

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "Kremser"

Matthew Corl

INTROIT

Christ Be the Lord of All Our Days

John Scott

*Christ be the Lord of all our days, the swiftly passing years;
Lord of our unremembered birth, heirs to the brightness of the earth;
Lord of our griefs and fears.*

*Christ be the vision of our lives, of all we think and are;
to shine upon our spirits' sight as light of everlasting light:
the bright and morning star.*

*OPENING SENTENCES (from Isaiah 12:5-6)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
People: **let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.**
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
People: **from the highest peaks to the deepest caverns.**
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
People: **from the tiniest creatures to the greatest herds.**
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
People: **in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.**
Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy,
People: **as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

*HYMN NO. 612

We Praise You, O God

Kremser

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of consuming fire, treat us not as stubble through the folly of our misdeeds.

We are misled by arrogance as we boast of our goodness.

We look with disdain on those less fortunate and ignore the poverty of our own souls.

Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those gifted with similar strengths.

As individuals and as a nation, we test your patience.

Yet in Christ you love us still.

Forgive our pride and restore our sanity, so that we may yet serve you.

Silent Confession

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Response (sung twice)

Calm Seas

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be
still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

Assurance of Pardon

***THE PEACE**

John Weicher

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jean Cary

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **God of the earthquake and the silence,
quiet in us any voice but your own,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear,
and in hearing we might believe,
and in believing we might act,
making way for your new creation. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

(Pew Bible, OT page 696)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jean Cary

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:5-19

(Pew Bible, NT page 85)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Kathryn Lester-Bacon

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Kathryn Lester-Bacon

***HYMN NO. 77**

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

Samanthra

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from *A Declaration of Faith*)

John Weicher

All things will be renewed in Christ.
In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
God has already begun and will surely finish.
We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is under way.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.
The fellowship of human beings with God and each other
will be perfected.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

John Weicher

Invitation to Give
Offertory Anthem

Morning Has Broken

Shawn Kirchner

Gordon Campbell, piano; Carrie Huff Kirlauski, soloist

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

***Doxology with Alleluias**

Lasst uns erfreuen

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; alleluia; alleluia;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God of the wolf and the lamb, the lion, and the ox,
we give thanks for these gifts and pray they might be agents of your peace.
May they serve your creation, as we seek your new heaven and new earth.
Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with distress and calm it.
Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with pain and heal it.
Help us take these gifts out into a world filled with silence and speak up;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Mindy Douglas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mindy Douglas

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. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

*BENEDICTION

Kathryn Lester-Bacon

*POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Now Thank We All Our God"

Charles Callahan



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 *Friendship pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

We welcome to the pulpit today **Kathryn Lester-Bacon**. Kathryn is an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC (USA). She presently serves as Director of Religious Life at Duke University. She is a graduate of Duke University and Princeton Seminary. She holds certificates in spiritual formation, congregational leadership, and community organizing. She is a published poet and regular contributor to *The Presbyterian Outlook*. She is married to FPC member **Michael Bacon**, and they have two young children, **Josie** and **Ben**.

The *flowers* in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by **Peter and Barbara Fish** on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Today's setting of "**Morning Has Broken**" is a new setting of a familiar text. **Shawn Kirchner** is a composer/arranger/songwriter, singer, and pianist based in Los Angeles whose choral works are performed throughout the world. This setting starts off with a rather quiet poetic take on a "sleepy awakening" and culminates in the full sunlight as we celebrate "God's recreation of the new day."

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.

Today's worship texts were taken from *Feasting on the Word* (Year C, Volume 2) and *A Declaration of Faith* (Chapter 10, section 2).

~ JOYS AND CONCERNS ~

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to **Lara Duffney** and **Art Baker** on the birth of a baby girl. **Grace Alexandria Baker** was born November 11th. Mom and baby are doing well.

Paul Cornsweet Susan Cyr Kerry Holbrook Chris James Jancy Johnstone
George Kafula Mitzi Lesher-Thomas Franzi Rokoske 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**

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Liz Block, cousin of Jane and Bill Brown

Bob, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Diane Lesman, friend of FPC

Charlie Pratt, son of Lanny Pratt

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Robert Bloom, father of Tom Bloom

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

Margaret Meade, mother of Bruce Meade

Karen Shelton, mother-in-law of Dawn Carsey Shelton

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece



It's that time again! The **Nominating Committee** is beginning to do its work of developing the slate of candidates for ruling elders and deacons (Class of 2026) and the 2023-24 Nominating Committee.

