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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Moment for Stewardship

John Weicher  
Annie Gentithes

PRELUDE

*Variations on "Kremser"*

Austin Lovelace

INTROIT

*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*

Stuttgart

*O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;  
bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.*

*As it was without beginning, so it lasts without an end;  
to their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.*

\*OPENING SENTENCES

John Weicher

Leader: Stand firm in the word of the Lord.

People: **Let us call on God, our help.**

Leader: Continue in the truth of the gospel.

People: **Let us pray and not lose heart.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN NO. 42

*Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure*

*Winchester New*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN

Lenore Champion

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Sovereign God, we confess**

**that we have not turned away from sin.**

**You call us to study the Scriptures,**

**but we are easily distracted.**

**You ask us to be persistent in prayer,**

**but we are quickly discouraged.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Write your Word in our hearts,**

**so that we may truly know you**

**and joyfully serve you;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Lenore Champion

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God,**

**the words of Scripture are God-breathed words,  
inspired by you and given life through the power of your Holy Spirit.  
By your Spirit breathe your word into us,  
so that we become proficient in the language of faith  
and equipped to proclaim the message we receive,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Exodus 17:8-13

(Pew Bible, OT page 64)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalm 63: 1-8

(Pew Bible, OT page 527)

*(After the refrain has been introduced by the organist and the cantor,  
please join in singing it where indicated.)*



My soul is thirst-ing for you, O Lord, my God.

*O God, you are my God whom I seek;  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts  
like the earth, parched, lifeless  
and without water. **Refrain**  
Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory.  
For your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you. **Refrain**  
Thus will I bless you while I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. **Refrain**  
You are my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me. **Refrain***

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(Pew Bible, NT page 213)

**EPISTLE LESSON**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 18:1-8

(Pew Bible, NT page 81)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*“Persevere - Do Not Lose Heart”*

Sam Miglarese

\*HYMN NO. 783

*When We Are Tested*

*Angels of Healing*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Confession of 1977 (10.5)*

Lenore Champion

**Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.**

**The people of God have often misused God’s promises  
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.**

**But in Christ the new world has already broken in  
and the old can no longer be tolerated.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom.**

**But hope plunges us into the struggle  
for victories over evil that are possible now  
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy  
to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem,  
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.**

**He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*Virgil Thomson*

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand’ring spirit back when I forsake his ways,  
And leads me, for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

\*Offertory Response

*Abundant Blessing*

***God, we honor you.***

***God, we trust in you.***

***God, we worship and adore you.***

***Take what we bring, offered to you.***

***Teach us to show your abundant blessings.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.***

JOYS AND CONCERNS

John Weicher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

John Weicher

**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.**

\*HYMN NO. 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*

*Aurelia*

\*BENEDICTION

Sam Miglarese

\*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune in D*

David Johnson



**Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.**

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by *Carol and Wes Carson* on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

*Hearing Assistance Receivers* are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

*Childcare*: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. *Activity bags* are available in the foyer for children.

*Restroom locations*: To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

*Sources for today's worship texts*: *Call to Worship 2021-2022 Year C*, *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal), *Feasting on the Word* and *The Psalter: Psalms and Canticles for Singing*.

*The bulletin cover artwork* was created by *Isa Cummings*.

*Mindy Douglas* is away this weekend officiating a wedding in Asheville.

### ~ Our Joys & Concerns ~

**Congratulations**: *Caroline and Ed Pritchett* announce the birth of 2 granddaughters: *Olivia Anne Pritchett* born April 6, 2022, to *Tiffany and Hartwell Pritchett* of Erie, CO and *Pippa James Pritchett* born October 4, 2022, to *Kelly and Poston Pritchett* of Kansas City, MO.

*Stephen Champion*, grandson of *Lenore Champion* recovering from illness.

*Susan Cyr* home after a brief hospitalization.

