First Presbyterian Church

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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

We belong to the family of the Redeemed.
Transformed by the grace of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
we are delighting in the supremacy of God in all things
as we reach up to Him in worship,
reach in to one another with biblical teaching and shepherding care,
and reach out to the world with Christ.

So that in everything He might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here today to worship the Triune God with us. Our prayer is that we will delight to:

Glorify God in all things,
Trust him for all things,
Proclaim him as King over all things,
So that we might love God and others through all things.

Our worship begins with God calling us into worship from his Word; we respond in adoration and praise.

We then hear our God speak to us in his Word, profess our faith in him, confess our sins to him, and hear his assurance of our pardon by the work of Christ.

This leads to a response of rejoicing as we prepare to hear the Word of God preached. Our church practices expository preaching. This means that the Bible determines the content of the messages. The messages "come out of" the text. Ordinarily, we preach through books of the Bible; currently, we are working our way through Exodus.

In the book of Exodus we see the invisible hand of God leading God's people out of their sin and slavery into the promised land where they can worship him according to the instructions he gives. We are always looking for how these stories and instructions point us to Christ and the gospel empowered way to live.

Our Elders have been praying for you. May you encounter God today through his Word and by the presence of his Spirit.

Warmly,
Pastor Andy

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements Psalm 121:1-2

Where does our help come from?
Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Preparation for Worship

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought
that God, the Son of God should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!
He sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame, and to this world himself he came.
For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptation sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.
For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought,
by words and signs and actions thus, still seeking not himself but us.

Thomas à Kempis

Call to Worship – Psalm 26

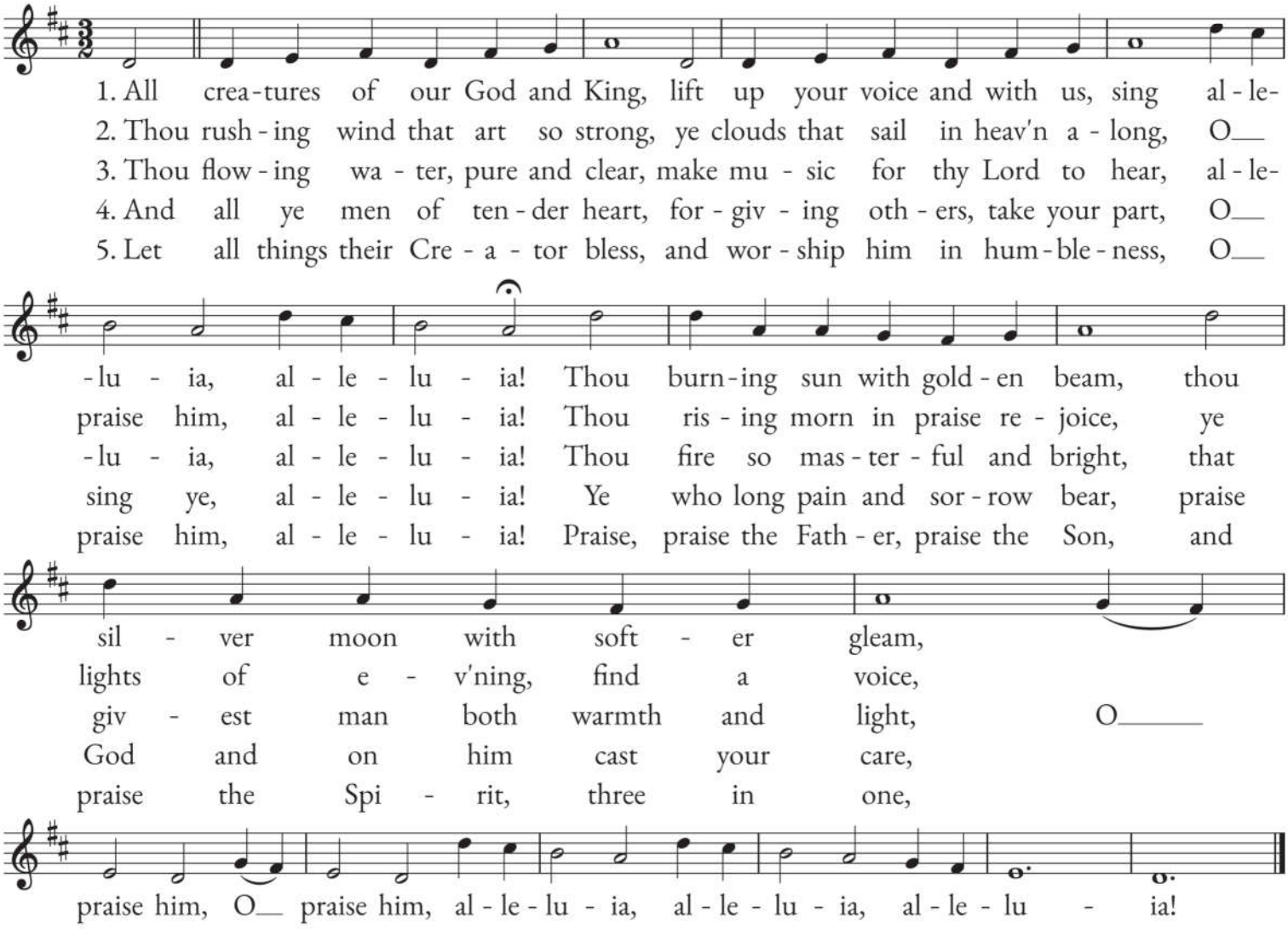
I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
7 proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
9 Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
10 in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.