You can submit your nominations in one of the following three ways:

- Via a Google form (**online**).
- Contact **Mary Ann Compton** by phone (919-452-6500).
- **Complete the A Call for Nominations form** and return it to the church office (via the offering plate) by **November 30, 2022**. Forms are available from the tables in the foyer and narthex.



Sunday, November 20

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Advent Festival in Watts-Hill Hall

Advent activities (no classes) for children and youth.

Adult classes will meet as usual.

11:00 a.m. Worship with the Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Baptism will also be celebrated for Stephen Champion, son of Megan Champion and grandson of Lenore Champion and Susan Buck.

Following Worship: Alternative Gifts Fair

Support local mission partners

Enjoy light refreshments

Make Advent crafts (adults, too!)

Pick up Advent devotional materials



Advent Season Begins!

Sunday, November 27

11:00 a.m. Worship

New members will be introduced during worship.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated for *Penelope Gunn*, daughter of *Candace Stotts and Benjamin Gunn*, and granddaughter of *Pam and Wilson Gunn*.

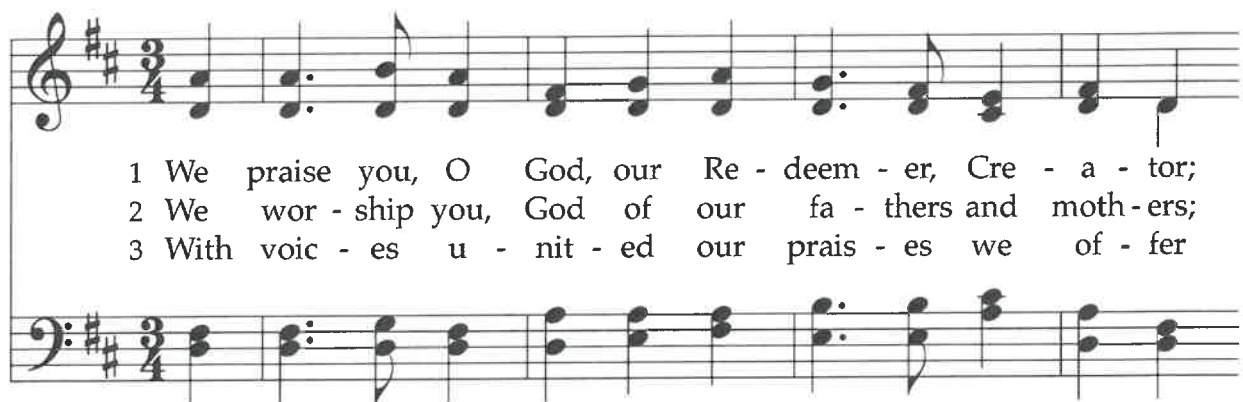
Flowers for Worship 2023

It's time to sign up to donate flowers for worship in 2023.

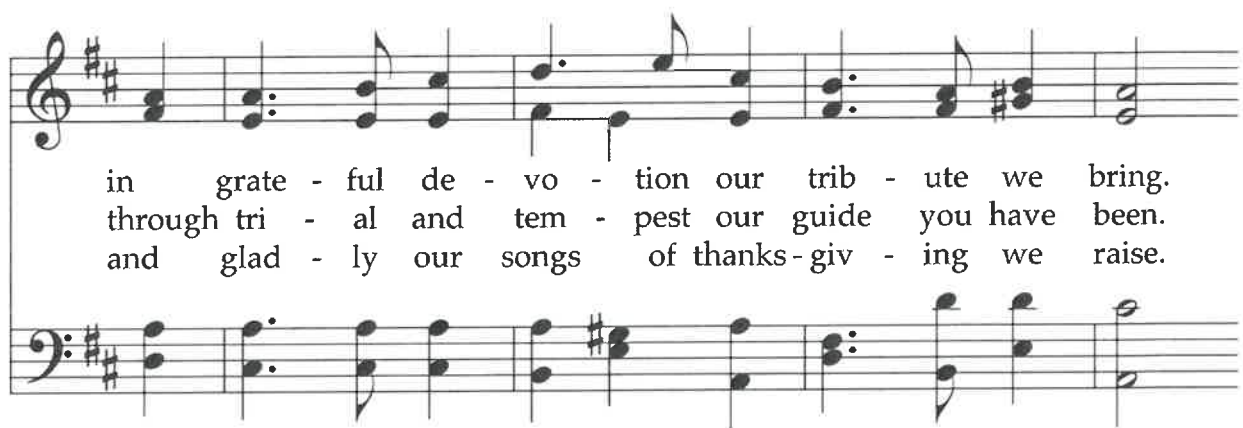
For information about how to donate flowers and to sign up for a Sunday, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ea4ad2da46-flowers3>.

