CHRIST
Presbyterian Church
BURKE

Lord's Day Worship

Novemeber 8, 2026

WELCOME

During Christian worship we cross the threshold
of the secular to the sacred,
from the common to the uncommon,
from the profane to the holy.
Our contact with the holy is not merely an encounter
with a different dimension of reality;
it is the meeting with Absolute Reality.
Christianity is not about involvement with religious experience as a tangent.
It involves a meeting with a holy God.[1]

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *O God of Unshared Glory* words and music by Jesse Coleman

Oh God of unshared glory
In whom all live and breathe
Why choose to save a vessel
So cracked and worn like me
Yet through this broken vessel
You show Your majesty
The glory of the Potter
Lord here I am for Thee

Oh God of love and mercy
As boundless as the sea
Why stand as my replacement
And die upon a tree
For all my sins You covered
My shackles You released
I serve You in Your freedom
Lord here I am for Thee

My worldly treasures forfeit
My gains I count as loss
To live within Your Spirit
And bow before Your cross
To die in my transgressions
Your hope my only plea
I cast my crown before You
Lord here I am for Thee

CALL TO WORSHIP: HEBREWS 12:22–24

Minister: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, [23] and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
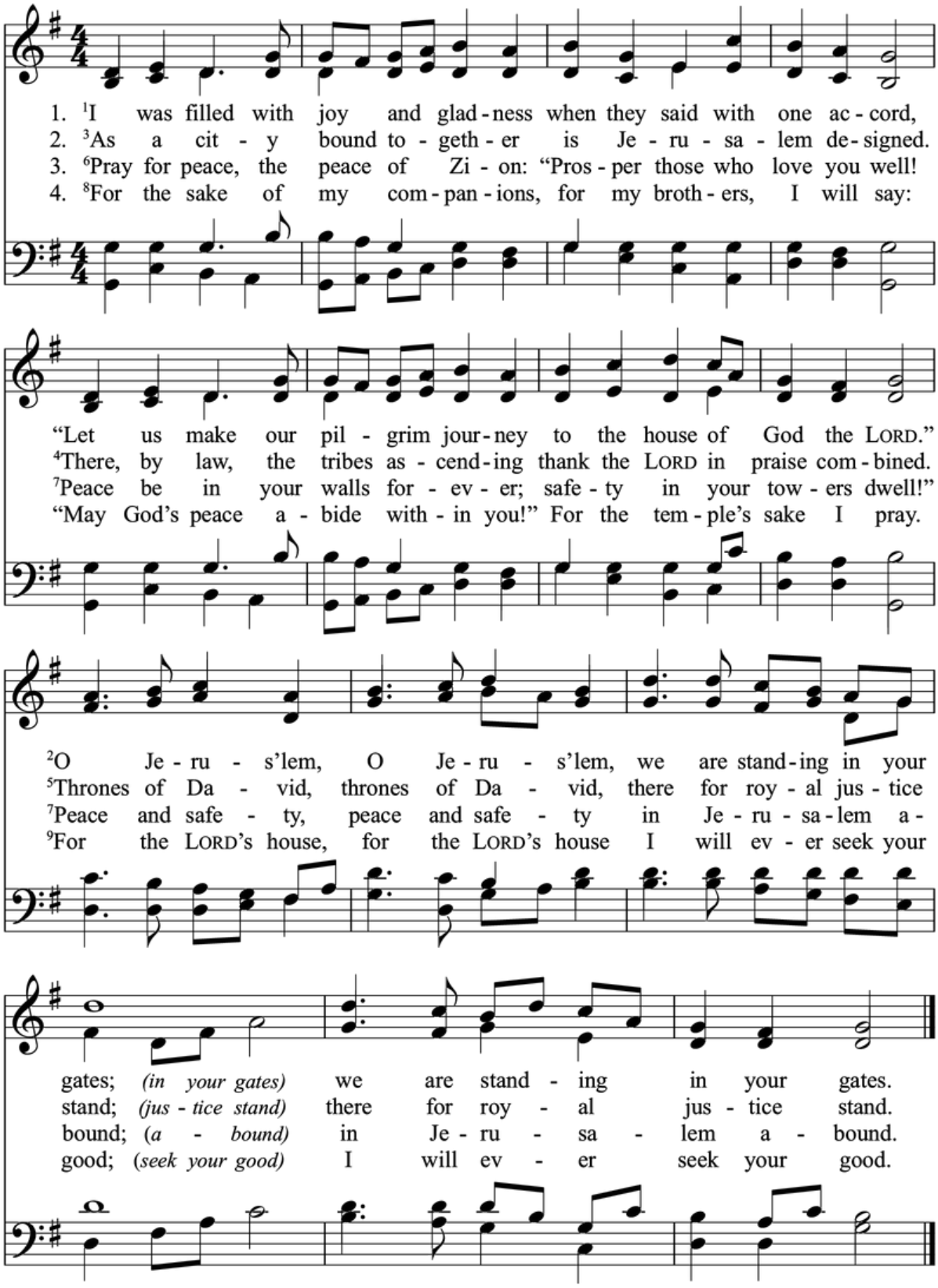
Church: **[24] and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant**

