



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

May 1, 2022
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Scottish Reformation Sunday

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin or large-print hymnal.

Bagpipe Prelude

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***Processional** *Highland Cathedral* Traditional piping tune

*Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!

Alleluia!

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to our God forever and ever!

Alleluia!

***Hymn 420** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

11:00 a.m. Introduction of Honored Guests

Prayer for Elected and Appointed Officials

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love, love that seeks, love that suffers, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Yet we turn away from what you would have us do. We confess that the ways of love are not our ways. We deny and ignore, hurt and hate, despise and reject. Have mercy on us. Help us to receive your love so that we can love others. Help us to receive your love so that we can love ourselves.

Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**Those who are able please stand.*

A special word of

welcome: thank you for being with us for worship this morning. We are delighted and hope that you will join us again.

God of Grace and God of Glory was used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930. It was written by Riverside's widely known and influential pastor, Harry Emerson Fosdick. The hymn is a traditional opening hymn for "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" services.

At “The Peace,” worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

Children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary on Communion Sundays.

The anthem is the text of the Gloria in excelsis Deo, in English, set to the Scottish tune “Leaving of Lismore” by George Bayley (1927–2016). Bayley was an organist and church musician who specialized in arranging Scottish and Celtic music.

O for a Closer Walk with God was written by English poet William Cowper, and it is set to a tune from the *Scottish Psalter*, 1635. Cowper and John Newton wrote a collection called the *Olney Hymns*, which included Newton’s famous *Amazing Grace*. Cowper wrote poems about everyday life and also wrote a number of anti-slavery poems.

The Scots Confession was written in 1560 when the Scottish Parliament declared Scotland a Protestant nation and asked the clergy to frame a confession of faith. Beginning with a pledge of unconditional commitment to the triune God, this confession sets forth three marks of the true and faithful church in terms of preaching, the sacraments, and church discipline.

*Congregational Response

CELTIC ALLELUIA



*The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Matthew 6:24, page 884

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

To God Be the Glory

Scottish Tune: *Leaving of Lismore*
arr. George Bayley

To God, be the glory, all glory in the highest
and peace to God’s people who dwell here below.
Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our Sovereign,
to you, the Almighty, our praises bestow.
We worship and adore you, we bow before you
with grateful thanksgiving, our song let us raise.
All glory and honor and glad adoration
to God in the highest hosanna and praise.
Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father,
we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb.
The sin of the world you have taken upon you,
have mercy upon us, the Great I Am.
For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us,
the Lord in the highest, the Holy One.
All glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit,
from ages everlasting, the Three in One.

Second Lesson

Acts 9:1–19a, page 1002

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Paul’s Conversion

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 396

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Scots Confession*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Rose of Kelvingrove

arr. S. Robe

Hymn 592

***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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain.

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set up an automatic payment
of your pledge through your
bank, or donate online
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for your generosity.*



The musical setting of
the communion liturgy
is based on the Ameri-
can folk hymn LAND
OF REST, arranged
by American composer
Richard Proulx.

The Great Amen



Love Divine, All Loves Excelling! appears in almost all English-language hymnals. The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and the fine Welsh tune (whose name means “delightful”) gives us a foretaste of endless song.

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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.

Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling!* HYFRYDOL

***Charge and Benediction**

Recessional *Scotland the Brave* Traditional piping tune

Following 11:00 a.m. worship, all are invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall to welcome our honored guests.

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., are located next to the Children’s Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door. Our fully vaccinated nursery staff is excited to welcome our youngest members.

Children’s Church is an important developmental time for children, but there are times when children remaining in worship, watching and learning from their parents, is even more valuable. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on Communion Sundays. Children’s Church will resume next Sunday.

Called Congregational Meeting, Today after 11:00 a.m. service

The session has called a congregational meeting following the 11:00 a.m. service today for the purpose of concurring with the request of Dr. Carol Strickland to dissolve her call. Carol’s last Sunday before her retirement will be May 22.

