



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 16, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Fourth 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

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
- Psalms 118:24
- Prelude

Dix

Wilbur Held
- Words of Welcome
- Moment for Mission

Women’s Connection Conference

Julie Jagmin
- Song of Gathering

DIX

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!
Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.
Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Call to Worship
Some look to technology or power to bring them salvation,
but we look to God.
Some look to quantity or efficiency as signs of success,
but we look to God.
For you, O God, have made us whole.
At the works of your hands we sing for joy!

- *Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX
- *Call to Confession
- *Prayer of Confession

God of the mysterious garden that flourishes when we least expect, you do not perceive the world as we do. In the smallest seed, you see a home for a host of creatures. From among the overlooked and forgotten, you call disciples to carry out your will. Enable us to regard each person not through the prejudices that have shaped us, but through the love of Jesus Christ, the first fruit of your new creation. Amen.
- *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).

For the Beauty of the Earth, originally a eucharistic (communion) text, was revised to become a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set to the tune customarily used in North America, though not elsewhere.

**Those who are able may 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."

*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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Through baptism, we welcome Josephine (Josie) Louise Lockard, daughter of Whitney Booth Lockard and Mark Lockard, into the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

*Question to the Congregation

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Josie by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ? If so, please stand.

*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.**

Hymn 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

PROSPECT



E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal hope, lift
up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be my sup -
port; e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.

Lay Reader: Kent Burel

The familiar text of the anthem is a reminder that our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. It is set to music by 20th-century American composer Calvin Hampton.

First Lesson

Mark 1:14-20, page 912

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

Anthem

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Calvin Hampton

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; (*cont.*)

there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Second Lesson Jonah 3, page 845
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**
Sermon *Second Chances* The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 223** *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* STUTTGART

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *St. Helena* David Lasky
***Doxology** Hymn 592
**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

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 538** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* SICILIAN MARINERS

*Charge and Benediction

***Congregational Response** Hymn 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in B-flat* att. J. S. Bach

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer was originally a sixteen stanza paraphrase of Psalm 103. The tune was probably created as a German psalm tune but later came to be used with other hymn texts.



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Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing is a hymn of corporate benediction by a Baptist pastor who served a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

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This morning is a **Godly Play Sunday**. Children, Pre K – 5th Grade are invited to the Children's Ministry Suite 9:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon. **Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger**, available from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 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.

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

Kent Burel

Baptism Elder

Chuck Toney

USHERS

John Simpson (head),

Diane Hartzell, Michelle Clendenen-Shaw

FELLOWSHIP HOST

Lindsay Griffeth

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Michael Peace by Mary Peace.

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

JUNE FLOWER TEAM

Rosemary Stancil (chair), Tootsie Adams, Susan Banister, Page Pate, Jennifer Poole

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Fellowship Outings

Summer is here! We hope you'll plan to join us for some (or all!) of these fun fellowship outings. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to attend – all ages and stages of our church family! Please RSVP to Whitney (whitney@firstpresathens.org) so we can keep a headcount and feel free to reach out with questions.

Saturday, June 29 at 9:00 a.m., Kayaking at Broad River Outpost

\$30 per person. E-mail Whitney to sign up **by June 17**.

Saturday, July 13 at 6:05 p.m., Gwinnett Stripers v. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp (Triple-A baseball), Coolray Field (Lawrenceville, GA)

Ticket price: \$13. E-mail Whitney **by July 1** to claim your spot!

Saturday, July 20 at 8:00 a.m., Biking on the Greenway

Bikers (all ages and abilities welcome!) can meet at the Sandy Creek Nature Center parking lot (205 Old Commerce Road). Bring your own bike, helmet, and water bottle.

Contact Karen Phillips if you plan to join (shutterstitch@gmail.com)

Tuesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m., Downtown Dinner, Ted's Most Best (254 W. Washington St.)

Bring the whole family and head downtown for food, drink, and fun!

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

On June 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 FarmRx and Athens Wellness Clinic. Next week, we will hear about Kate's Club, Acceptance Recovery Center, and Matthew 25 Commission.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 16

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 9:45 a.m. Godly Play (through 12:00 p.m.), Children's Ministry Suite
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Atrium Refreshments
- 11:15 a.m. *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, Moses Waddel Room

Tuesday, June 18

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls 1, Parlor

Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth, Church Office Closed

- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Food Classes, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 20

- 5:30 p.m. Session Worship, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Sunday, June 23 - Montreat Worship & Music

- 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

Summer Choir

If you've ever wondered what it's like to sing in the choir, but have never done so, this may be a chance to give choir a "test drive." If you would like to sing but can't make the commitment to Wednesday night rehearsals during the regular season, this is the time to join the choir. **Through August 18**, we will meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Singers may join for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. There is no obligation, but we do hope some will decide they enjoy singing in the choir enough to continue in the fall. Although this choir is made up mostly of adults, youth and children are also welcome. For more information, contact John Coble at jcoble@firstpresathens.org.