[1] R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.

PSALM OF ADORATION

PSALM 122

122A I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness



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John Hughes, 1907

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED[2]

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who, for our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe one holy catholic[3] and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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[2] The Nicene Creed (AD 325, 381) is the ancient church's statement on what the Scriptures teach about God: that he is a Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

[3] The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church is the universal church, which is invisible, consisting of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be gathered under Christ the Head. See Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Nicene Creed predates the church's division into the Western (Roman Catholic) Church and the Eastern (Orthodox) Church or the Reformation of the Western Church that came much later.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 SAMUEL 12:1–13

And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” 5 Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.”

7 Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. 8 And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. 9 Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ 11 Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.’” 13 David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[4]

All: **O Lord, You who are all merciful,**
take away my sins from me,
and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.
Take away this heart of stone from me,
and give me a heart of flesh and blood,
a heart to love and adore You,
a heart which may delight in You, love You, and please You,
for Christ’s sake. Amen.

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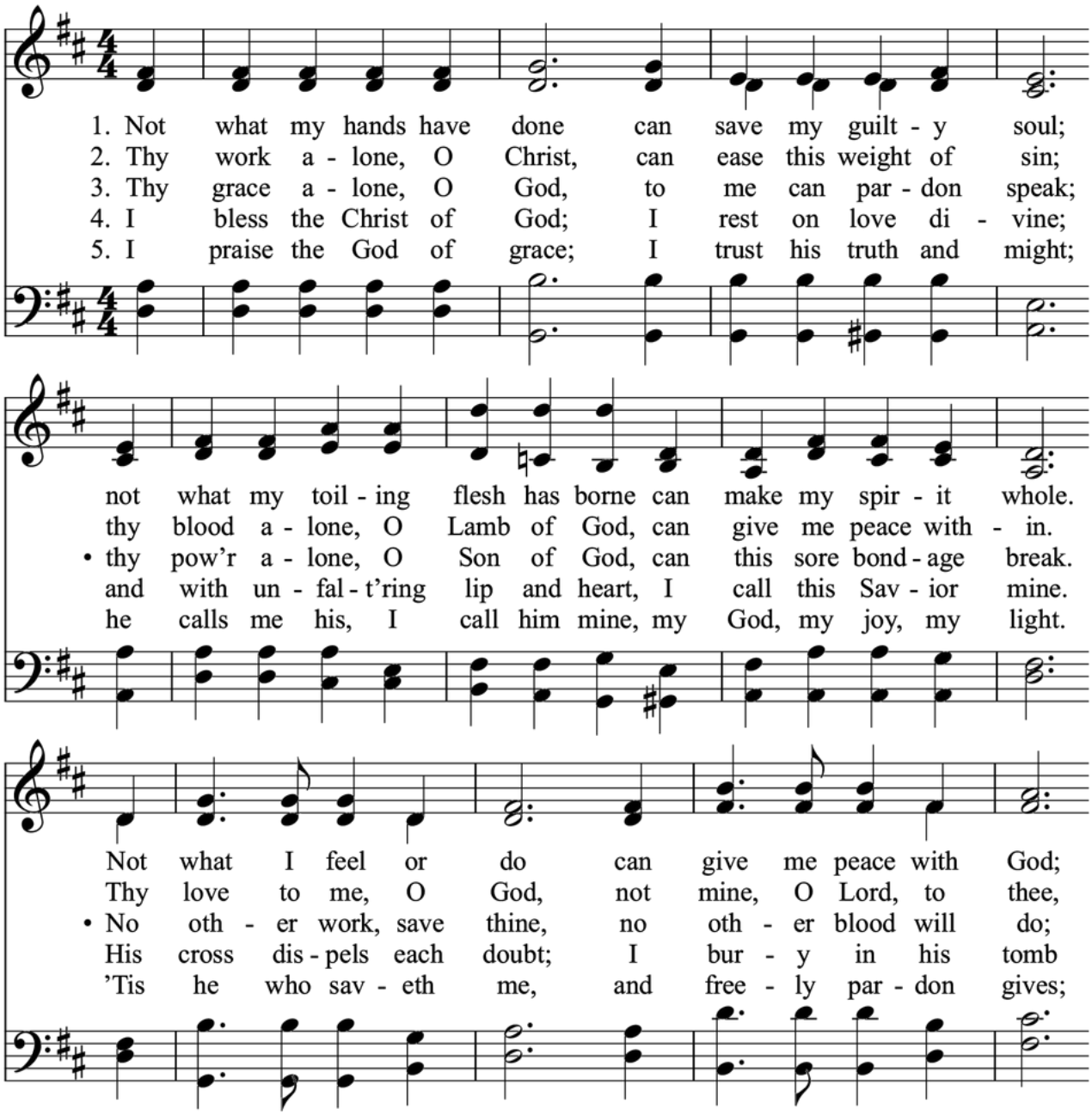
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[4] In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, with ourselves, and with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ. We then have the joy of hearing God’s Word say that He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins when we confess (1 John 1:9). Then we have the joy of responding in song.

