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

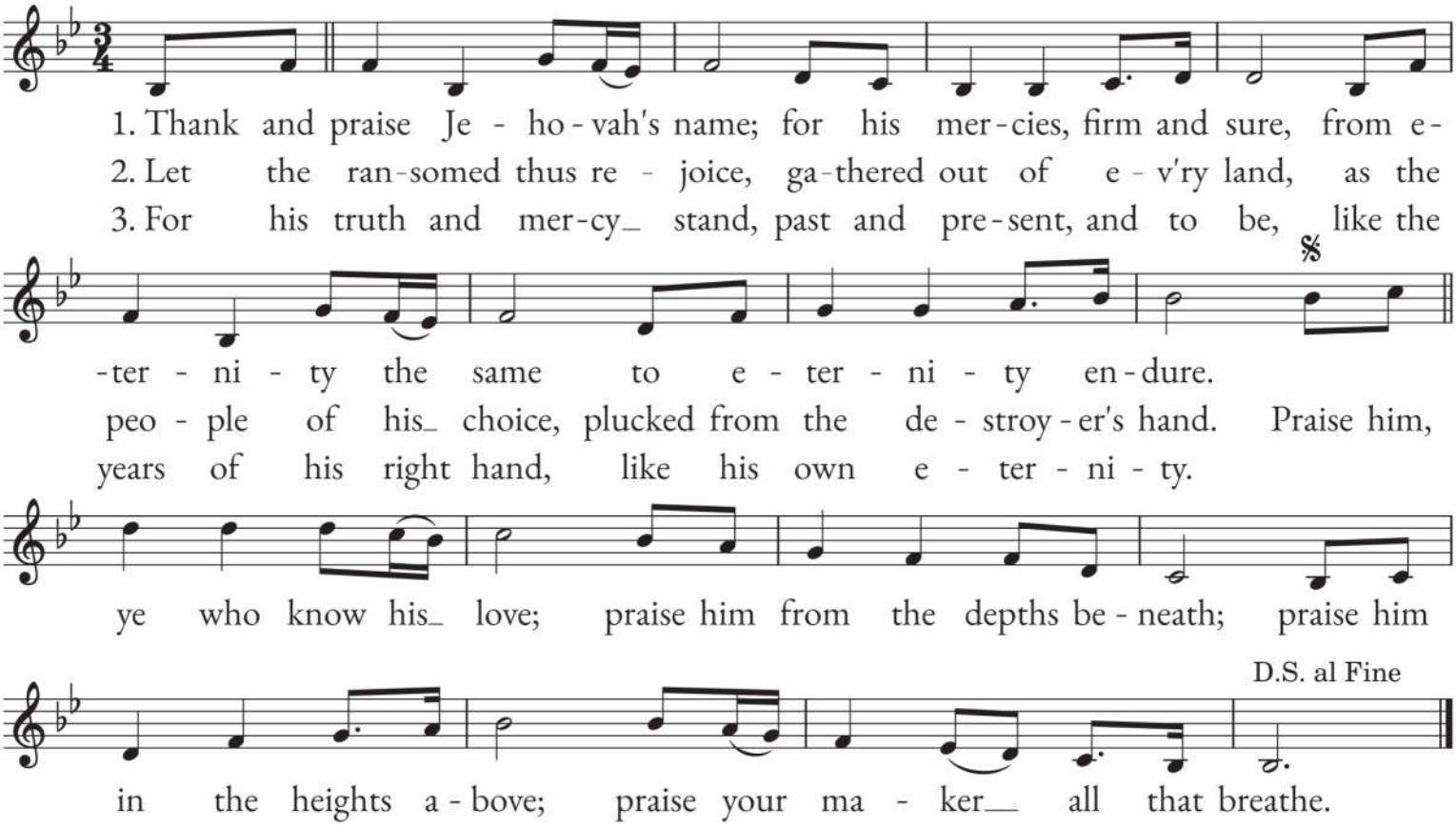
How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
Dear Name! the Rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,
my never failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.
O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

John Newton

Call to Worship – Psalm 104:31-34

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.