11 But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

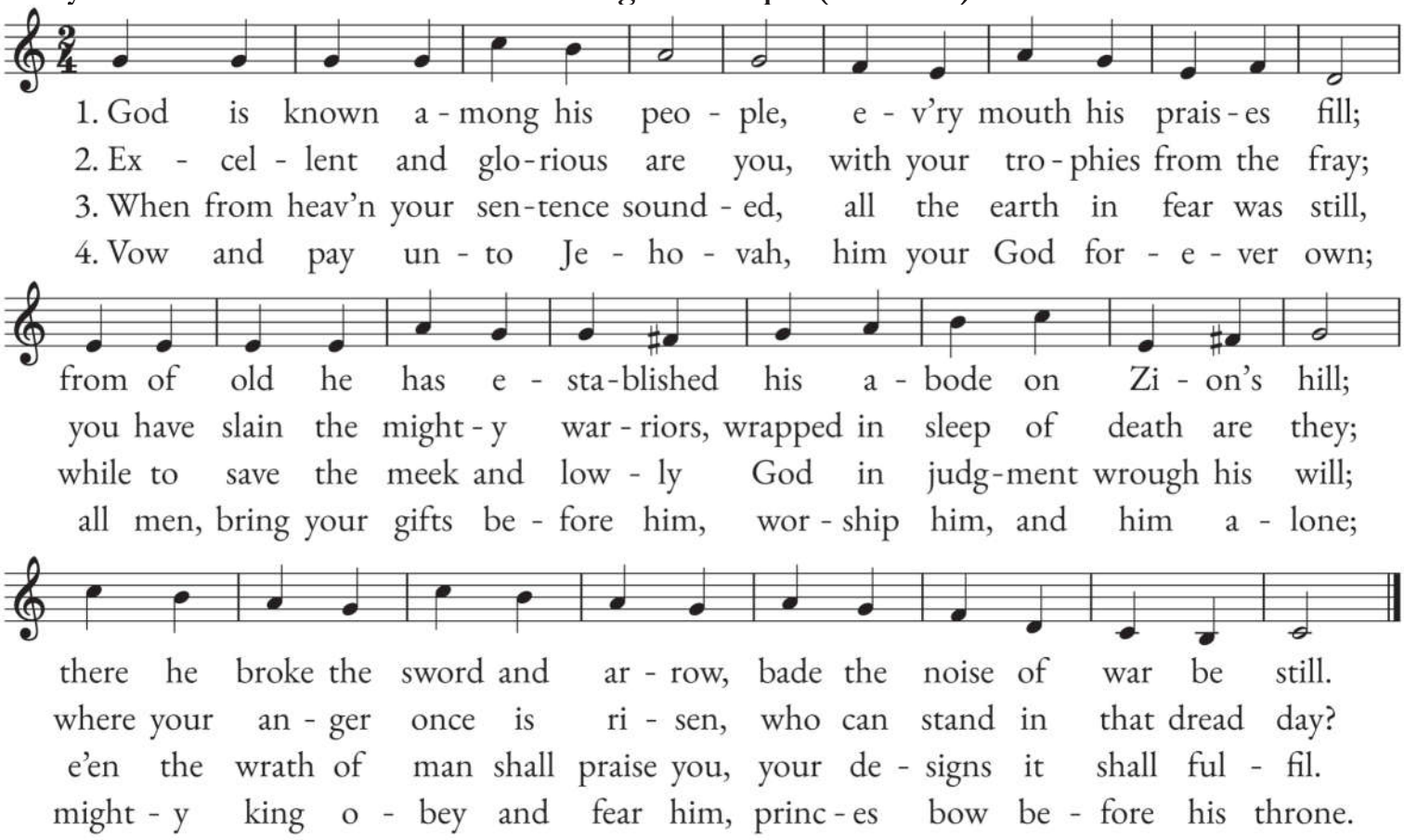
Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise – All Creatures of Our God and King