We Praise You, O God

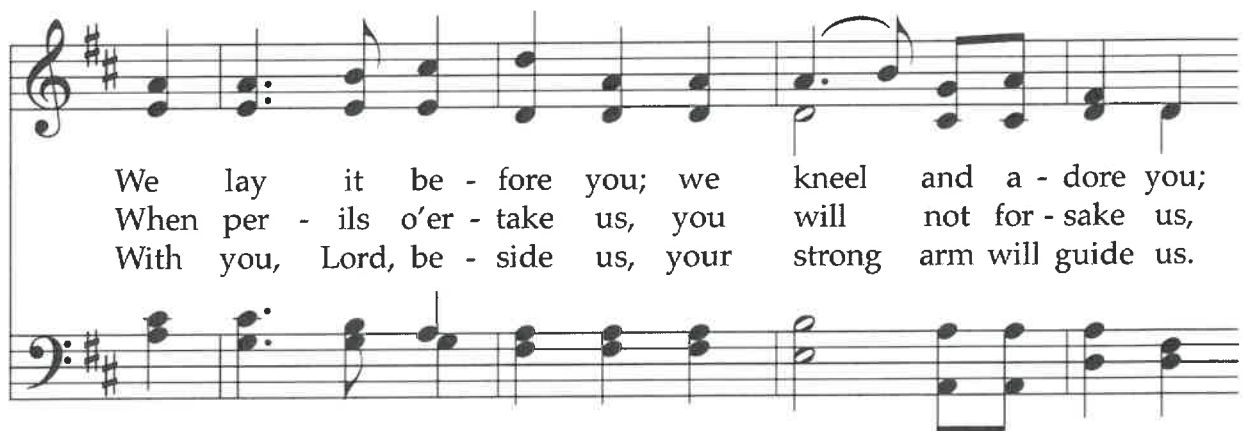
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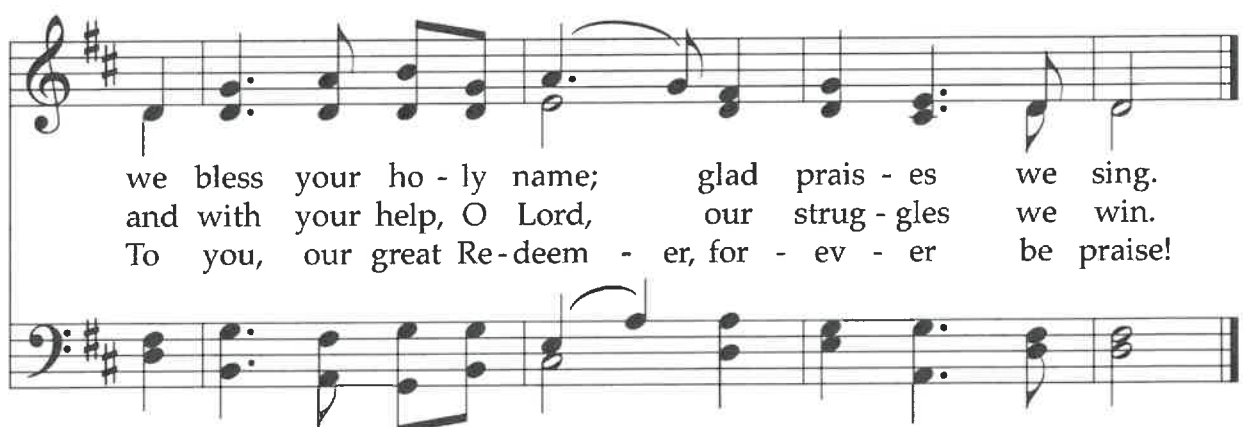
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