Blessing of the 5th Graders, May 15, 9:45 a.m., Children’s Ministry Suite

Parents and children are invited to a special Godly Play story and feast to celebrate our graduating 5th Graders! For more information, please contact Natalie Bishop at natalie@firstpresathens.org.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

11:00 a.m. Matt Crim

Acolytes

11:00 a.m. Owen Phillips, Art Ryder

Call to Worship Liturgist

11:00 a.m. Lanier Bishop

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson,
Michelle Clendenen-Shaw

11:00 a.m. Rod Canfield, Richard Lane

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Joe Berry by his family.

We have a rosebud in honor of the birth of Peter Collins Davis on April 21, 2022. His Parents are Ben and Margaret Davis.

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Jack Palmer, Bryan Owens

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Rebecca Carlton

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium and at 11:00 a.m. is on Facebook and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

Scottish Reformation Worship Procession

Mr. Henry Frantz, Jr., Great Highland Bagpipes
Scottish and Tartan Flag Bearers
Dr. Ian Hardin, Beadle
Chancel Choir

Clergy: Dr. Ryan Baer and Dr. Carol Strickland
The Reverend Hilary Shuford, General Presbyter, Northeast Georgia Presbytery

Elected and Appointed Government Officials:

The Honorable Kelly Girtz, Mayor of Athens
The Honorable Dodd Ferrelle, Mayor of Winterville
Ms. Toni Meadow, Tax Commissioner

The Honorable Steve Jones, Judge, United States District Court
The Honorable Eric Norris, Chief Judge, Superior Court
The Honorable Lawton E. Stephens, Superior Court Judge
The Honorable Ethelyn Simpson, Chief Judge, State Court
The Honorable Lisa Lott, Superior Court Judge
The Honorable Donarell Green, Magistrate Court Judge
The Honorable Ryan S. Hope, Municipal Court Judge
Commissioner Ovita Thornton, District 9

An Invitation for Fellowship

If after Kirk ye bide a wee,
there's some wad like to speak with ye.
If after Kirk ye rise and flee,
we'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.
The one that's in the seat with ye
is stranger here than ye, maybe.
All here ha'e got their fears and cares.
An ye your soul unto our pryers.
Be ye our angel unawares.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEKS MAY 15-29

First Presbyterian will be the host church for Family Promise families May 15 - 29. We need your help to fill the volunteer slots. The families will be at the Milledge Avenue Baptist Church static site. If you are able to help, please sign up in the church Atrium or by using the link here: tinyurl.com/FPChostweek2022. Training required for new volunteers is very simple: you just have to watch an online video. For more information or questions, please contact Susan Boatwright at boatwrightsusan@gmail.com or Jean Bock at jbock@bellsouth.net.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do you know someone who has been struggling with life changes due to illness, loss of a loved one, divorce, single parenthood or any of countless other life changes? Our Stephen Ministers can help. Contact a Stephen Leader for more information: Bob Frisch: rpfrisch@aol.com, 914-262-1078
Dawn Frisch: dawnmfrisch@aol.com, 914-255-3447

Ron Gilreath: rjgilreath@att.net, 770-335-9976
Lisa Oelke: lisakoelke@gmail.com, 706-540-4251
Carol Strickland: cstrickland@firstpresathens.org, 706-765-7671

BOOKS FOR KEEPS BOOK DRIVE

Since 2009, Books for Keeps has given more than half a million books to children from low-income families in grades Pre-K through 12. FPC has become a large supporter of Books for Keeps with our annual book drive.

You can help make sure no child in our community goes a summer without great books to read. Please bring your used books to the bins in the Atrium or church office. Books of all kinds will be accepted, then sold by Books for Keeps with proceeds used to buy new children's books. To learn more about the organization, go to booksforkeeps.org. Thank you!

CHAIR YOGA

Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Zoom ID: 558-324-3907 (PW: 6136)

Join Mel Berzack for a Yoga practice via Zoom on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. You will need a practical chair (preferably no arm rests or side restrictions) and (if you have one) a mat for a small amount of standing poses. The practice will be around one hour-long. All are welcome.