Text: Francis of Assisi, ca 1225, Tr. by William H. Draper, 1926; Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Hymn of Praise – God Is Known Among His People (Psalm 76)



Text: From Psalm 76, The Psalter, 1912: alt. 1990, mod. Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Gross, 1869; CCLI #1850411

Scripture Reading – Ezekiel 36:16-27

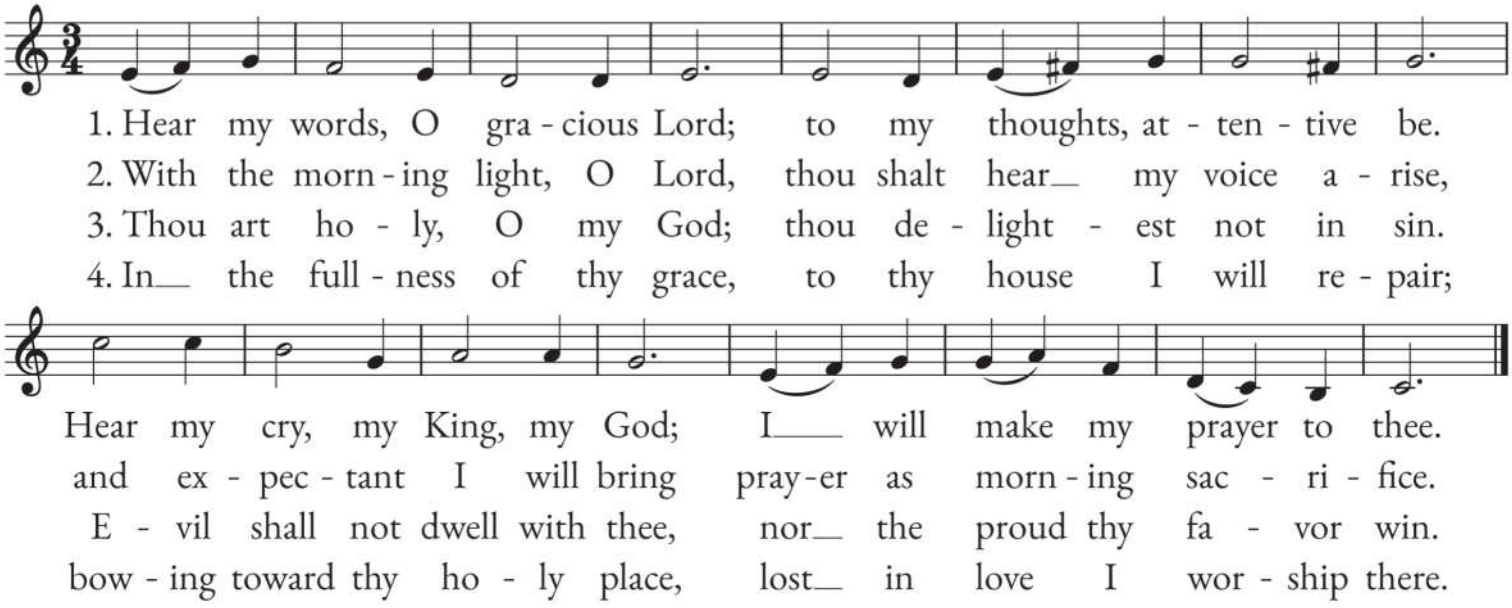
The word of the LORD came to me: [17] "Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. Their ways before me were like the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual impurity. [18] So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. [19] I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. [20] But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.' [21] But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

