

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Children's Sabbath

October 18, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

GATHERING MUSIC *Three Hymns for Children* Wilbur Held
(All Things Bright and Beautiful;
Praise Him, All Ye Little Children;
I Sing a Song of the Saints of God)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mindy Douglas

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP (video featuring Julia Wigger and Nash Luffman)

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Robert Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP Mindy Douglas

Leader: Gather our hearts, O God, knitting us together across difference and division
to live with your compassion.

**All: Gather our minds, O God, from distractions and distance
to focus on you and your children.**

Leader: Gather our wills, O God, to be strong and courageous in pursuit of your justice.

**All: By the power of your Holy Spirit, make us one in heart, mind, and spirit
as we worship you on this Children's Sabbath day.
Come, let us worship God.**

HYMN No. 769, verse 1 *For Everyone Born* *For Everyone Born*
(Music for this hymn can be found on pages 14-15.)

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

CONFESSION OF SIN John Weicher

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of infinite possibility,
we confess that too often we are stuck in what is,
rather than working toward what could be.**

**We doubt we can make a difference
and so we just try to get through the day.**

**We become overwhelmed by pain, problems, and the pandemic,
and want to hide our hearts, sit on our hands, wait for it to end.**

Forgive us, O God, for living too little in the largeness of your love.
 Fill us, we pray, with courage and compassion, vision and determination
 to embody your love, seek your will, and strive for your justice
 that will enable all children to thrive
 and live with joy in the fullness of life that you intend.
 These things we pray in the name of your child, Jesus.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sheya and Sean Wehrman

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O God, some of us come to this time
 from homes that have been too silent for so long.
 Others of us come from nonstop noise and days of distraction.
 Whether from solitude or chaos, we long now to hear your word to us, for us.
 By the power of your Spirit, give us the ears to hear, the hearts to feel,
 the spirits to respond to the word you have for us this day. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

Sheya and Sean Wehrman

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Whose Image?"

Mindy Douglas

HYMN No. 769, verses 2-3

For Everyone Born

For Everyone Born

(Music for this hymn can be found on pages 14-15.)

***For woman and man, a place at the table,
 revising the roles, deciding the share,
 with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
 for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)***

Refrain: ***and God will delight when we are creators
 of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
 yes, God will delight when we are creators
 of justice, justice and joy!***

***For young and for old, a place at the table,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
 for young and for old, the right to belong, (Refrain)***

DEDICATION OF BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS – VIDEO

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 487, VERSE 2

Puer Nobis Nascitur

(Music for this hymn can be found on page 16.)

***Our ancient story we shall tell,
till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.***

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

John Weicher

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

NEW MEMBER SERVICE AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mindy Douglas

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Prayer

Introduction and Words of Scripture

Elder: On behalf of the Session, I present Miles James to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Questions to the Parents:

Pastor: Chris and Emily, do you desire that your child be baptized?
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to teach that faith to your child?

Parents: **We do.**

Questions to the gathered Children:

Pastor: Do you promise to be a friend to Miles?
If he gets lost will you help him find the way?
If he falls down, will you help pick him up?
Will you share with him the stories of Jesus?

Children: **Yes.**

Question to the Congregation:

Elder: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Miles by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?

Congregation: **We do.**

Profession of Faith *(in unison)*

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.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray. We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism: in it we are buried with Christ in his death; from it we are raised to share in his resurrection; through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of rebirth. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Miles that he may have power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Baptism

Anointing

Welcome

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 487, VERSES 1,4-5 *These Treasured Children* *Puer Nobis Nascitur*
(Music for this hymn can be found on page 16.)

***These treasured children present now
are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim
to welcome them in Jesus' name.***

***Come, Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community;
empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.***

***Then, tender God, each child embrace;
God give them blessings, grant them grace.
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,
and gently guide them to your will.***

Leader: Source of Transformation, we turn our hearts to you on this Children's Sabbath. We pray for the Church, that we become a reflection of your welcome. Lead us in our witness to your justice. Teach us to be the embodiment of your love, especially for the youngest, impoverished, and most marginalized of your beloved children. Source of Transformation, we pray:

All: **Make our lives a living prayer.**

Leader: Source of Compassion, we pray for the world, in which disease knows no boundary and suffering is a shared language. We ask that love will unite us in action that recognizes our common humanity. Give us your desire that all may live in the fullness of life. Source of Compassion, we pray:

All: **Make our lives a living prayer.**

Leader: Source of Hope, we pray for our nation, wounded by disease and death, division and distrust, pain and poverty, and so many uncertainties. Instill in us calm and trust in you that helps us reimagine our future with justice and joy for all children. Source of Hope, we pray:

All: **Make our lives a living prayer.**

Leader: Source of Strength, on this Children's Sabbath weekend, we pray especially for the children and youth of our congregations and communities. We hold in our hearts those who struggle with disrupted learning, delayed plans, disappointment, and loneliness. We pray for those whose families struggle to make ends meet. We pray that this weekend will inspire new, lasting action to work with our children toward your vision of justice and joy. Source of Strength, we pray:

All: **Make our lives a living prayer.**

Leader: Source of Comfort, we pray for those who have died, especially those who died too young, too soon, from causes we could have prevented. We pray for those whose lives were lost to disease and despair, to brutality and bullying, to shootings and to suicide. Help us to be your arms of care for those who grieve and your voice to prevent unnecessary losses. Source of Comfort, we pray:

All: **Make our lives a living prayer.**

Leader: These things we ask in Jesus' name, who came among us as a living prayer of transformation, compassion, hope, strength, and comfort, and who taught us to pray together, saying:

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; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

(Music for this hymn can be found on pages 14-15)

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!**

BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

'Tis the Gift to be Simple

Shaker tune, arr. Wilbur Held

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. On October 11th, 103 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

New Members and Sacrament of Baptism: Today we welcome in worship new members **Chris James** and wife, **Emily**. Chris and Emily live in Garner and have been worshipping with us virtually during the pandemic. We are also celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for their son, **Miles**.

The **flowers** are given by **Carol and Wes Carson** to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents: **Matty Lynn Stine, Bryan Stine, Wilma Carson, and Robert Carson**.

Portions of **today's worship text** are taken from *Children's Defense Fund resource for National Children's Sabbath 2020*. **Hymn texts** are reprinted from *Glory to God* under Onelicense.net: A.713926.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, and Jay Klinck** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with our virtual worship live broadcasts each Sunday morning. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images she finds to accompany our online worship.

~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

SYMPATHIES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to **Chris Sims, Kathy Colville, Gretchen** and **Karl Sims** on the death of Chris' father, **Richard Sims**, last week.

CONCERNS:

- **Jane Rourk** has returned to her apartment at Croasdaile Village
- **Carol Wills**, home after a brief hospital stay
- Retired pastor, Bob Clark, and (his wife) retired DCE, Mary Lee, who actively worship with FPC online, request prayers for their daughter, **Meg Courtney**
- All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: ***Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett***

Croasdaile Pavilion: ***Bob Rankin***

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: ***Arthur Clark***

Durham Regent: ***John Kerr, Ann Prospero***

Emerald Pond: ***Paul Cornsweet***

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: ***Margaret Sims***

Rose Vista Village /Kinston Assisted Living, Kinston NC: ***Phillip Herndon***

The Forest at Duke: ***Fran Bryant***

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Phil Goss, friend of the congregation

Karl Hanson, father of Laura Hanson

Peggy Mordecai, mother of Beth Eisenson

Shannon Putman, daughter of Mary Putman

Robert Reaves, husband of Floalice Reaves, friend of the congregation

Jerry Walter, friend of FPC, following a heart transplant

Meet Our New Associate Pastor

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

[Here's the link to sign up genius. Click here...](#)

By now, you should have seen the video of our new associate pastor, Mitzi Leshner-Thomas introducing herself. That video came in an email a few weeks ago and can be accessed again [here](#). We are so excited that Mitzi's first official day at FPC will be TOMORROW, October 19th. One of the challenges Mitzi faces is getting to know you all in the midst of a pandemic when we don't see each other weekly on Sunday and in other in-person gatherings. We want to help her have a chance to meet you in small groups so she can get to know you better. To do that, we have put together several opportunities for people to meet her, either in a small in-person group at the church or in a virtual Zoom meeting. To sign up, click on the link above and find an in-person or virtual time that works for you. These times are for gatherings the weeks of October 19 and 26. If all of the available slots fill up, we will offer additional gathering times the week of November 2. Stay tuned!

Robert Daye is Retiring

Our own Robert Daye will be retiring at the end of 2020 with over 43 years of service as sexton of our church. We want to honor him in several ways.

First, will those who wish to, offer a testimonial to your relationship with Robert? Many of the church groups have witnessed his patience and calm demeanor in making good use of the building. Do you have a story to tell? If you do but might procrastinate about writing it, please

email or call and TELL your story. We will write it for you. Feel free to email your story to [Celia Dickerson](#). Send your comments by November 1, 2020.