Project Safe Thrift Store Work Day, May 15, 2:00 -5:00 p.m.

995 Hawthorne Ave #7, Athens, GA 30606 (Bell's Shopping Center)

Join other First Presbyterians as we sort clothes, clean shelves, and tidy up the retail space which supports the work of Project Safe. Project Safe seeks to end domestic violence through crisis intervention, ongoing supportive services, systems change advocacy, and prevention and education. Contact Kitty Donnan at kittydavedonnan@gmail.com for more info or to sign up.

We Welcome Ron Gilreath as Margaret Davis' Maternity Leave Begins

We rejoice with the Rev. Margaret Davis and Ben Davis on the birth of their son Peter Collins Davis on April 21. While she is on maternity leave, the Rev. Ron Gilreath will be assuming the Parish Associate role. Ron is an honorably retired pastor in the Northeast Georgia Presbytery and a new resident at the local Presbyterian Village with his gracious wife Melisha. Ron hails from Fayetteville, NC. He's a graduate of Methodist University, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and Columbia Theological Seminary. For a decade, Ron served on staff with Carol at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs. Melisha and Ron are the parents of two daughters and have two grandchildren. Ron enjoys reading, traveling, exercising, meeting new people, and playing with their grandchildren. Ron will be working approximately 20 hours a week to provide pastoral visitation, hospital visits, officiate funerals, and facilitate our Stephen Ministry and Congregational Care Commission. He can be reached out through his e-mail (rjgilreath@att.net) or phone at 770-335-9976.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday, Scottish Reformation Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School and Godly Play
- 12:00 p.m. Called Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 12:05 p.m. Scottish Reformation Reception, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for the Rev. Joe Berry, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Fellowship Hall/The PIT

Monday, May 2

- 1:00 p.m. Circle 2, Home of Cheryl Gazlay
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room

Tuesday, May 3

- 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga via Zoom (*Zoom ID: 558-324-3907, PW: 6136*)
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Circle 3/4, Home of Diane Adams
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 6, Home of Ann Dunn

Wednesday, May 4

- 2:00 p.m. Ladies Bridge Group, Room 301
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Chancel Choir Room

Sunday, May 8 - Graduation Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School and Godly Play
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church, Children's Ministry Suite
- 12:00 p.m. Reception for Graduates, Fellowship Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

May 12 - Weekday School Pre-K Graduation

May 15 - Blessing of the 5th Graders, Family Promise Host Weeks Begin, Project Safe Work Day, End-of-Year Youth Celebration

May 22 - Last Sunday School, Farewell Reception for Dr. Carol Strickland

May 29 - One Service at 10:00 a.m., Mrs. Courtney Pittman preaching

Summer Schedule

May 22 will be our last Sunday with two services. Over the Memorial Day weekend, **May 29**, **we will go to our summer schedule** of one service at 10:00 a.m. Regular Sunday School classes will not meet over the summer. An adult class will be held starting **June 5** at 11:15 a.m.

EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Director of Children's Ministries: Natalie Bishop

Nursery Coordinator: Rita Raines

Children's Ministry Suite • Infants – 5th Grade

Nursery, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Children will enjoy playtime, story time, and snack time with their church friends in the Nursery Playroom and outside on the playground.

Godly Play, 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Children are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour. Godly Play is an innovative way of teaching and learning that helps children “discover” who God is rather than being “told” who God is. The structure and routine of Godly Play offer children a safe space to explore, connect, wonder, and worship God.

Children's Church, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children are invited to Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Children will begin worship with their families in the sanctuary and then will leave for the Children's Ministry Suite for Children's Church after the passing of The Peace during the 11:00 a.m. service. During Children's Church, children will worship together and experience the many ways we worship God with our families in the sanctuary – listening to God's Word, singing to God, praying to God, and giving to God. **Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on Communion Sundays.**

SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH

Director of Youth Ministries: Kim Ness

Middle School Coordinator: Erin Osborne

The PIT (basement level) • 6th – 12th Grade

Sunday School (9:45 a.m.)