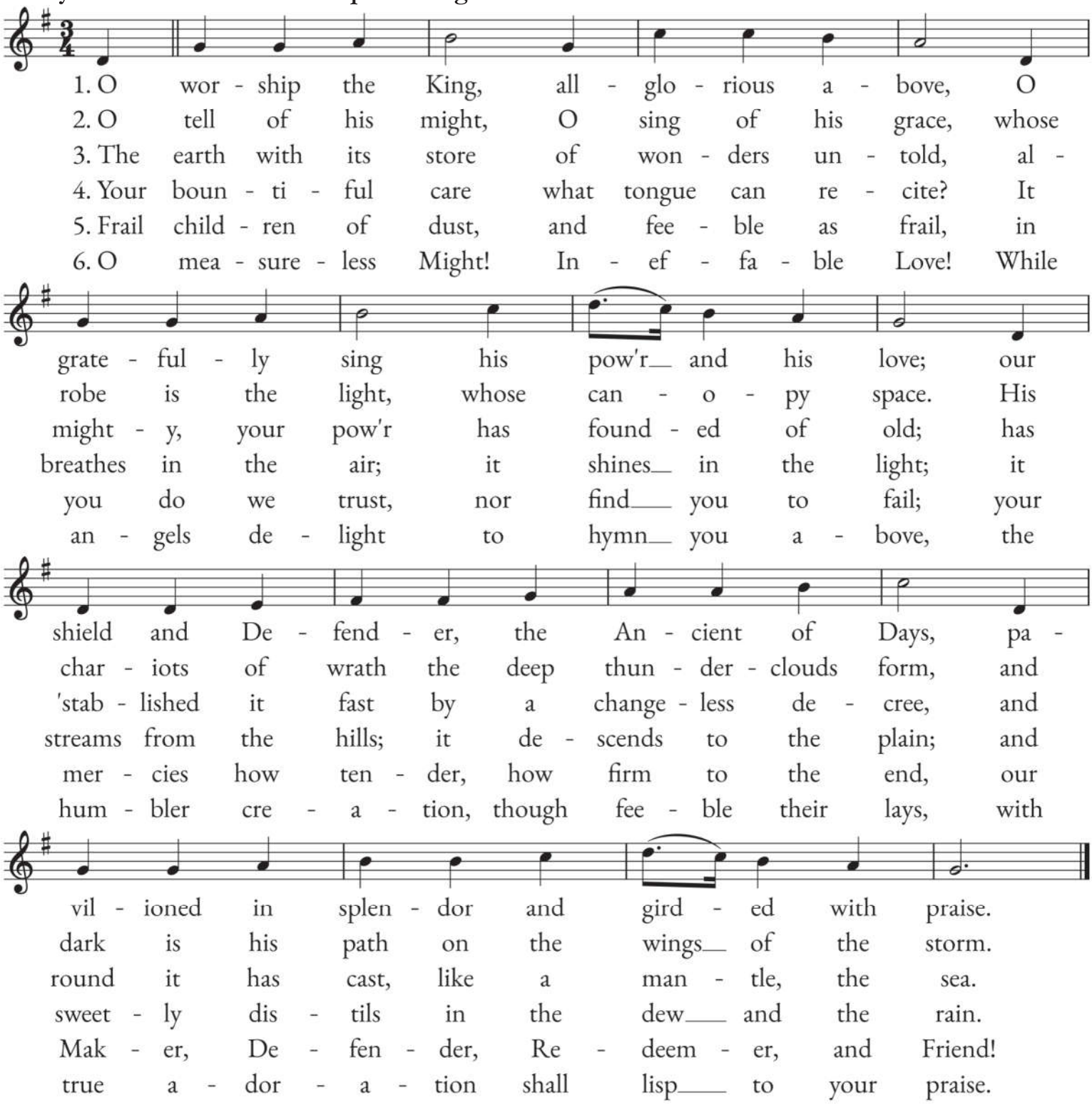
Hymn of Praise – Thank and Praise Jehovah's Name (Psalm 146)



Text: James Montgomery, 1822 Music: Gregory D. Wilbur; © 2016 Gregory Wilbur; CCLI #1850411

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise – O Worship the King



Text: Based on Psalm 104, Robert Grant, 1833, Mod.;
Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806, Arr. in Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815; CCLI #1850411

Scripture Reading – John 17:1-26

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour
has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, [2] since you have given him authority
over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that
they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4] I glorified you on
earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. [5] And now, Father, glorify me in
your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

[6] "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they
were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7] Now they know that everything
that you have given me is from you. [8] For I have given them the words that you gave me, and
they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have
believed that you sent me. [9] I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those
whom you have given me, for they are yours. [10] All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am
glorified in them. [11] And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am
coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may
be one, even as we are one. [12] While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have
given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of
destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [13] But now I am coming to you, and these
things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. [14] I have given
them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am
not of the world. [15] I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them
from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [17] Sanctify them in
the truth; your word is truth. [18] As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the
world. [19] And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

[20] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,
[21] that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in
us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. [22] The glory that you have given me I
have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, [23] I in them and you in me, that
they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them
even as you loved me. [24] Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with
me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the
foundation of the world. [25] O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I
know you, and these know that you have sent me. [26] I made known to them your name, and I
will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them,
and I in them."