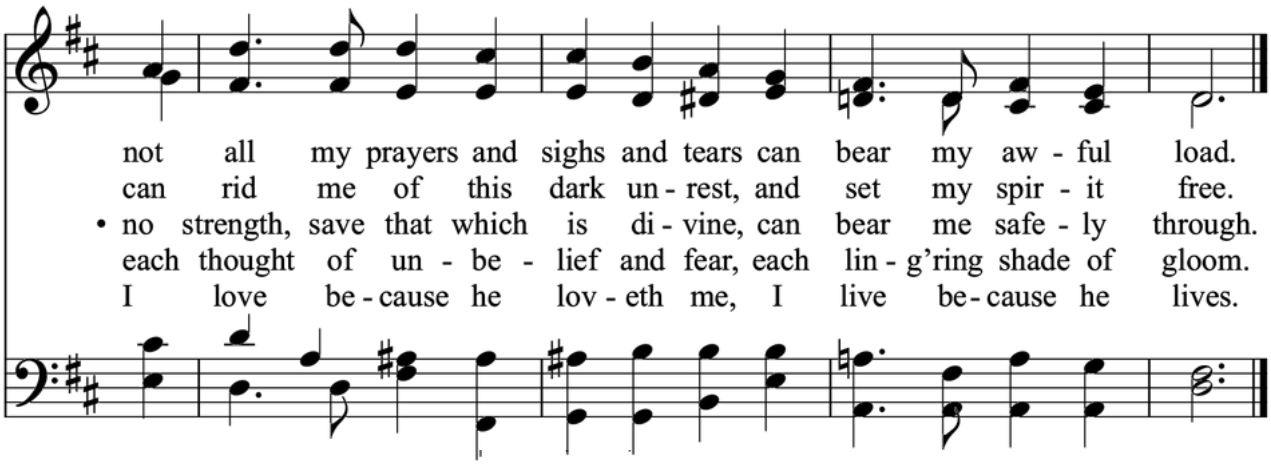
ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 5:31–34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? [32] He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? [33] Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. [34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Not What My Hands Have Done **435**





Horatius Bonar, 1861; alt.