There is currently no organized Youth Sunday School, but we have set up a classroom in the PIT with games, crafts and comfy couches if you'd like to come enjoy some peace and quiet on Sunday mornings.

Youth Group (6:00 p.m.)

We'll start tonight all together in Fellowship Hall with dinner at 6pm. After dinner, those youth not attending Montreat Youth Conference, will head down to the PIT for some organized games with Erin!

Youth who are going to Montreat (and their parents) will stay in Fellowship Hall for a mandatory meeting. We'll go over expectations, packing lists, and give you a brief look into what the week will look like. Almost everyone signed up is a first timer! Come with your questions and final payments.

Parent Planning Meeting (7:30p.m.)

Parents of youth in grades 6th–11th are invited to join me in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 for a brief planning meeting while youth are meeting with Erin in the PIT. What are your hopes for next year? How can FPC best support your and your family's faith development.

For more information, visit www.fpcathenspitt.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45–10:40 a.m.

IN PERSON ONLY

Inquirers • Moses Waddel Room

Thoughtful introspection and lively group discussion covering contemporary issues and daily Christian living, with guest speakers or DVD studies.

Facilitators: Carl Bergmann (cberg@ccrc.uga.edu), Carla Buss (cbuss@uga.edu), Larry Jones (lfjones@uga.edu)

Parents in the PIT • The Pit

This class is an invitation for parents of children and youth to come down to the PIT for a time of fellowship and support.

Coordinator: Kim Ness (kness@firstpresathens.org)

HYBRID (*in person and over Zoom*)

Del Dunn Christian Issues • Room 308

An in-depth study and discussion of scripture – with a chapter-by-chapter reading and discussion of Acts of the Apostles. Zoom and in-person.

Coordinator: Susan Landrum (slandrum@uga.edu)

Zoom ID: 875 216 0708, PW: 634175

New Voices • Room 310

Discussion guided by *Women In the Bible*, by Jaime Clark-Soles, with emphasis on women in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

Led by: Lewis Hudgins (lewisahudgins@gmail.com)

Zoom ID: 870 1906 3194, PW: 305215

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

Open and honest discussion in a nonjudgmental atmosphere about various aspects of Christianity.

Contacts: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com), Jim Scanlon (jitscanlon@yahoo.com)

Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

Women's Bible Class • Staff Conference Room

Reading and discussion of the Gospel of Mark.

Zoom ID: 861 8893 3837, PW: 981458

ON HOLD (*stay tuned...*)

W. D. Hooper • Room 309

The “oldest” Sunday School class at First Pres will continue to focus on a Bible Study format. **The class will resume on a date to be announced.**

Led by: Jeris Hayes (jhayefirstpres@gmail.com), Richard Lane (rlane@uga.edu)

God of Grace and God of Glory

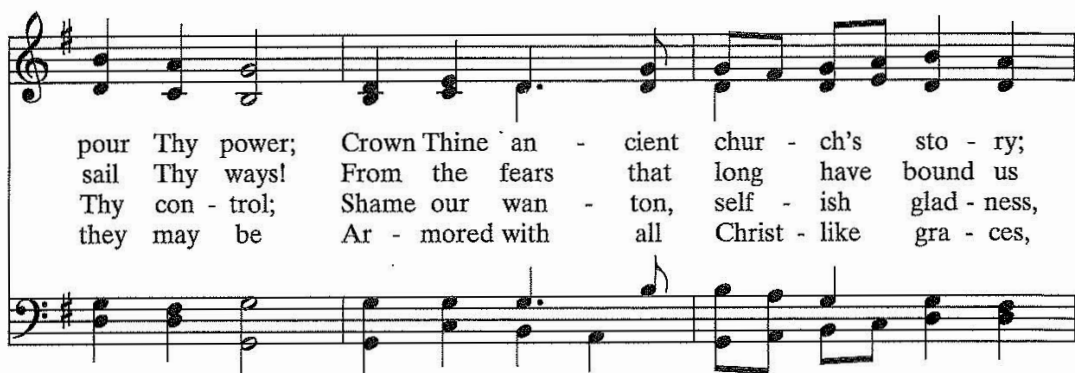
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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907