[22] "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. [23] And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the LORD GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. [24] I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. [25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. [26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Profession of Faith — Westminster Confession of Faith 10.1

All those whom God has predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

Song of Confession – Hear My Words (Psalm 5)



Text: the Psalter, 1912;
Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, adapted from Keine Schonheit hat die Welt by Johann Scheffler, 1657; © Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009; CCLI #1850411

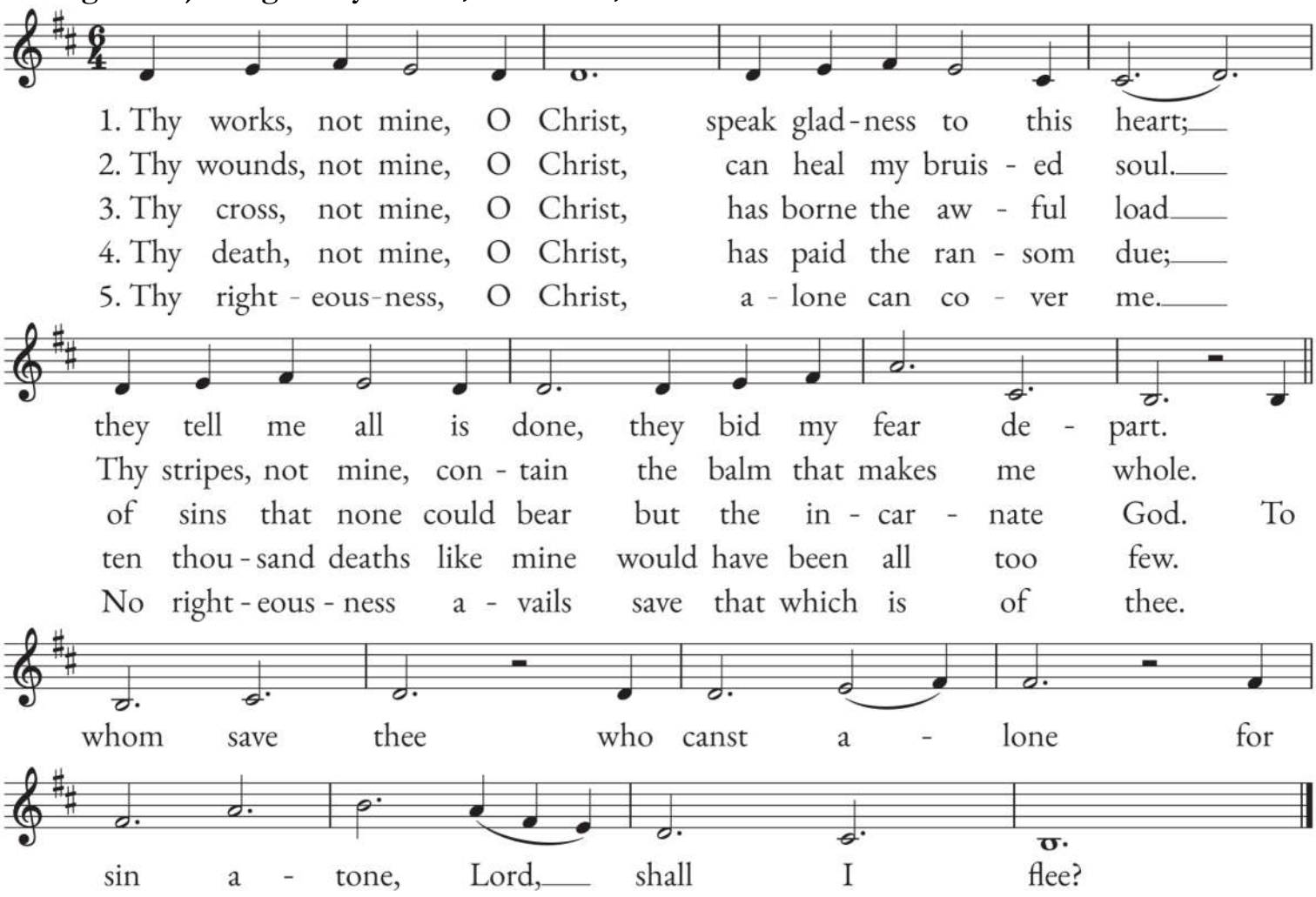
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Now, lift up your hearts to the Lord!
My heart I offer to you, O Lord; promptly and sincerely!