*Paul Cornsweet*  
*George Kafula*

*Kerry Holbrook*  
*Mitzi Leshner-Thomas*

*Chris and Emily James*  
*Franzi Rokoske*

*Jancy Johnstone*  
*Carol Wills*



## Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

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

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe*

The Forest at Duke Health Center: *Wes Carson*

## Family and Friends of the Congregation

*Bob*, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

*Grace*, Chris James' great-niece

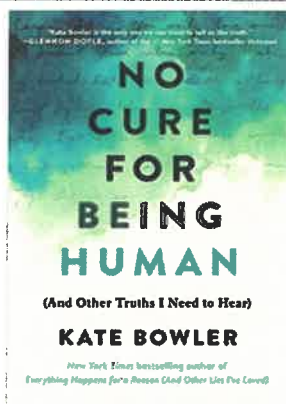
*Paul Quirk*, uncle of Tim O'Brien

*Richard Smith*, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

*Jim Vacca*, father of Jamie Chambliss

*John Wakefield*, cousin of Vernon Neece

*Janice Faye West*, mother of Randy Lang Howard



## **FALL BOOK STUDY**

**Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m.**

**Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

*No Cure for Being Human* by Kate Bowler

Discussion begins on **October 18/19.**

### **Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82972133680?pwd=cktmdUNZdXRSZ09NUkxhZkIDTIkzOT09>

Check in with Mindy Douglas if you need a copy of the Bowler book.



**Trunk or Treat!** Join us for this new Halloween event at church, **Sunday, October 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** It's like trick or treat, but in our own parking lot, and car trunks take the place of homes. FPCers are invited to decorate their trunk around a theme of their choosing (from Harry Potter to Duke basketball) and give out candy. FPC children and youth will join children and youth from some of our local mission partners. **To sign up to "do a trunk," or if you need inspiration, contact Stephen Berry, [stephen.d.berry@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.d.berry@gmail.com).** (You don't have to decorate a trunk to bring children, or even come just yourself, but we do want as many trunks as possible.)



**FPC Hosting Fall Blood Drive**  
**Thursday, November 3, 2022**  
**from 1:00-6:00 p.m.**

FPC - Watts-Hill Hall – open to the community

Go online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) using code **firspres** to schedule your appointment.

**First Presbyterian Church: Lunch & Learn**  
**with Peter Storey**

**Monday, November 7, 12:00-2:00p.m.**

First Presbyterian Church in Durham is hosting Peter Storey for a lunch and interview about his life and ministry.

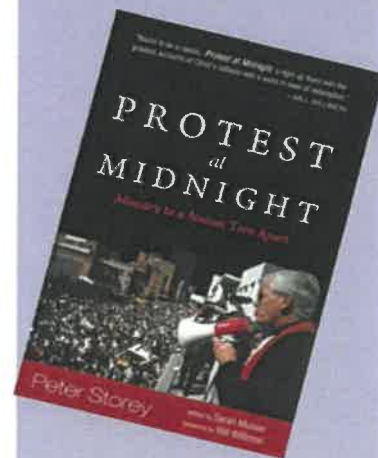
Storey was the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and President of the South African Council of Churches, working alongside Desmond Tutu during the height of the anti-apartheid struggle. He was chaplain to Nelson Mandela on Robben Island and integrated churches in Cape Town and Johannesburg, providing healing and hope against the ravages of the apartheid regime.

**LUNCH IS PROVIDED AT NO COST.**

At the end of the event, there will be a book signing of his recently published memoir, *Protest at Midnight: Ministry to a Nation Torn Apart*.