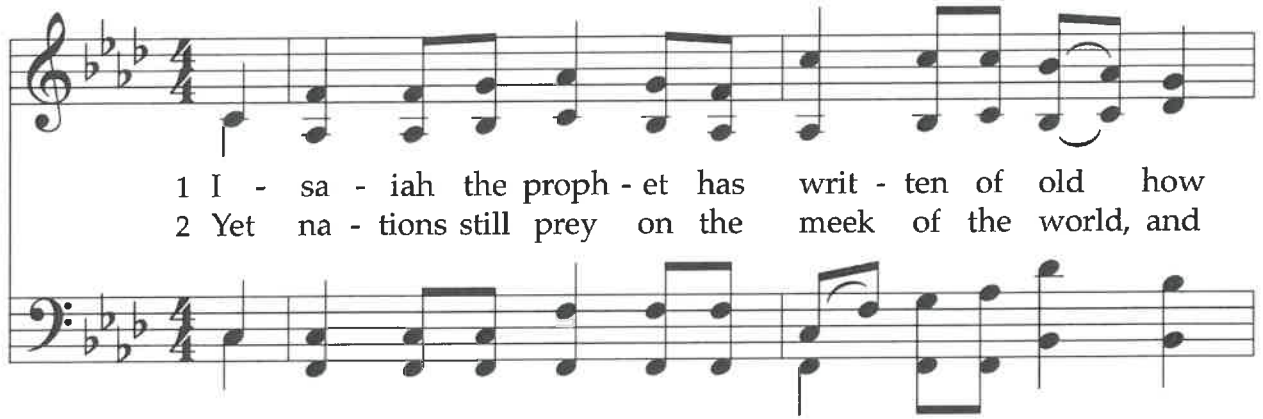


We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

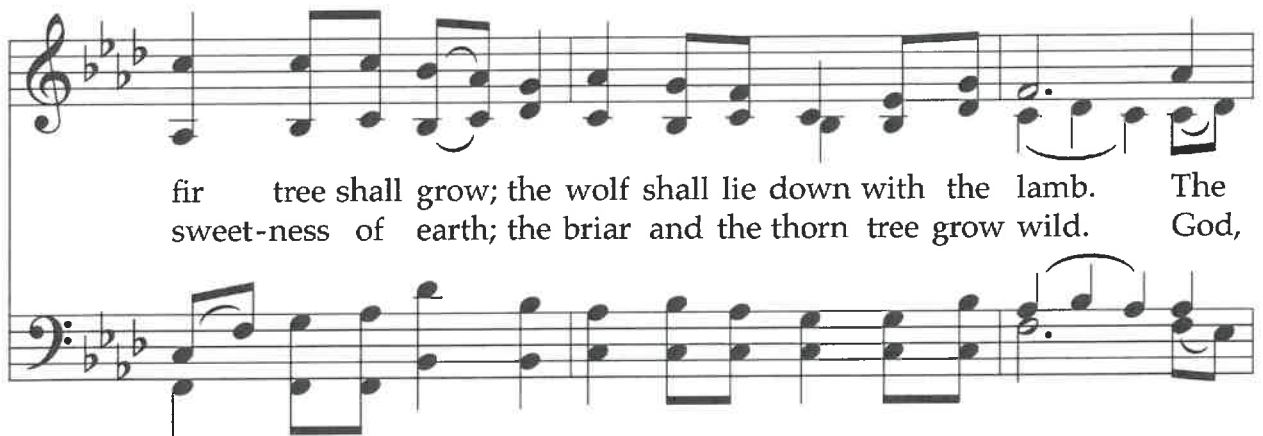
77 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old



1 I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and



God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree, the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the



fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the briar and the thorn tree grow wild. God,



