



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!

June 2, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

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

Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing Raymond H. Haan

Words of Welcome

Song of Gathering

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**Come, behold! the feast of heaven Alleluia!
has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!
“Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!**

Call to Worship

God is love,
and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
O Give thanks, for the Lord is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we fail to live by your word and do not keep faith with you or one another. Take the promises that lie broken on the floors of our lives. Sweep them away, or make of the shards a new design. Turn us back to you until good intentions become deeds of justice and love. To turn will be our delight, for in turning, we return to you and to one another, a new creation in Jesus Christ, through whom we pray.

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show is a 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150, slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is older than the text. The tune name means “the church of St. Mary.”

**Those who are able please stand.*

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."

Lay Reader:
Dan Nadenicek

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee was originally a seven-stanza German text based on Psalm 55. The text and tune were created by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding work after many weeks of having almost nothing following a robbery.

Next to the Nicene Creed, The Apostles' Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. Although not written by apostles, it reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. Arising from an early baptismal creed, it underwent development, attaining its present form in the eighth century.

*Congregational Response

Hymn 579

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 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

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

PROSPECT



First Lesson

Luke 22:39-42, page 963

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

Second Lesson

Jonah 1, page 844

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

Sermon

Jonah: The One Who Said No

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only 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 again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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. Amen.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Mark Schweizer

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing;
when friends rejoice, both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging. (*cont.*)

When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?
 What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
 What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
 No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
 Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

***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.**

Hymn 592

***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.

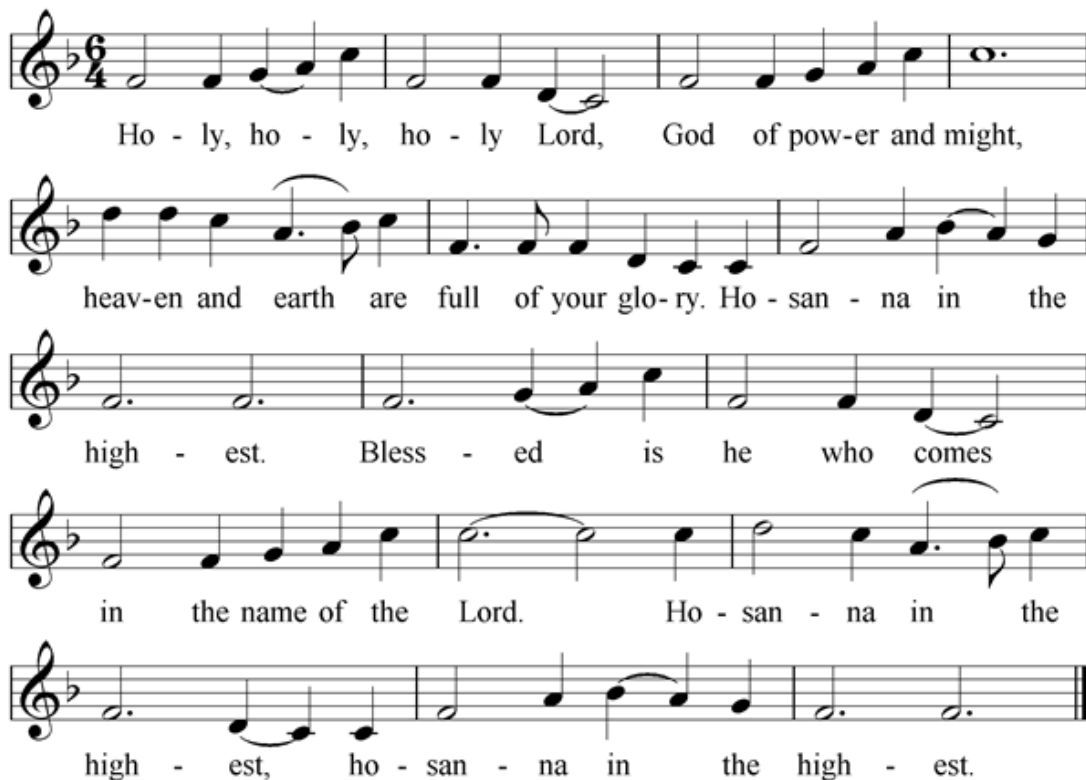
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

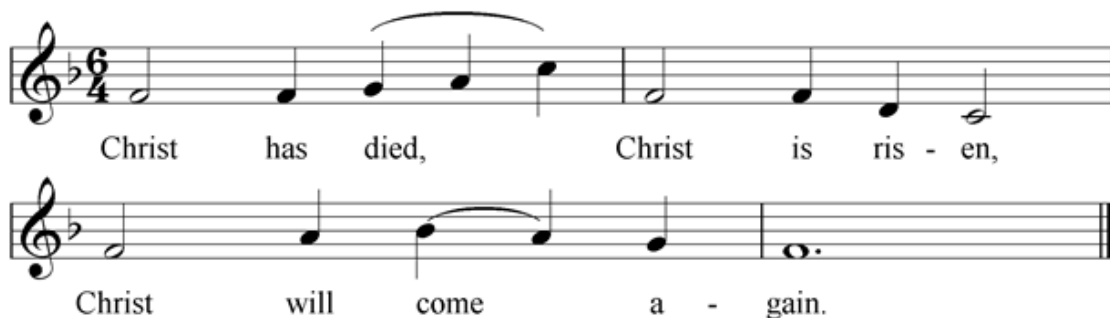
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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

The Great Amen



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 508** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** AR HYD Y NOS
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Postlude *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* Johann Sebastian Bach

The author of *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* was editor of several Presbyterian hymnals and was the foremost American hymnologist of the 20th century. The text is written from the perspective of a person of deep faith.