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).

Meet our Newest Members - Summer 2024



Kathy and Doug Arent

Kathy and Doug join FPC by Letter of Transfer from St. Mary' Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, Rhode Island. Doug is a retired engineer and enjoys golf, biking, and swimming. Kathy is retired from Family and Consumer Science and enjoys music, golf, and tennis. Doug and Kathy are parents of Jessica Owens and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

Andrea Cook

Andrea joins FPC by Letter of Transfer from First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga. Andrea is a Pastoral Counselor and enjoys art, reading, fitness, and volunteering. She has three grown children.



Alyssa Gutierrez

Alyssa joins FPC by Letter of Transfer from Northwest Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga. She is currently a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Candidate at UGA and enjoys taking her dog hiking, reading novels, travel, and spending time with family.

Christopher Hill

Christopher joins FPC by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, Al. Christopher works in Financial Services and enjoys sports, reading, and swimming.



Margaret Norris

joins FPC by Letter of Transfer from Washington Presbyterian Church, Washington, Ga. She is retired and enjoys art, hiking, and travel.

Eddie Gomez and Tina Wu-Gomez

Eddie and Tina join FPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. Eddie is a student, and enjoys coffee roasting and cooking. Tina is a student and intern, and enjoys training guide dogs, painting, digital media, and cooking



For the Beauty of the Earth

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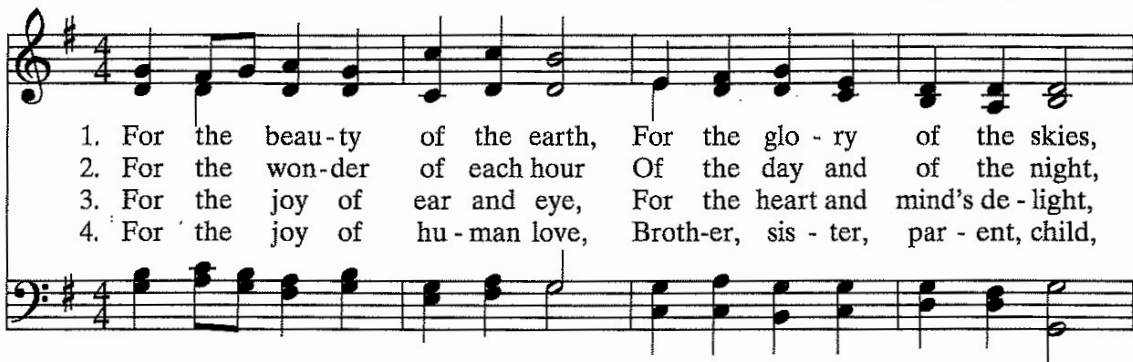
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Conrad Kocher, 1838

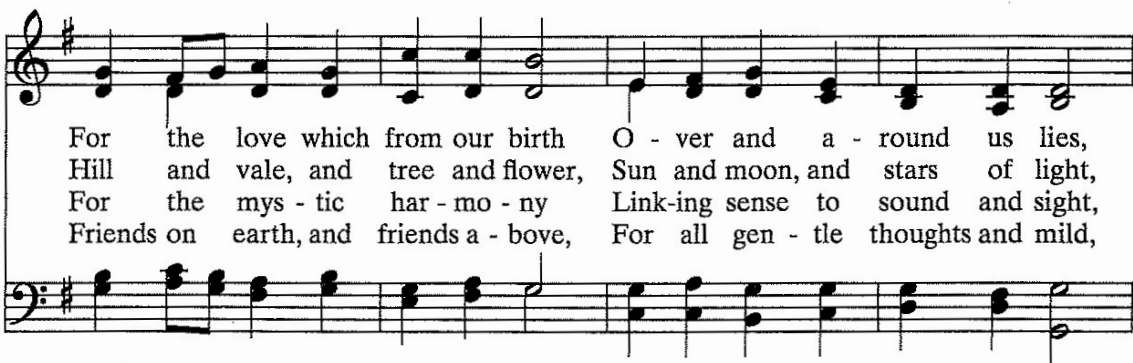
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de - light,
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, Broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
 Lifteth holy hands above,
 Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