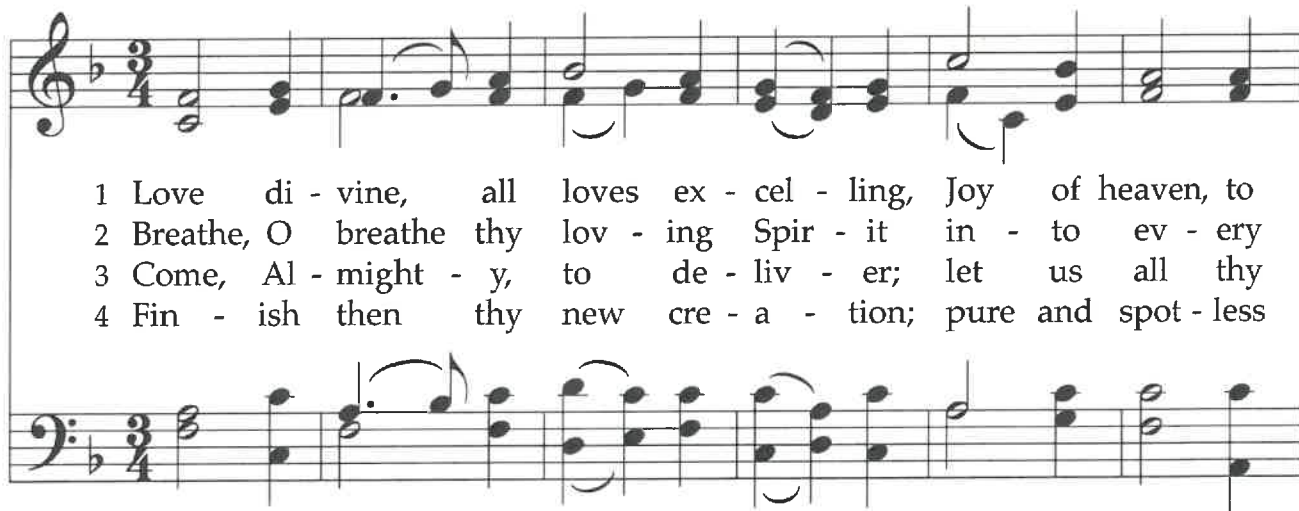
moun - tains and hills shall burst forth in - to song, the
bring to fru - i - tion your will for the earth, that

peo-ples be led forth in peace, for the earth shall be filled
no one shall hurt or de - stroy, that wis - dom and jus -

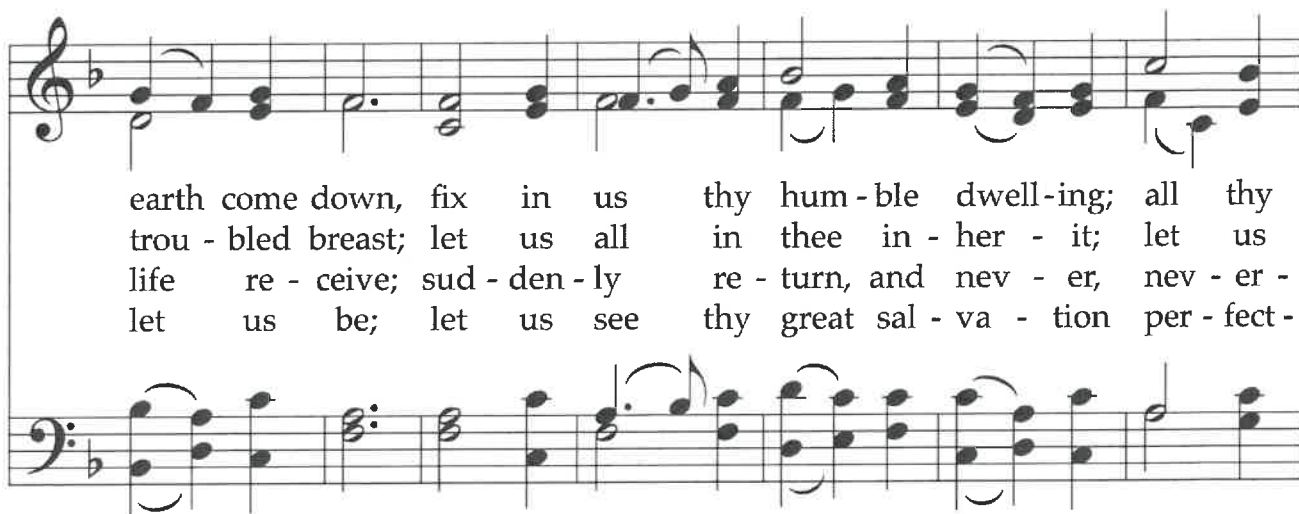
with the knowl-edge of God as the wa-ters cov - er the sea.
tice shall reign in the land and your peo-ple shall go forth in joy.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