LEOMINSTER S.M.D.
George William Martin, 1862
Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

GREET ONE ANOTHER

As the Apostle Paul encouraged churches to "Greet one another" (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26), please greet those around you, and please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ intercedes for His church in prayer (John 17; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 7:25), and He gives His church the ministry of praying "with each other for each other" as well praying for the community in which our church is placed (1 Timothy 2:1–4). We also use this time to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world (Matthew 6:10).

NEW TESTAMENT READING: ACTS 15:30–41

So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. [31] And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. [32] And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. [33] And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. [35] But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

[36] And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." [37] Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. [38] But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. [39] And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, [40] but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. [41] And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD
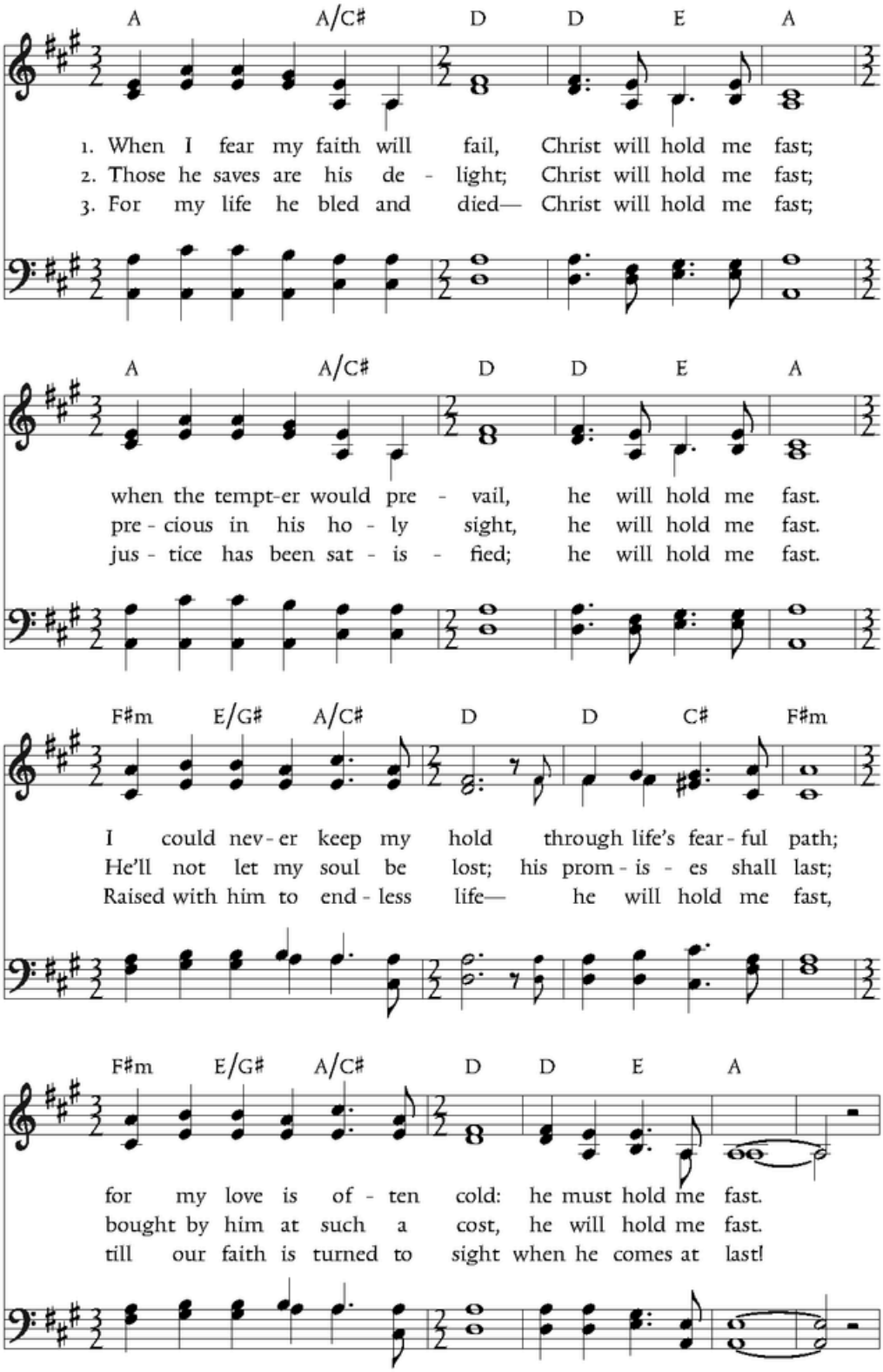
Conflict Resolution & Christian Friendship in the Early Church