Baptized in Water

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BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.5.9

Gaelic melody

Michael A. Seward, 1981

Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing the
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spir - it, We are God's

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, Thank-ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

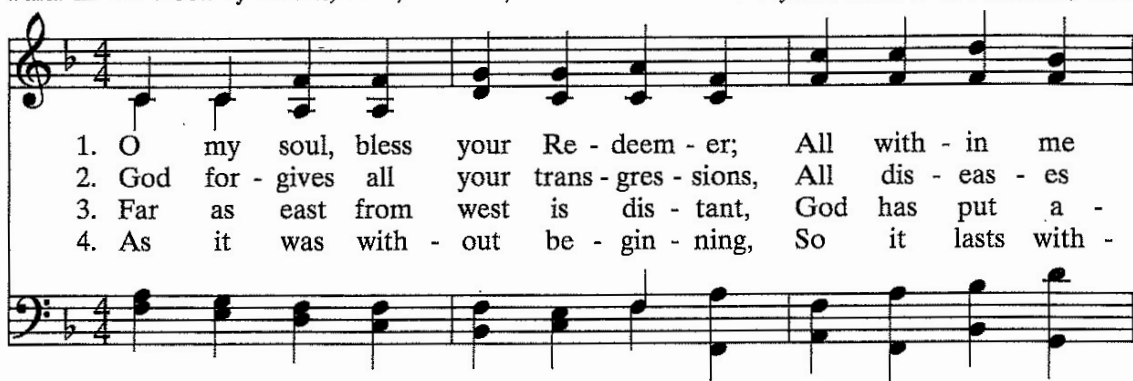
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STUTT GART 8.7.8.7

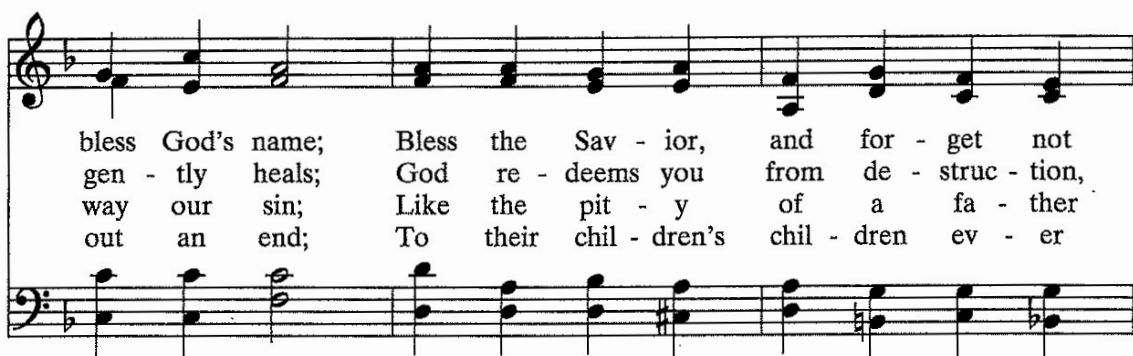
Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715

Para. in *The Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt. 1972, 1988

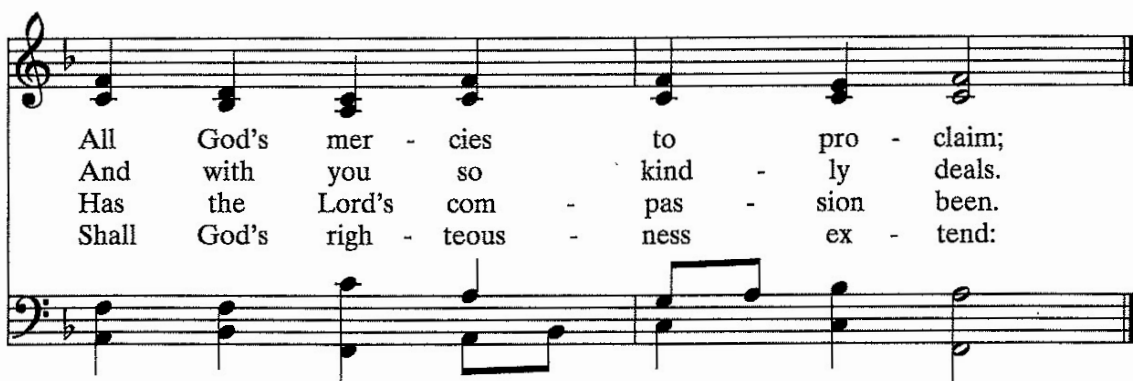
As in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861



