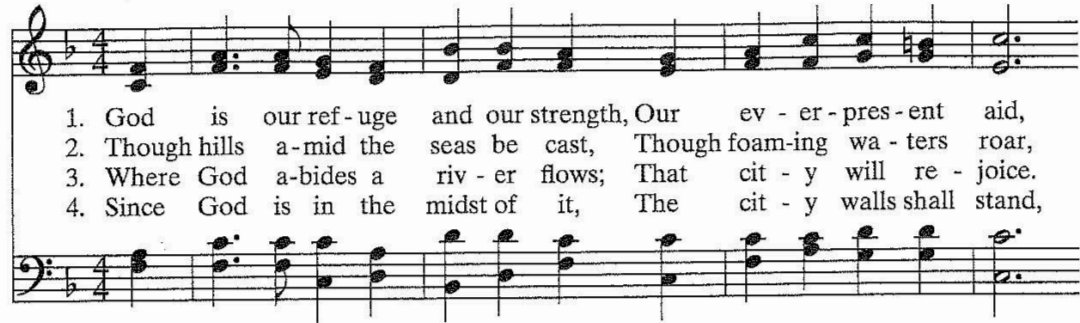
**Postlude** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Healey Willan

PSALM 46  
God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength 191

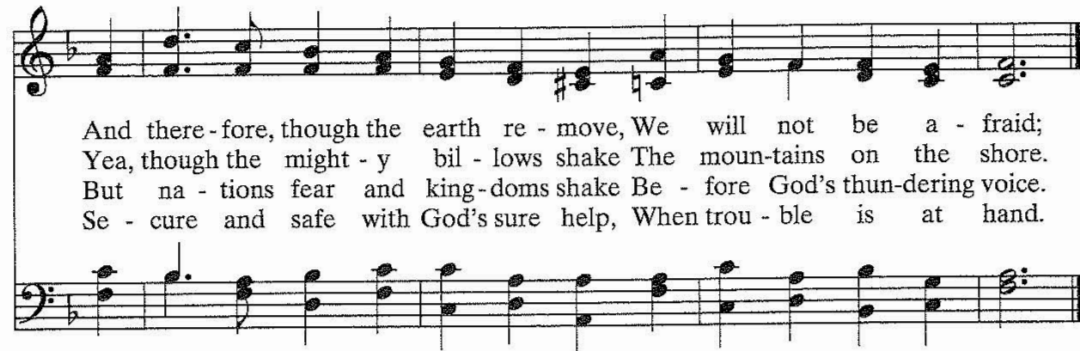
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*The Psalter*, 1912; alt. 1988

*Este's Psalmes*, 1592

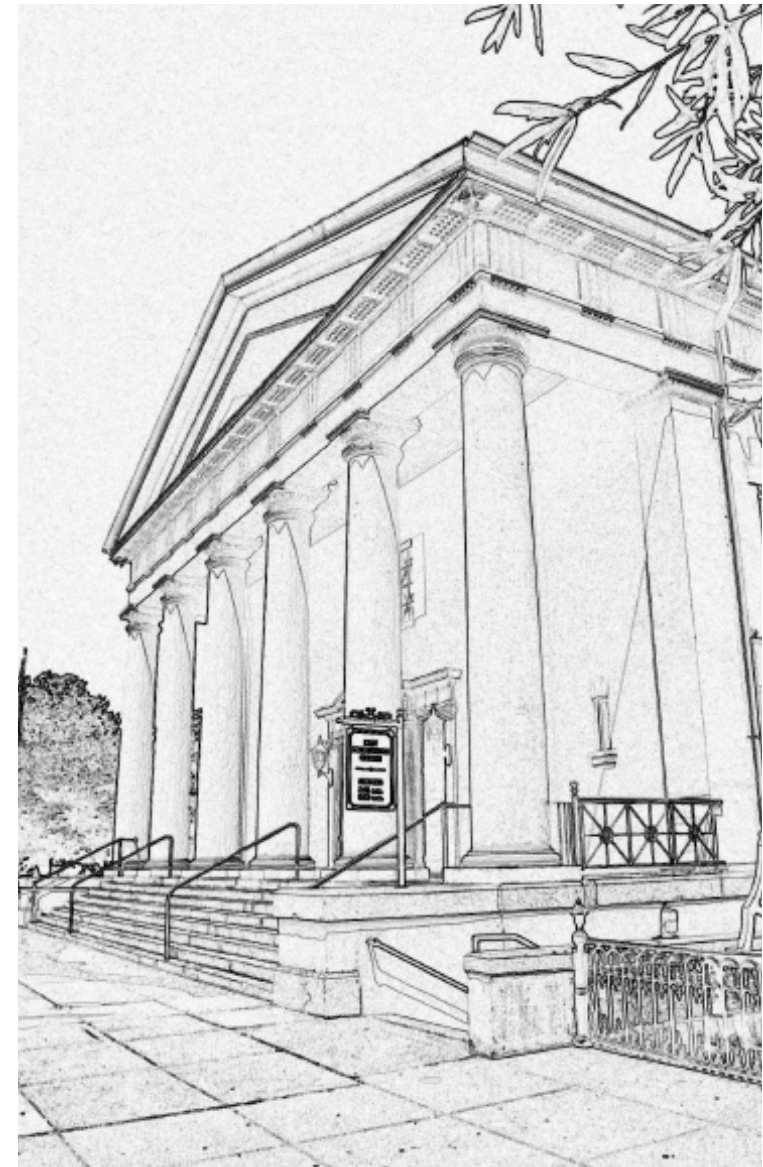


1. God is our ref-uge and our strength, Our ev - er - pres - ent aid,  
2. Though hills a-mid the seas be cast, Though foam-ing wa - ters roar,  
3. Where God a-bides a riv - er flows; That cit - y will re - joice.  
4. Since God is in the midst of it, The cit - y walls shall stand,



And there - fore, though the earth re - move, We will not be a - fraid;  
Yea, though the might - y bil - lows shake The moun-tains on the shore.  
But na - tions fear and king - doms shake Be - fore God's thun-dering voice.  
Se - cure and safe with God's sure help, When trou - ble is at hand.

This tune with descant, 58



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