Profession of Faith — Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 23 and 25

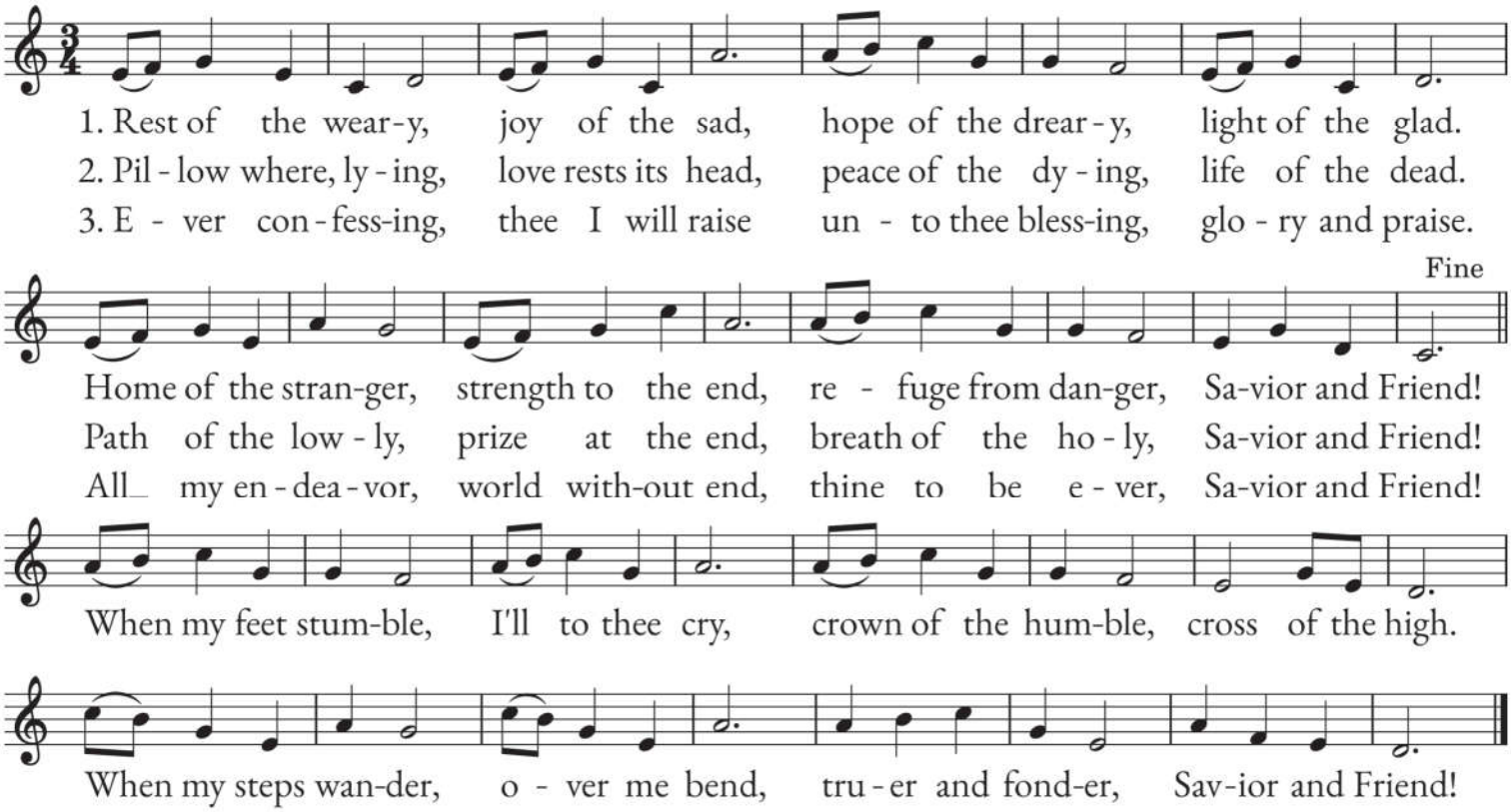
What offices does Christ execute as our redeemer?