1. O my soul, bless your Re - deem - er; All with - in me
 2. God for - gives all your trans - gres - sions, All dis - eas - es
 3. Far as east from west is dis - tant, God has put a -
 4. As it was with - out be - gin - ning, So it lasts with -



bless God's name; Bless the Sav - ior, and for - get not
 gen - tly heals; God re - deems you from de - struc - tion,
 way our sin; Like the pit - y of a fa - ther
 out an end; To their chil - dren's chil - dren ev - er



All God's mer - cies to pro - claim;
 And with you so kind - ly deals.
 Has the Lord's com - pas - sion been.
 Shall God's righ - teous - ness ex - tend:

5. Unto such as keep God's covenant
 And are steadfast in God's way;
 Unto those who still remember
 The commandments and obey.

6. Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
 Ever under God's control,
 All throughout God's vast dominion;
 Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

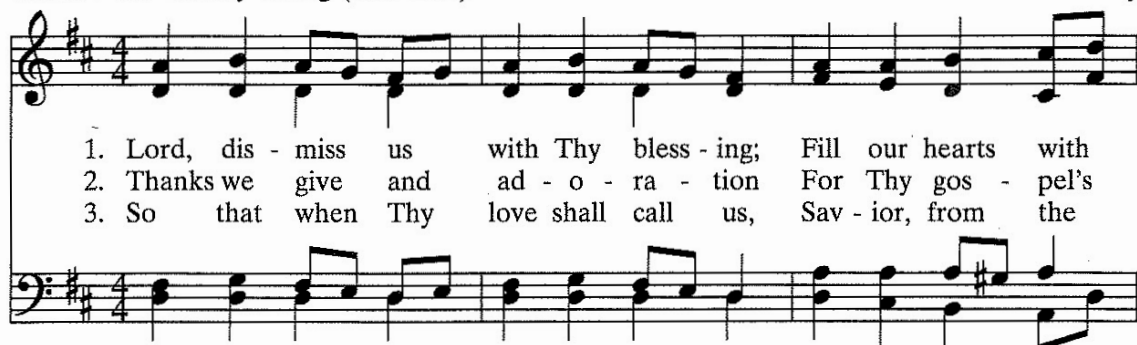
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Attr. John Fawcett, 1773

Stanza 1, line 6, alt. 1774, Conyer's *Collection of Psalms*

Stanza 3 alt. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

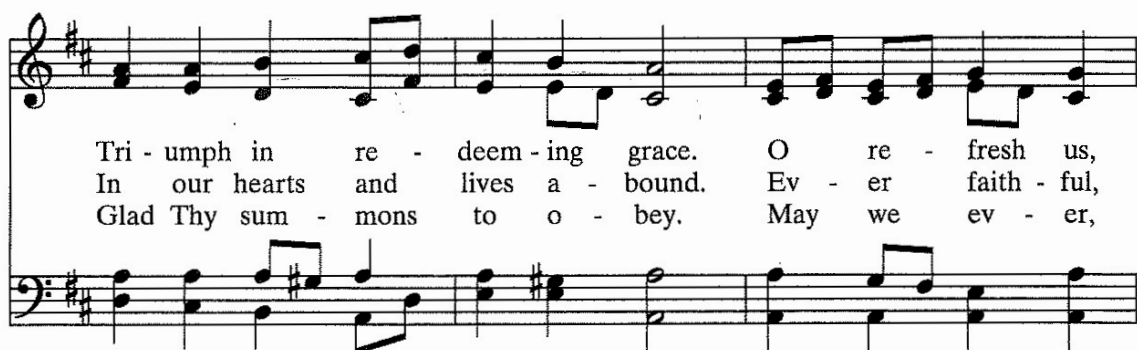
Sicilian melody



1. Lord, dis - miss us with Thy bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy gos - pel's
 3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; Let us each, Thy love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Let no fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 Ev - er faith - ful To the truth may we be found;
 May we ev - er Reign with Thee in end - less day.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Pat Waldrip, Clerk of Session

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Shannon Brooks	Lindsay Griffeth	Susan Baldwin
Phyllis Crowell	Angela Hunt	Bill Bushnell
Denise Horton	Dan Nadenicek	Amy Cowsert
Paul Lee	Karen Phillips	Matt Crim
Sharon Logan Neff	Ethelyn Simpson	Jay Holloway
Bruce Middendorf	Jeffrey Trapnell	Tom Lane
Randy Riner	Pat Tritt	Joan Pinson
Chuck Toney	John Turner	Paige Simmons
	Pat Waldrip	

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Mr. Wayne Brock, *Sexton*