J. Porter Harlow
Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE

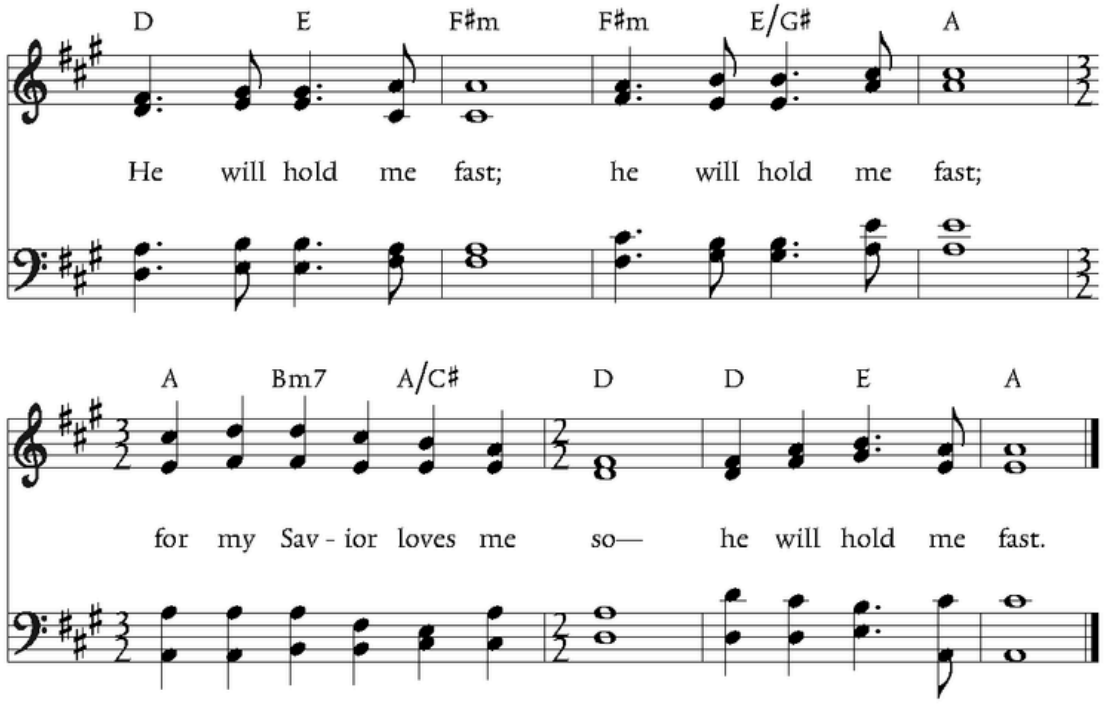
He Will Hold Me Fast

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord Jesus Christ invites all of His followers to commune with Him at His table. If you have publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and are a communing member in good standing with one of His faithful churches, then you are invited.

Each row will be invited to come forward. You may put your hands out, and the server will put the bread into your hands. Partake of the bread, then move to receive and partake of the cup.

If you have children who have not yet professed faith and been admitted as communing members of a Christian church, you are invited to bring them up with you, not to receive the Supper, but so that our officers may pray for the Lord's covenant blessings upon them as members of the household of God.

If you are not yet a follower of Christ, we are glad that you are here, but God's Word says in 1 Corinthians 11 that you should not partake of this meal until you become His follower and recognize what this meal represents: His sacrifice for the sins of those who follow him. Instead of receiving the meal, we invite you to remain in your seat during the meal and receive Christ as He has come to you in the reading and preaching of His Word today. If you would like to become a member of this church and celebrate this meal with us in the future, please speak to our pastor or one of our elders. They would love to hear your story!