Song of Rejoicing – Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1899; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2017; © 2017 Gregory Wilbur; CCLI #1850411

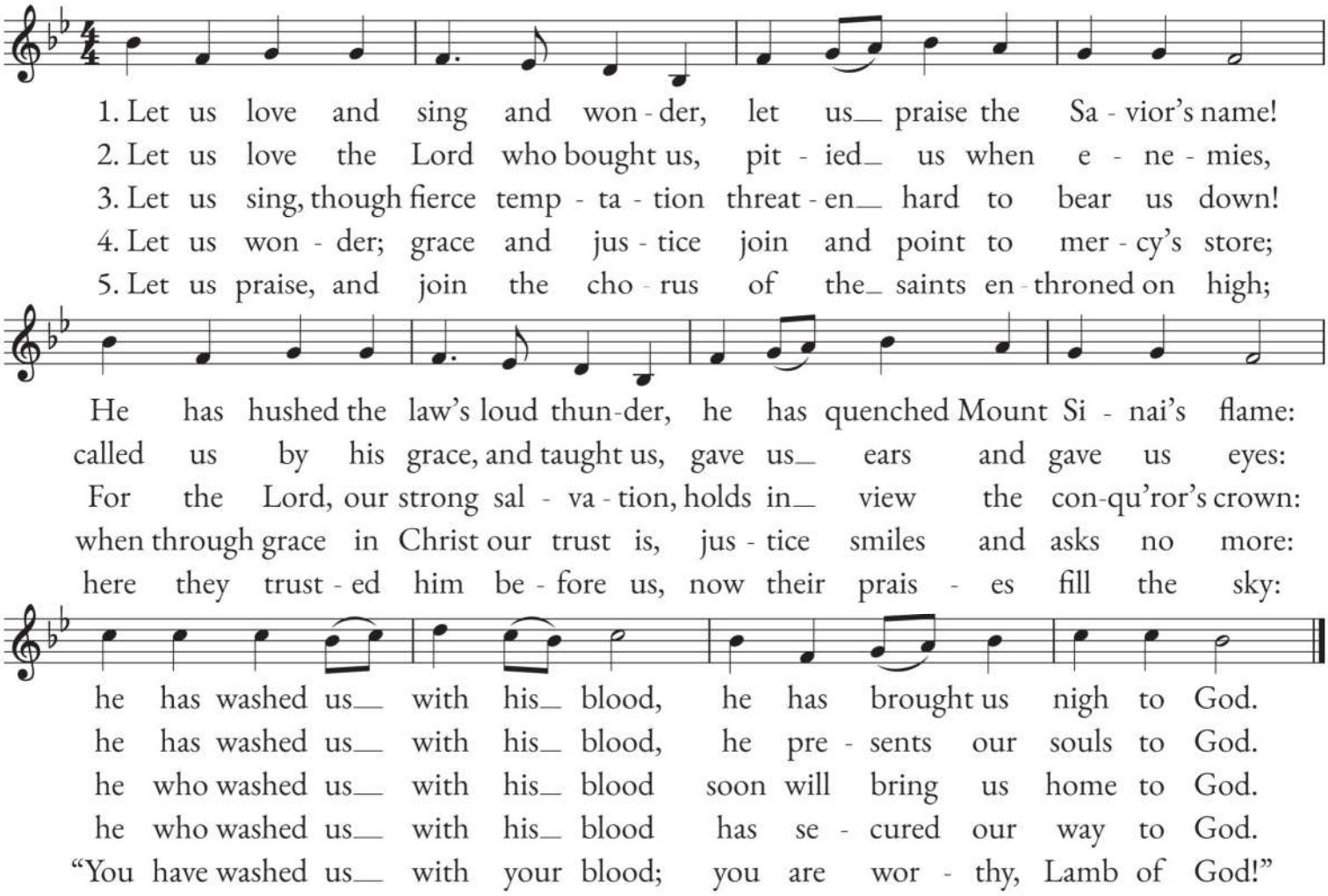
Sermon Forgiven and Changed
Exodus 27:1-21
Pastor Peter Dietsch