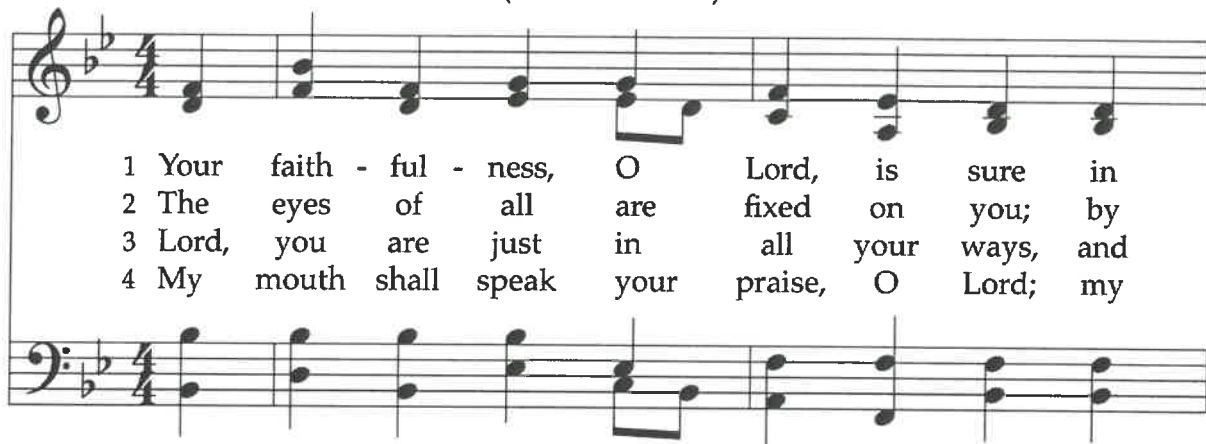


**PETER STOREY**

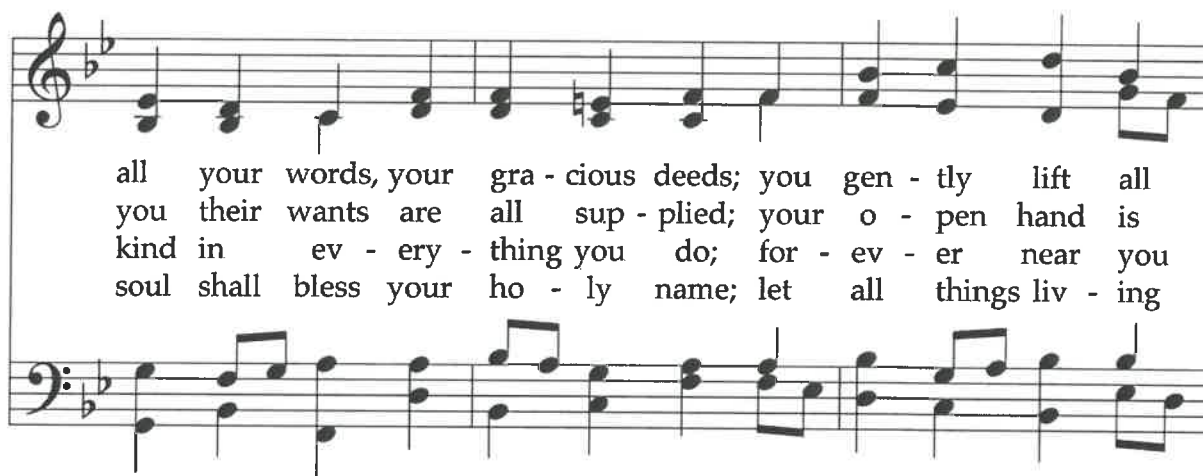


# Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure 42

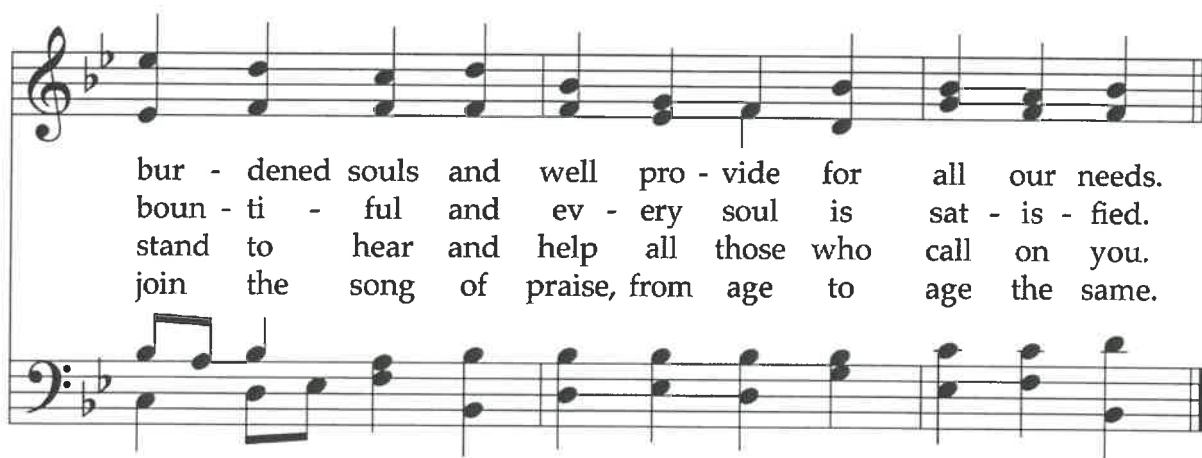
(Psalm 145)