Christ, as our redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Song of Confession – Savior and Friend



Text: John S.B. Monsell, 1863; Music: Gregory D Wilbur; from My Cry Ascends, © Gregory D Wilbur; CCLI #1850411

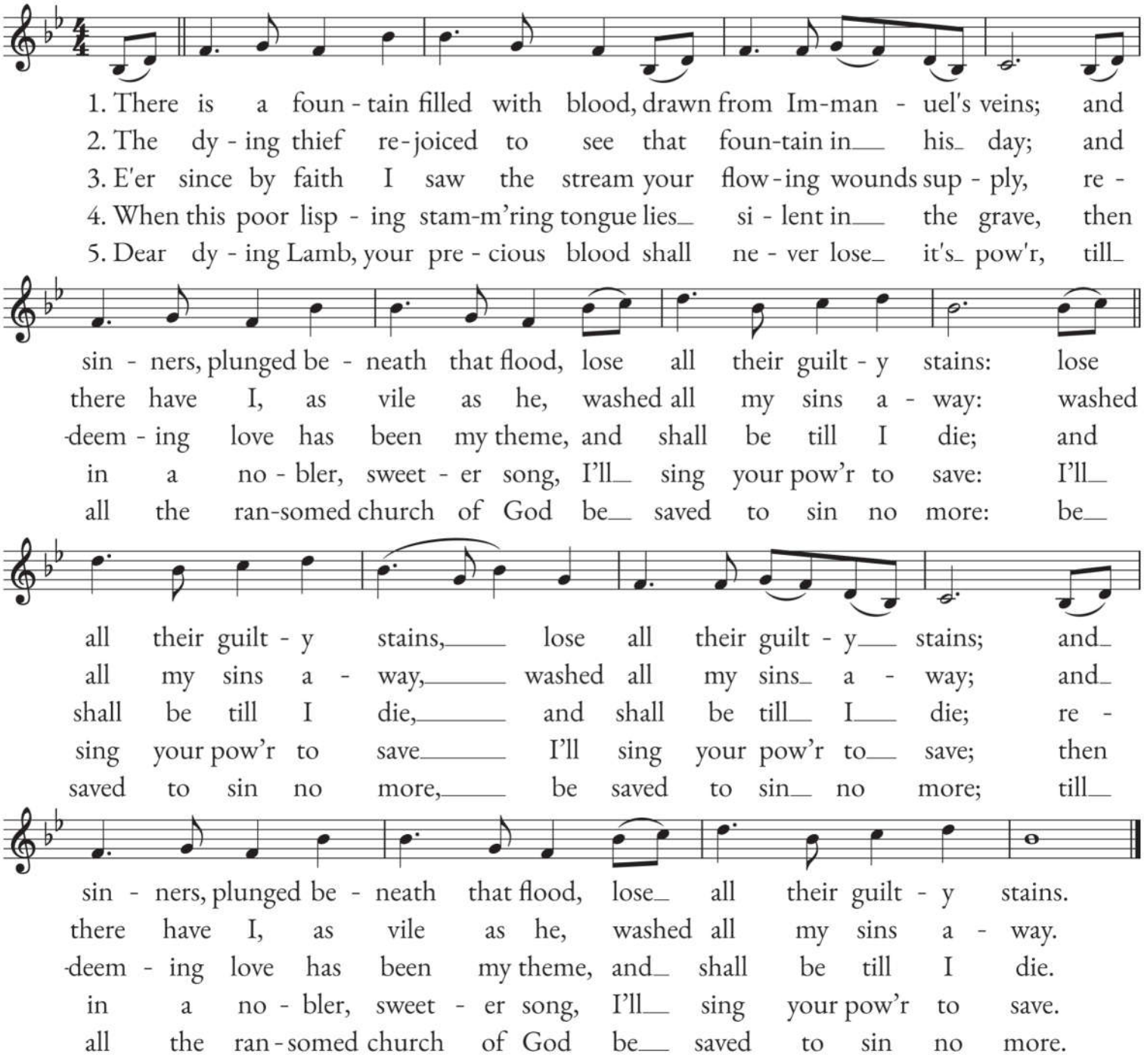
Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Hebrews 9:11-13

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) [12] he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. [13]

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

Song of Rejoicing – There Is a Fountain



Text: William Cowper, 1771, Mod.; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830; CCLI #1850411

Sermon The Priestly Garments Pastor Andy Aikens

Exodus 28:1-43

Sermon Notes:

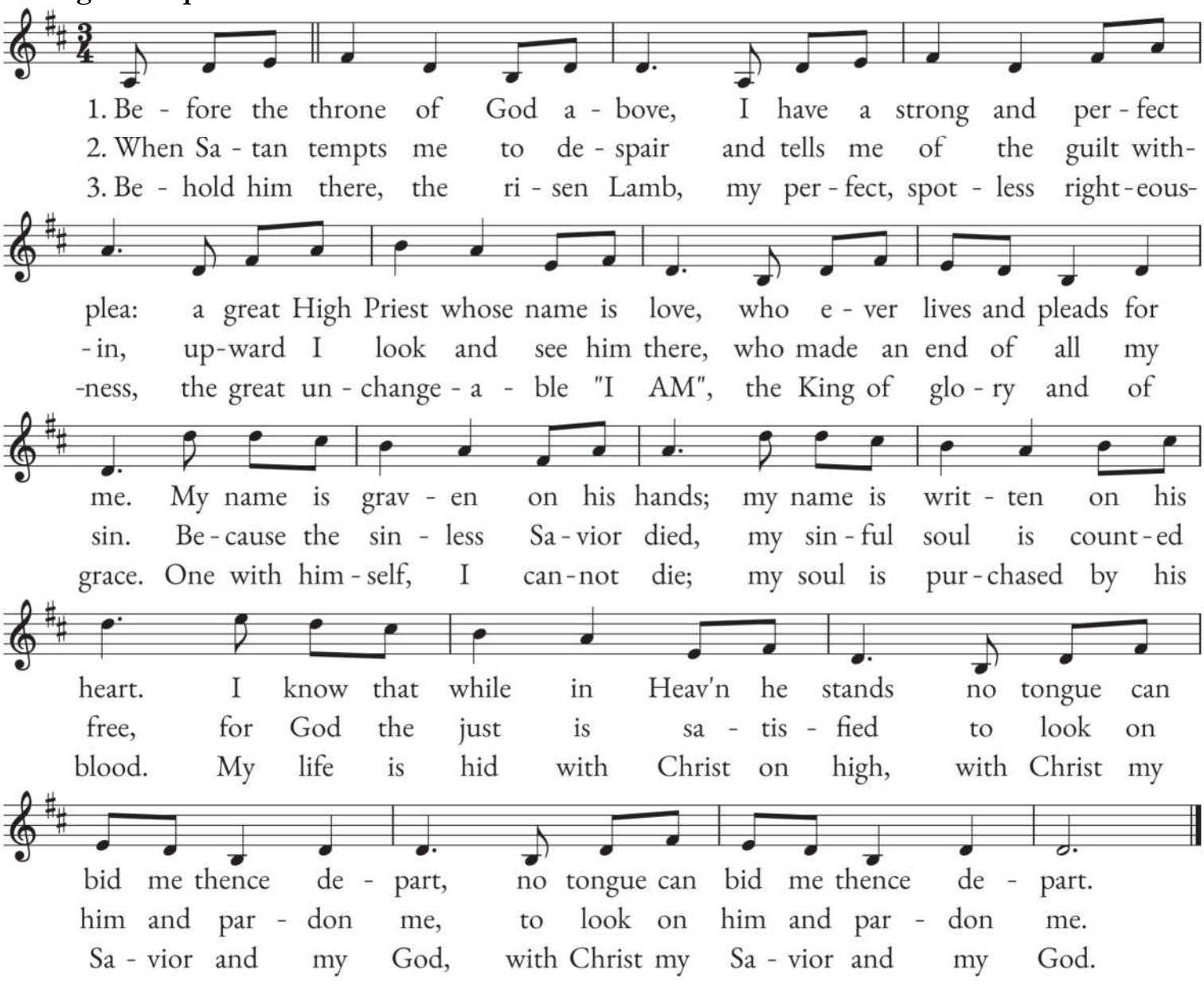
1. Resplendent with Glory

2. Representative of the People

3. Revealer of Truth

4. Reminder of Holiness

Song of Response – Before the Throne of God Above



Text and Music: Charitie Lee Bancroft, Vikki Cook © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship, CCLI #2306412

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.

All women in the church are invited to meet for prayer this week on Thursday, November 19, at 10 a.m. We will meet in the CEC building. Please come through the door on the side of the gravel parking lot. If you are able, join us for lunch and fellowship following our prayer time.

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 12 - November 15

How can you glorify God?
By loving him and doing what he commands.

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	Bill Allbright
Next Week	Christian Ragle

Greeters

Today	Greg & Lory Wood
Next Week	David & Karen Phillips

Nursery

Today	Robyn Mayhugh April Stewart
Next Week	Sasha Graham Piper Larson