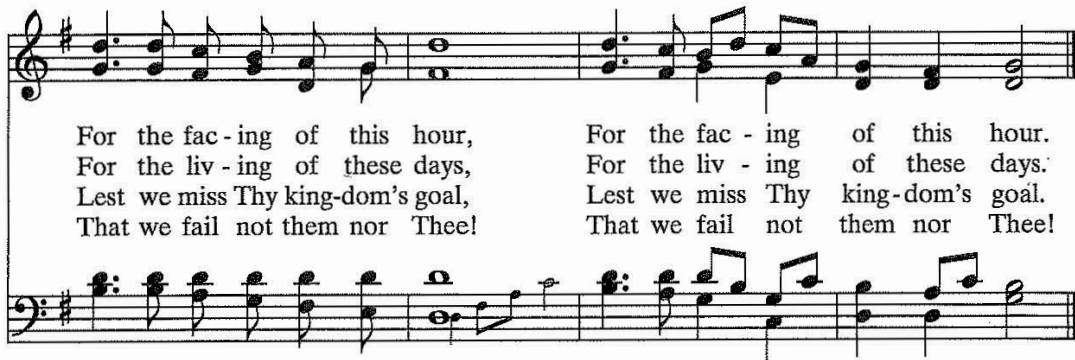
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour-age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Thy salvation
 Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving Thee whom we adore,
 Serving Thee whom we adore.

O for a Closer Walk with God

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CAITHNESS CM

Scottish Psalter, 1635

William Cowper, 1772

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; alt.

1. O for a clos-er walk with God, A calm and heav-en-ly frame,
 2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, Sweet mes-sen - ger of rest!
 3. The dear-est i - dol I have known, What-e'er that i - dol be,
 4. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and se - rene my frame;

A light to shine up - on the road That leads me to the Lamb!
 I hate the sins that made Thee mourn And drove Thee from my breast.
 Help me to tear it from Thy throne, And wor - ship on - ly Thee.
 So pur - er light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

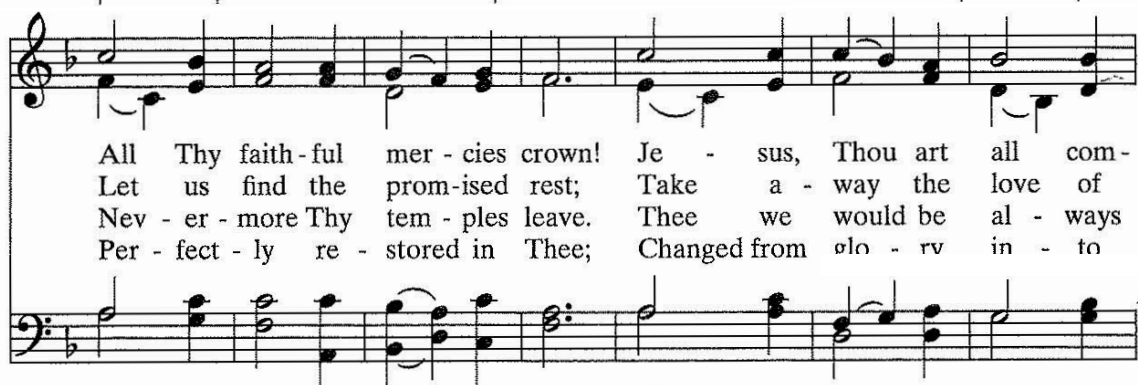
Rowland Hugh. Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

(cont.)



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - sit,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our

LIFE IN CHRIST



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Kitty Donnan, Clerk of Session
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

CLASS OF 2022

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Kitty Donnan
Rob Haire
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Beverly Phares
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