Sermon Notes:

1. The Altar and Its Sacrifice

2. The Better Altar and His Sacrifice

Song of Response – Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



Text: John Newton, 1774, Mod.; Music: ALL SAINTS OLD, Darmstadt Gesangbuch, 1698; CCLI #1850411

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
[21] equip you with everything good that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

News and Announcements

Donations to the Bible Project can still be made through the end of December. Checks should be made out to FPC and Bible Project written in the memo line. See the donation box on the hallway table.

Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday December 6. Please plan to stay after morning worship to hear ministry reports and hold officer elections. Elder Forrest Marion and Deacon John Reed will both be on a ballot to serve a second term. Jeff Nichols is also eligible for election to the office of Deacon. BCO 24-1.

Please join today's Fellowship Lunch following the worship service.

The Fine Arts School of Music is offering two 16-week group classes starting January 6, 2027:

- Mini Music Makers for ages 4–5
- Little Strummers: Learning the Ukulele for ages 6–8

Both programs build a fun, engaging musical foundation through games, rhythm, and hands-on exploration. Registration deadline is December 1, 2026. For more information or to register, please contact April Stewart at 931-337-6662 or fineartsschoolofmusic@firstprescrossville.org

First Catechism

What is the gospel and its reward?

God, the righteous Creator, rescues sinful people by reconciling them to himself through Jesus' sinless life, death, and resurrection. Repenting of our sins and believing in Jesus' work unites us to Jesus and transforms us to grow in ways pleasing to God. The eternal presence of God is our reward!

Weeks 1-5 God
Weeks 6-12 Creation
Weeks 13-19 Fall/Sin
Weeks 20-28 Salvation by grace alone, through Christ alone
Weeks 29-30 Repentance and Faith
Weeks 31-48 Growing in Grace
Weeks 49-52 Heaven now and in the future

Week 11 - November 8

Why did God make you and all things?
For his own glory.

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Women's Monday Theology Study	2:00 p.m.
Women's Tuesday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Women's Thursday Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Men's Thursday Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Men's Discipleship Wednesday	6:00 a.m.
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch	Monthly
Young at Heart (YAH) Lunch	Monthly
Women in God's Service (WinGS)	Quarterly

Our Missionary Family

International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia Bulgaria
Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa
Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT
Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels
Koos & Bhless Hagg, MTW, Southeast Asia

North America & Local

Plateau Pregnancy Services
Good Samaritans, 10th Street
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton
Myers Park Initiative, Greg Salazar
Mercy Presbyterian, Rob Herron
Occom Ministries, Native American Initiative

Session

Andy Aikens TE, Senior Pastor
Peter Dietsch TE, Associate Pastor
Robert Berman, RE '27
Eric Larson, RE '28
Jim Sparks RE '26
Richard Parks RE '27
Forrest Marion RE, Clerk, '26

Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair, '28
John Reed '26
Mike Tuuk '27
Greg Wood '28

Staff

Music/Sound Director	Matt Bundy
School of Music Director	April Stewart
Finance/Admin	Holly Kisly

Ministry Support

Treasurer	Bill Allbright
Newsletter	Darlene Gendjar
Library	Kathy Pipkin
Children's Ministry	Hope Aikens

Security Team

Today	Bob Kalb
Next Week	Bill Allbright

Greeters

Today	Mike & Nancy Tuuk
Next Week	Greg & Lory Wood

Nursery

Today	Jenae Larson Isabelle Powell
Next Week	Robyn Mayhugh April Stewart