1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in  
2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by  
3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and  
4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my



all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all  
you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is  
kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you  
soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing



bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.  
boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.  
stand to hear and help all those who call on you.  
join the song of praise, from age to age the same.



# When We Are Tested

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Capo 2: (Dm)

(Am)

(Dm)

(Am)

Em

Bm

Em

Bm



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

(Em)

(B7)

(Em)

(Dsus) (D)

F#m

C#7

F#m

Esus E



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
 trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,  
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

(G)

(D)

(Em7)

(F)

A

E

F#m7

G



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

(Am6)

(C)

(Dm)

(Am) (E)

Bm6

D

Em

Bm F#



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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## God, We Honor You

God, we hon - or you. God, we trust in you.

God, we wor - ship and a - dore you.

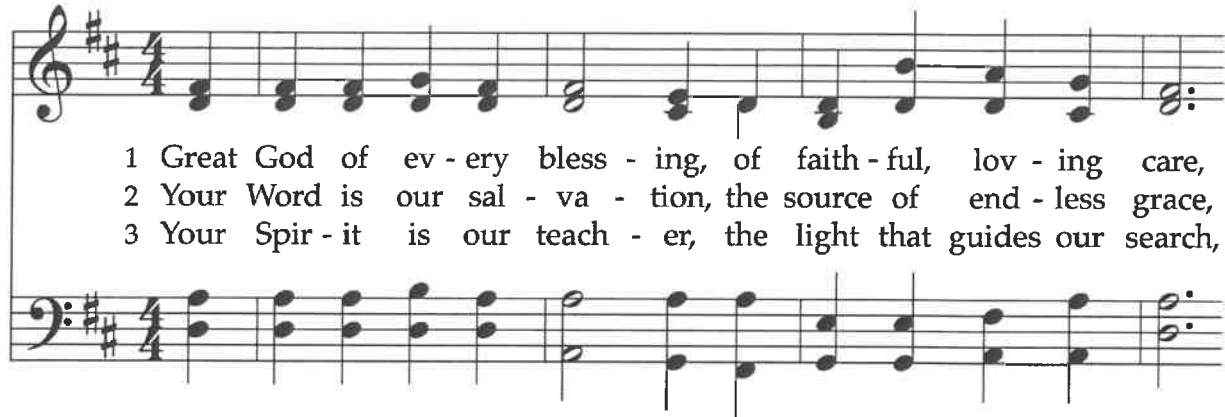
Take what we bring, of - fered to you.

Teach us to show your a - bun - dant bless - ings.