Meditation: *Psalm 32A* set to RESIGNATION by William Walker (1835)

What blessedness belongs to him
who truly is forgiv'n,
for whom transgressions have been cleared,
and covered is his sin.
How blessed is the one the LORD
accuses not of sin,
the man without deceit and guile,
whose heart is pure within.

I languished, silent in my guilt;
my days were filled with groans.
Your hand on me pressed day and night,
and heat dried up my bones.
My trespasses to you I owned,
hid not my wickedness;
I said, "I will before the LORD
transgressions now confess."

You pardoned my iniquity
and took my guilt away;
and therefore while you may be found,
let godly people pray.
The gush of torrents will not harm;
you hide me, give me peace.
You keep me safe, surrounding me
with songs of my release.

Sermon Outline

Conflict Resolution & Christian Friendship in the Early Church

Acts 15:30–41

I. Conflict & Resolution: Paul & Barnabas (v. 36–41)

- John Mark's repentance and Jesus' command to forgive 77 times: Matthew 18:21–22

- Paul & John Mark: Forgiveness with Boundaries

- Barnabas & John Mark: Forgiveness with Second Chances

- Paul & Barnabas: Agreed to Disagree. Continued Respect for their Differences.

II. Christian Friendship

- Paul & Barnabas (Acts 11:25 through Acts 15:41)

- Paul & Mark (Colossians 4:10, 2 Timothy 4:11, Philemon 1:24)
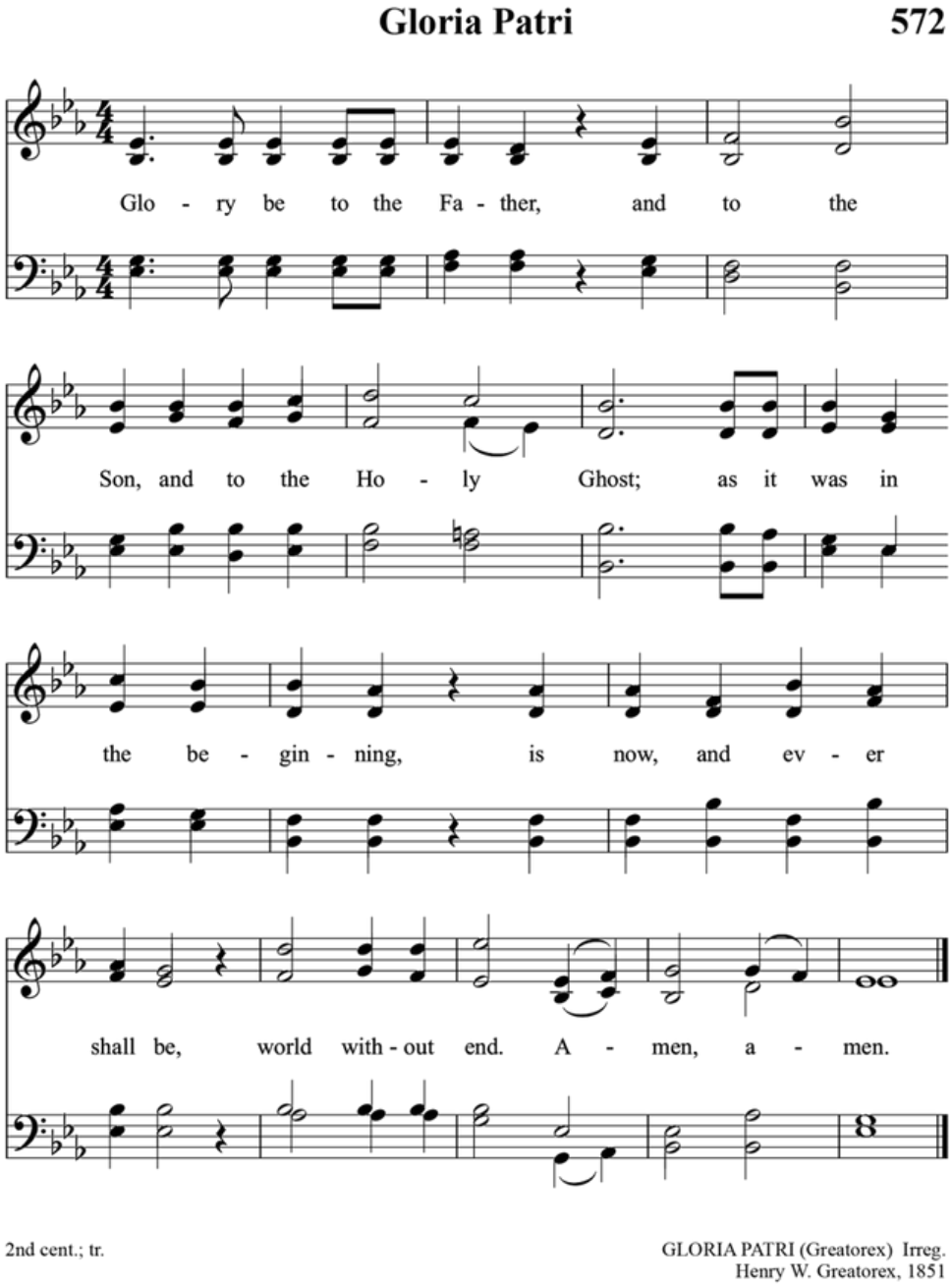
- Paul & Silas (v. 32, 40; Acts 16:25)