Do you have a picture to share? If so, will you scan and email it to Celia? We want as many visuals as we can collect. Later in the year, we will ask for a shower of cards to Robert, thanking him.

The Session has approved a Love Offering collection for Robert. Please send your donation to Tom Bloom at the church office by December 10th. Make check payable to FPC. Memo: Robert's Retirement. We are looking forward to our congregational thanks to Robert for his many years of service.

From the committee for Robert's retirement,
Celia Dickerson Beth Stringfield Kate Busa Barbara Buckley

FALL BOOK STUDY BEGINS!

Attendees, please purchase your own copy of this book.

Caste
The Origins of Our Discontents
Isabel Wilkerson
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize
Author of *THE WARMTH OF OTHER HOMES*
Contact Mindy for Zoom Link

First Presbyterian Church,
Durham

Book Study
Tuesdays, 5 pm
Beginning
Oct. 27



If you would like to host one of these fellowship gatherings, please contact [Katy Barron](#) or [Kathy Conner](#).
Want to attend a gathering? Sign up [here](#).

Our Stewardship Campaign ends next Sunday, October 25.
Have you returned your pledge sheet to the church office?
Check out this year's campaign [here](#)

First Presbyterian Adult Faith Formation



As the election approaches, how does our faith inform our politics? Joe Harvard & Mac McCorkle will use the work of theologian Reinhold Niebuhr to explore the challenges and nuances of this political moment. Note: this class will occur at 4 pm on Sunday afternoons.

When Faith & Politics Meet: Niebuhr

Sundays, Oct. 11 – Nov. 8, 4 pm – Mac McCorkle & Joe Harvard

Love in the Heart of Durham

In addition to **Joe Harvard** and **Mac McCorkle**, conversation partners will be **Jimmie Hawkins**, **Mindy Douglas**, and **Lakesha Bradshaw**. **Join us via Zoom**. Meeting ID: 884 7958 3043 / Passcode: 002609. Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) or +1 929 205 6099 US (NYC). Sessions are being recorded. Contact Mindy Douglas if you would like access to previous classes.



Need Childcare?

Are you or someone you know looking for childcare? First Presbyterian Day School has openings! FPDS is a five-star program offering full- and part-time care to children ages six weeks to six years. Beginning this month, FPDS is expanding its offering to care for kindergarteners attending school virtually, which includes breakfast, lunch, and snack, as well as creative and recreational activities. FPDS is carefully following COVID-19 safety protocols for childcare centers. Subsidy vouchers are accepted for both programs. To learn more, email admin@fpdayschool.org, or call 919-688-8685.

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menu/durham](https://order.citybbq.com/menu/durham) for pickup or
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from every order we bring in

KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING!

Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA) has launched a hygiene drive to keep our partner pantries fully stocked with the supplies Durhamites need. They are seeking the following items:

- CDC-approved disinfectant wipes or sprays (Lysol, Scrubbing Bubbles, Clorox)
- hand sanitizer
- empty spray bottles
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- feminine hygiene products
- hand and body soap

Donations can be dropped off at any of these partner congregations:

- **First Presbyterian** - Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-1:00pm - 305 E. Main St
 - **Cole Mill Road Church of Christ** - Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm - 1617 Cole Mill Rd
 - **Antioch Baptist** - Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm - 1415 Holloway St
 - **Pilgrim United Church of Christ** - Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm - 3011 Academy Rd
 - **Christus Victor Lutheran** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00am–2:00pm - 1615 E. NC 54 Hwy
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HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS . . . from the comfort of your own home —

Bag Rice and Beans for the Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel:

- Divide large bags of beans — black, pinto or red — or white rice into **quart-size, freezer strength Ziplock baggies**.
- Fill the bags until almost full, leaving just enough room to close securely.
- Large bags of beans or rice can be purchased at Costco, Sam's Club, or El Camino, a Mexican food distributor located at 2314 Reichard St, Durham 27705.
- Deliver the bags to Iglesia Emanuel on Monday afternoons between 3:00pm and 5:00pm, or contact [Margaret Rubiera](#) for other options
- Sign up at this [link](#).