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Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., are located next to the Children’s Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

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.

Women’s Connection Conference at Montreat

Save the date and plan to join us for the Women’s Connection the weekend of **August 9-11, 2024** in the beautiful mountains of Montreat, North Carolina. This year’s keynote speaker is Becca Stevens, a nonprofit leader, entrepreneur, priest, survivor, and founder and President of Thistle Farms.

Sign up today to stay at the Georgia Lodge as space is limited! Cost per person is \$85 for both nights: tinyurl.com/FPCWCC2024.

Registration and information about the conference can be found at montreat.org/events/wc-2024. Conference registration costs \$247 (and increases to \$272 after June 25). If you plan to stay at the Georgia Lodge, please make sure to select the “Commuter Package.”

Please contact Beverly Phares (beverlypphares@gmail.com or 706-255-6990) or Julie Jagmin (juliebajagmin@bellsouth.net or 678-852-7310) if you have any questions. If you need scholarship assistance, contact Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard (whitney@firstpresathens.org).

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

Dan Nadenicek

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon, III (head),

Joe Neighbors, John Simpson

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and In celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Jamie and Larry Baer.

JUNE FLOWER TEAM

Rosemary Stancil (chair),

Tootsie Adams, Susan Banister, Page Pate

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium, 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.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

On June 2, 9, 16, and 23, please plan to join us in Moses Waddel Room from 11:15 a.m.-12:00 for a special Sunday School series that highlights some outreach organizations and ministries in connection with FPC. We will hear stories from leaders and volunteers, learn about the needs of our neighbors near and far, and discover opportunities for engagement with the important work of these groups. Today, we will hear about ESP and Project Safe. Next week, we will hear about Our Daily Bread and Bethlehem Ministry.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 2 - Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Refreshments
- 11:15 a.m. *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, Moses Waddel Room
- 11:15 a.m. FirstThings New Member Class, Staff Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Departs for Montreat Youth Conference (returns June 8)

Monday, June 3

- 2:00 p.m. Lay Caller Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, June 4

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls 1, Weekday School Lobby
- 5:00 p.m. Kate's Club Family Night, The PIT

Wednesday, June 5

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Camp
- 11:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Lunch, First Baptist Church
- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Food Classes, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 8

- 10:00 a.m. NEGA Presbyterian Women Missional Engagement Workshop, Covenant Pres

Sunday, June 9 - New Member Introduction and Reception

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 9:15 a.m. Called Session Meeting, Parlor
- 9:45 a.m. Godly Play (through 12:00 p.m.), Children's Ministry Suite
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Reception for New Members, Atrium
- 11:15 a.m. *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, Moses Waddel Room

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show 481

LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7 with allchairs

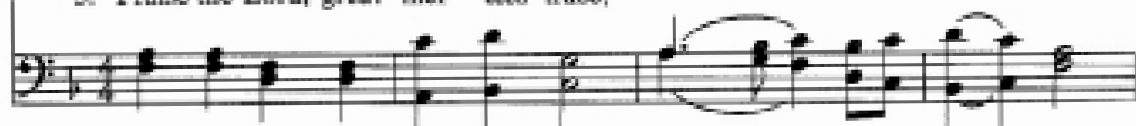
Robert Williams, 1817

Harm. David Evans, 1927

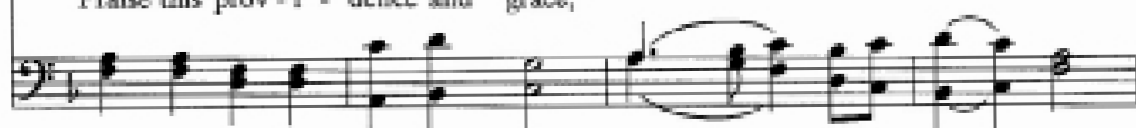
Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt.



1. Praise the Lord, God's glo - ries show,
2. Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Praise the Lord, great mer - cies trace,



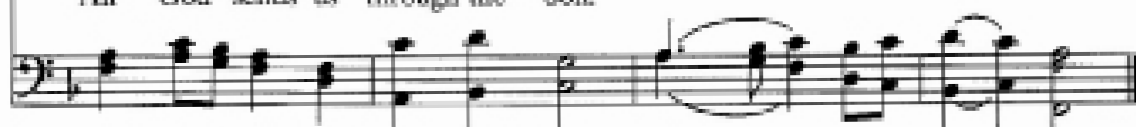
Saints with - in God's courts be - low,
Tell the won - ders, sing God's worth, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise this prov - i - dence and grace,



An - gels round the throne a - bove,
Age to age and shore to shore, Al - le - lu - ia!
All that God for us has done,



All that see and share God's love,
Praise God, praise fur - ev - er - more! Al - le - lu - ia!
All God sends us through the Son.