- Jesus & Peter, James, John (Matthew 26:36–38)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During our prayer of thanksgiving, we express our thankfulness for what the Lord has provided, and we ask him to use our tithes and offerings to advance his kingdom and provide for those in need. Our church has three opportunities to give: (1) over the internet, (2) the collection box on the back table, or (3) by mail. Please see the announcements page for details.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



BENEDICTION: EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership. Christ Presbyterian is served by the following leaders:

- Teaching Elder: Porter Harlow
- Ruling Elders: Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, Philip Lee, and Fleet Lawrence
- Deacons: Nathanael Achor, Wade Woo, Chuck Virts, Jesse Coleman, Kyle Lee, and Joshua Vaughan
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak

Giving. You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- **Internet.** Go to https://cpcburke.org/support or you may scan this QR Code.
- **Offering Box.** You may place your offering in the wooden box on the back table. Offering boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1–4). The early church continued to use them.

Recurring Events

- **First Sunday Fellowship Meals** on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- **Sunday School.** We offer Sunday School after worship starting at 11:05 AM for children ages 0-3 in the nursery through Middle and High School.
- **Small Groups**
  - Wednesday Small Group meets weekly at 7:30 pm in the Hudak home.
  - Friday Small Group meets on 2nd and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
  - Sunday Small Group meets on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm in a rotating home.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Women's Fellowship.** The Women's Bible Study meets on the third Saturday of each month.

Missions We Support. Please pray for the missions we support.

- **Church Planting in DC Area.**
  - One Voice Fellowship, pastored by Chris Sicks, is a multilingual church on mission to reach ethnic and religious minorities in Falls Church.
  - Ark Covenant Church, pastored by Zhongming Chen, reaching Mandarin speakers in Fairfax.
- **Church Planting in Abilene, Texas.** Our former assistant pastor, Robert Hasler, is planting Christ the King Presbyterian Church.
- **Church Planting in Dearborn, Michigan.** Jerry Riendeau is planting in Dearborn, Michigan, home to the largest Arabic speaking population outside the Middle East.
- **Church Planting in England.** Oxford Presbyterian Church is a church being planted in Oxford, England, by Andy Young.
- **Church Planting in Japan.** Jason & Ai Kueh are PCA missionaries planting in Shin-Urayasu, a Tokyo suburb. Jason is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Japan.
- **Church Planting in East Asia.** We support a PCA missionary who is training pastors in East Asia as part of a church planting movement underway there.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at GMU.** Pastor Matthew DeLong is on mission to reach international students at GMU.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at University of Alabama, Birmingham.** Our own Joanna Woo is serving in her third year as an intern for RUF-I at UAB.

Mercy Ministries We Support

- **The Lamb Center** is a daytime homeless shelter sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- **Assist Pregnancy Center.** Assist promotes "life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."
- **Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO)**: Local food pantry.

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