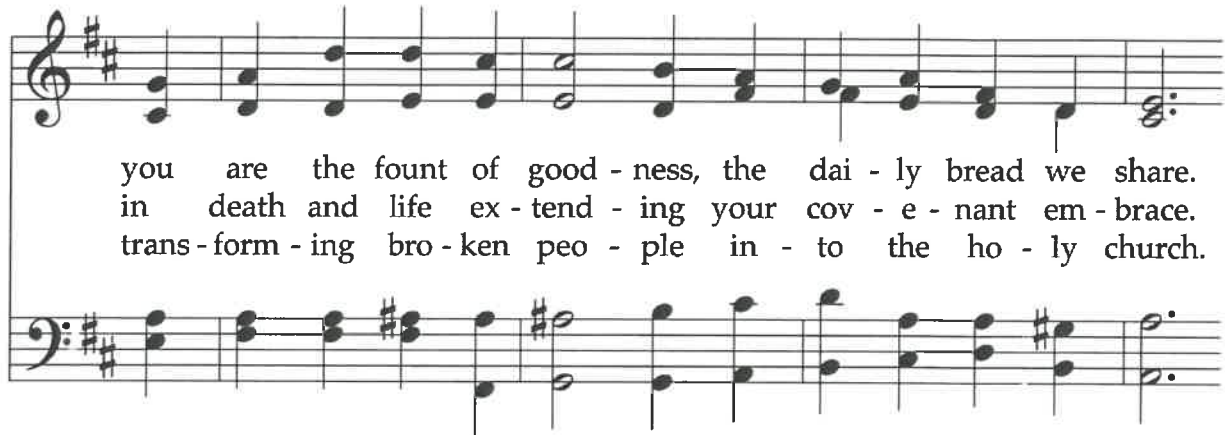
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al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

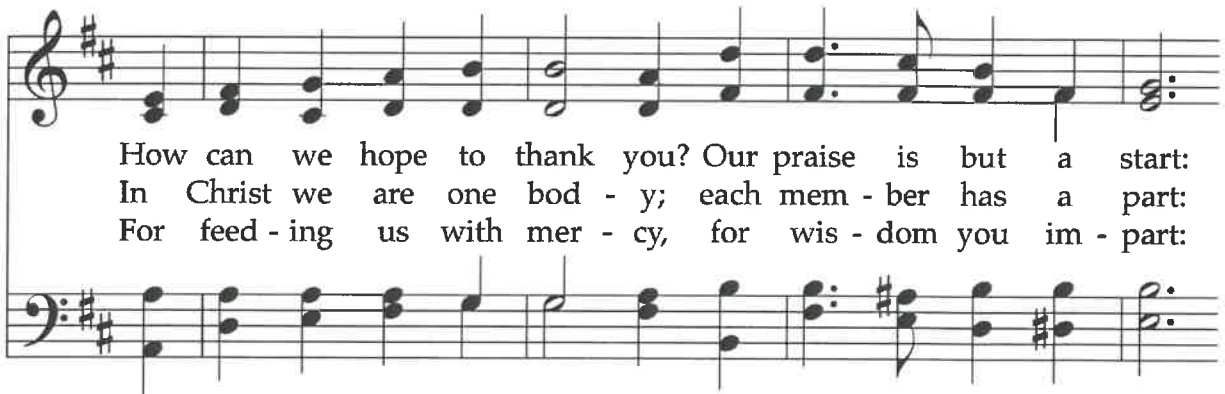
# 694 Great God of Every Blessing



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> Awesome Autumn Fellowship at Croasdaile Village Sparks Park (2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy)</p>	<p><b>Mon., October 17</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> WATA Committee</p>	<p><b>Tues., October 18</b></p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> Program Staff</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Finance Committee</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> <p><b>6:15 PM</b> Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> by Kate Bowler (via Zoom)</p>	<p><b>Wed., October 19</b></p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> by Kate Bowler (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thurs., October 20</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM-12 Noon</b> Walk-in Ministry Phone interviews</p> <p><b>4:00-6:00 PM</b> CSA Distribution</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p><b>Fri., October 21</b></p>	<p><b>Sat., October 22</b></p> <p>117th Stated Gathering of Presbytery of New Hope (via Zoom)</p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Bagging Beans and Rice at Iglesia Emanuel (All ages)</p>	<p><b>Sun., October 23</b></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Faith Formation (classes for all ages)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship</p> <p><b>5:00-7:00 PM</b> Youth Group at Farm Church (1102 Watts St.)</p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>



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*Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate*  
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