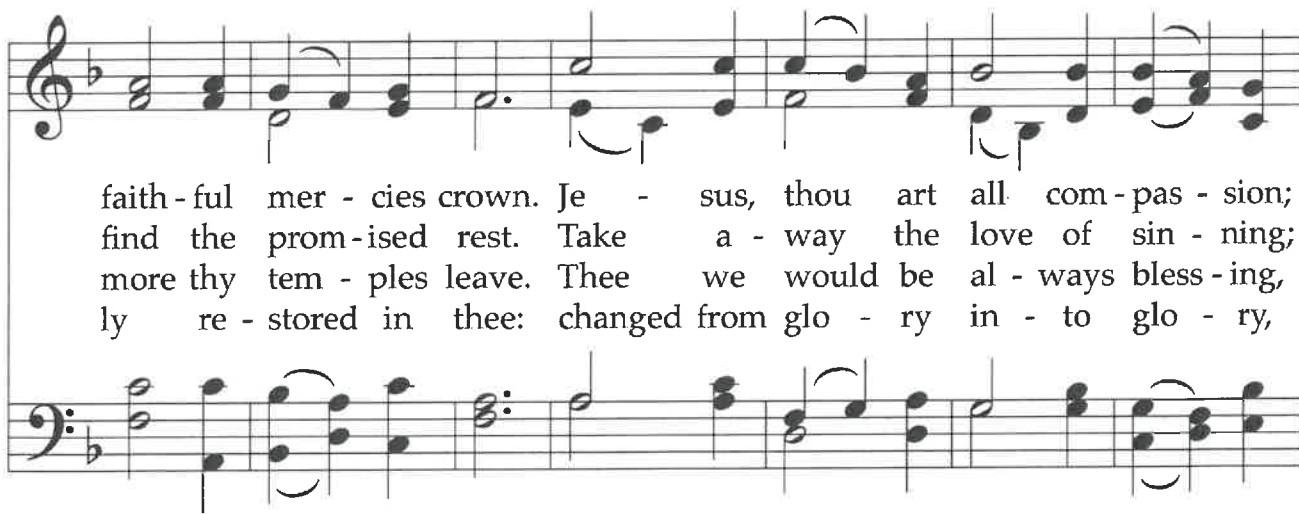
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -




faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Week at a Glance!

<p>Later Today 8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Monday, November 14</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry</p> <p>1:30 PM Plan Worship</p> <p>2:30 PM Program Staff</p> <p>6:00 PM Property Committee Christian Education Committee</p> <p>6:30 PM Service & Mission Committee</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 15</p> <p><i>Newsletter today</i></p> <p>3:30 PM Things That Matter Book Group (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p> <p>6:15 PM Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> (via Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 16</p> <p>11:00 AM Book Study: <i>No Cure for Being Human</i> (via Zoom)</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, November 17</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry</p> <p>6:00 PM Tutoring Sessions at Iglesia Emanuel</p>	<p>Friday, November 18</p>	<p>Saturday, November 19</p> <p>5:30 PM First Friends Potluck at the home of Deborah and Tyler Momsen- Hudson</p>	<p>Sunday, November 20</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Christ the King</i> SUNDAY</p> </div> <p>9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation for Adults Advent Festival (for children and youth)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship with Baptism and Communion</p> <p>12:10 PM Training for Liturgists (Wilson Parlor) Alternative Gifts Fair (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

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info@firstpres-durham.org or visit our website: <https://firstpres-durham.org>.

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Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
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