If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

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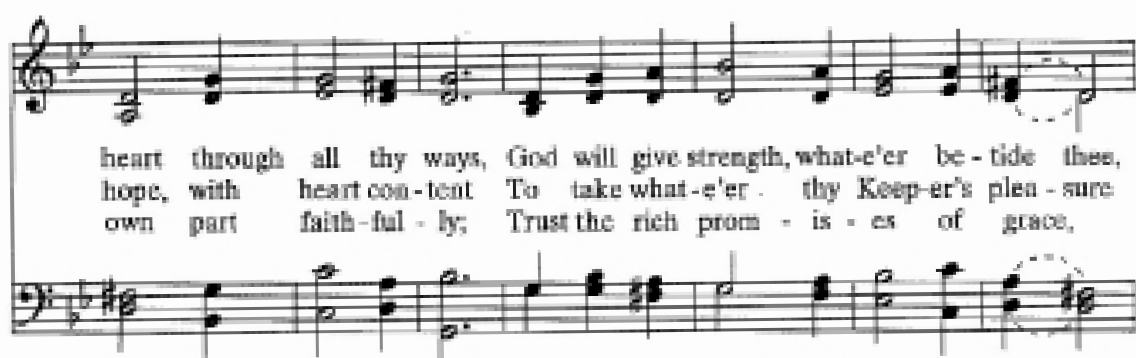
Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1967

Georg Neumark, 1657



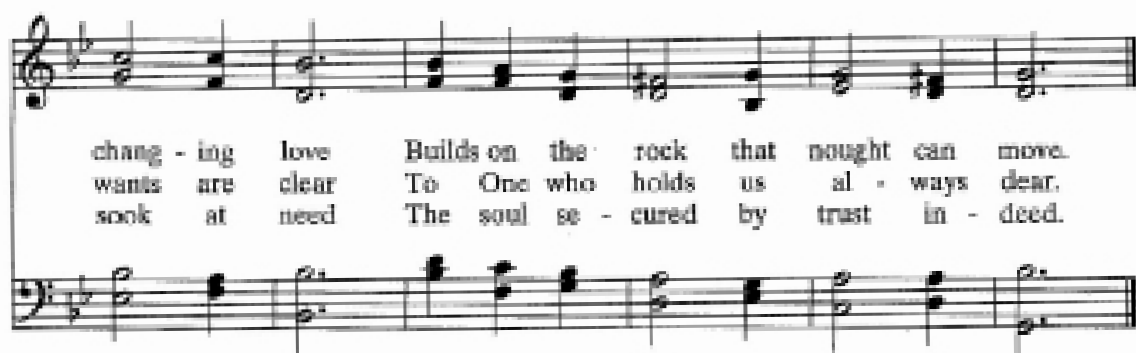
1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope - ful
2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer - ful
3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,
hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keep - er's plea - sure
own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,



To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most
So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.
wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.
sore at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

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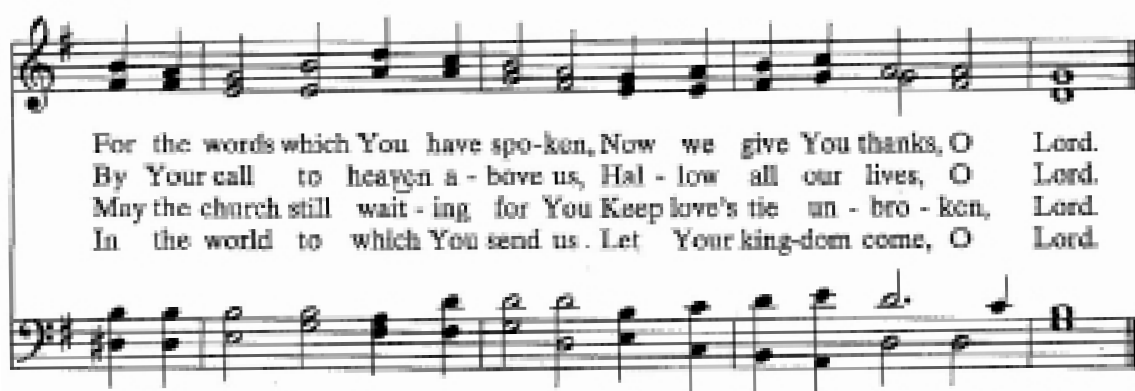
KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

V. Earle Copes, 1959



1. For the bread which You have bro - ken, For the wine which You have poured,
 2. By this prom - ise that You love us, By Your gift of peace re - stored,
 3. With the saints who now a - dore You Sest-ed at the heaven-ly board,
 4. In Your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us, In our hearts keep watch and ward;



For the words which You have spo-ken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.
 By Your call to heayen a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 May the church still wait - ing for You Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 In the world to which You send us. Let Your king-dom come, O Lord.