Do a little cooking for Urban Ministries:

- **Casseroles** for **breakfast, lunch or dinner** (baked ziti, tuna, mac n cheese, etc.)
- **Sandwiches** in individual Zip-lock bags — **no condiments**, so they keep fresh longer. If able, please label bags according to ingredients, such as "turkey & cheese, or T & C."
- **Cookies or brownies** in individual baggies, to go in the lunch bags. Everyone loves a touch of sweetness!
- Encourage neighbors or friends to join your efforts and deliver all the food at one time
- Deliver to the main door of Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty St, between 9:30am - 5:30pm, Monday – Friday

Make phone calls to Meals on Wheels clients:

- Give a quick call to home-bound senior citizens or disabled adults on Wednesday or Friday mornings to check on them and offer a much needed warm, human connection
- Contact [Britt Barnes](#) to sign up

You can safely lend a hand in person —

Food Pantry at Iglesia Emanuel:

- Sign up for a 2-hour shift on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday sorting and bagging food, unloading deliveries, loading boxes of food into cars
- Find your spot on the [SignUp Genius](#) and know you are making a huge difference in the lives of struggling families

Urban Ministries:

- FPC provides volunteers multiple times a month to help prepare and serve breakfast or prepare lunch bags for hungry members of our community
- Breakfast shifts are the 3rd and 5th Fridays of every month, from 7:00-9:00am
- Lunch bag shifts are every 3rd Monday and 4th Thursday, 9:30-10:30am
- Enjoy fellowship with your church friends while you serve our neighbors!
- Contact [Jen McGonigle](#) to sign up.

Deliver Meals on Wheels:

- Deliver boxes of nutritious frozen meals to home-bound seniors and handicapped adults every Monday
- Offer a friendly smile from behind your mask and encouraging words to brighten someone's day!
- Contact [Britt Barnes](#) to sign up

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate



Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

**For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:
info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.**

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
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JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain



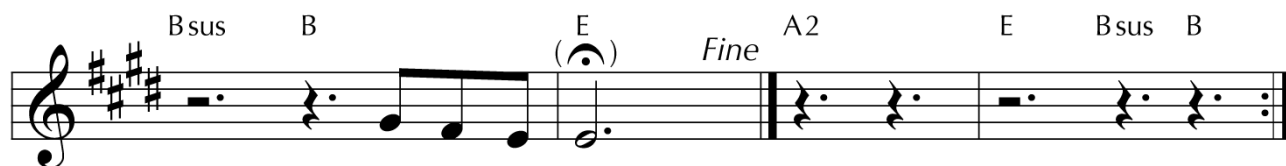
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joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,



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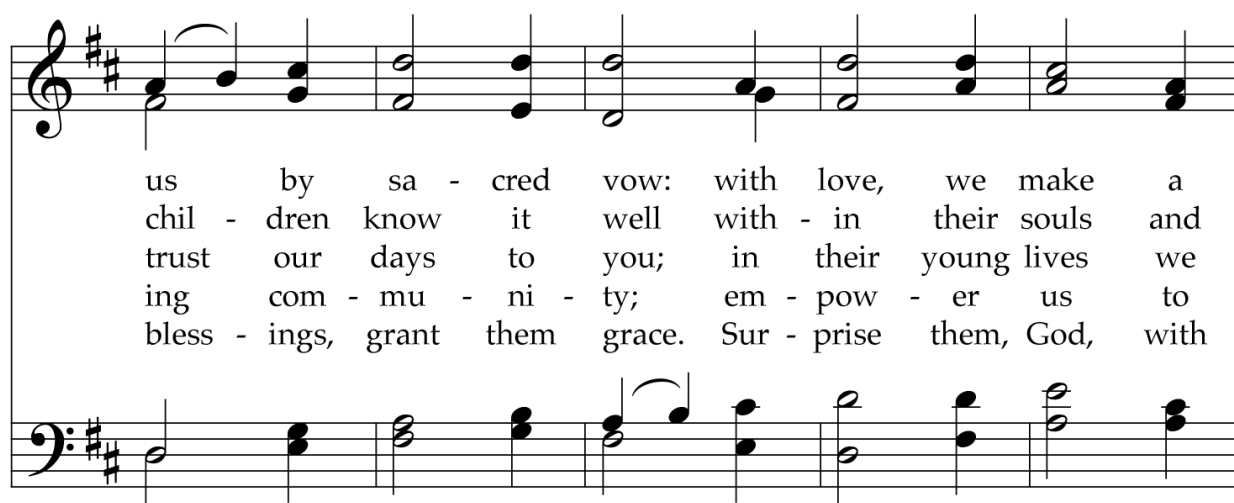


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These Treasured Children 487



1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them



us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
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 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
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 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.