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STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF SUNDAY

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

OCTOBER 20, 2024

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS
Moment for Stewardship

Mindy Douglas
The Gentithes Family

PRELUDE

Praeludium in D

D. Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91:9-16)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,

People: **a home of peace and plenty.**

Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,

People: **a refuge when trouble is near.**

Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,

People: **a temple that will stand forever.**

All: **Let us worship the Lord.**

*HYMN NO. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess

our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,

help us to live in your light

and abide in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John Weicher

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Those who are able, please stand.

***REGATHERING HYMN (No. 598)** *Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God* *Amen Siakudumisa*

Leader All

Sing prais - es! A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
 Ma - si - thi! A-men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

A-men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es! A-men, a-men.
 A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi! A - men, ba - wo.

A-men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - es!
 A - men, ba - wo. A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Amy Dillon

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **O Lord, by the power of your Spirit,
 lift us up into your presence
 to hear the promise of your word
 and know the joy of your salvation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:35-45 (Pew Bible, NT Page 47)
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Amy Dillon
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Pew Bible, OT Page 548)
Leader: The Word of the Lord. Mindy Douglas
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God Our Refuge" Mindy Douglas
(silent reflection)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From *A Declaration of Faith*) Esther Hethcox
God created and rules in love.
God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.
We affirm that the universe exists by the power of God's Word and Spirit.
God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.
God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth
and the living things upon it.
We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.
There is no event from which God is absent
and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.
That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished.
The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.

***HYMN NO. 803** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Resignation

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS Esther Hethcox
Invitation to Give
Offertory Anthem *Psalm 91 (All You Who Abide)* 12th century chant melody,
arr. Arlen Clarke

*All you who abide in the shadow of the Most High, will say to the Almighty,
"My refuge, in whom I rely." And those who love Him, and call upon God's name;
their prayers shall be answered, their honor proclaimed.
In trouble, in danger, their rescue assured; to show God's salvation, the Day of the Lord.
Low before Him with our praises we fall, of whom and in whom, and through whom are all;
of whom the Father; and through whom, the Son, in whom the Spirit with These ever One. Amen.*

***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!*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

(Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession.)

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. 463

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

*POSTLUDE

Sortie

A. Guilmant

There is no children's music following worship today.

Stewardship Festival Today

Come to the Stewardship Festival in Watts Hill Hall following worship to enjoy a light lunch, participate in activities for all ages, and learn about this year's pledge campaign.



First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning the QR code to the left. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right.



Sign in

Donate online

We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance 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 are grateful to *Andy Lang* and *Brent Curtis* for their musical leadership in worship today while *Kathy Parkins* recovers from eye surgery.

Today's *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera* in honor of all the **FPC high schoolers**.

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 to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

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 the audio/visual console. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

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.

Portions of today's worship liturgy are taken from *Feasting on the Word (Year B, Volume 2)* and *Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal)*. Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

Today's *bulletin cover* is our stewardship logo, created by Jennie Alwood.

~ Our Joys and Concerns ~

Concerns:

- *Logan Brown* is recovering from surgery.
- *Harriett Mitchell* has moved to Parkview Health and Rehabilitation Center in Chapel Hill.
- *Those affected by recent hurricanes are in our prayers.*

Eugene Brown

Sam Crabtree

Jenni James

Vernon Neece

Tony Brown

Susan Cyr

Madge McKeithen

Alfred Tisdale

Fred Callaway

Lee House

Kathy Parkins

Phyllis Verhey

Paul Cornsweet

Ann Huff

David Verner

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the family of **David W. Bryan**, who died this week.

Temporary address for Kerry Holbrook:

Dominion Hospital C/O TraumaSci Unit
2960 Sleepy Hollow Road
Falls Church, VA 22044

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent: *Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills, Bill Mordecai*, father of Beth Eisenson

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Tim Boyer, cousin of Fred Moore

David W. Bryant, friend of FPC

Francisca Cristobal, family of Al & Judy Arrowood

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Larry and Lynn Farrell, parents of Rachel Bethune

Isla Foster, cousin and *Linda Foster Momsen*, mother of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Jim Gudaitis, husband of Christy Gudaitis

Katie Jackson, wife of Matt Hirsch

Rosalind Mutua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Father of Claire Su

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher

Denisha Williams, daughter of Sybil King

Yoga at FPC!

Does gentle stretching, intentional deep breathing, gradual strength building, and increasing balance sound appealing? If so, you are invited to join a yoga class for seniors at FPC. Classes will be held at FPC on **Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.** and **Fridays at 10:30 a.m.** Both classes are targeted toward seniors who are looking for a gentle yoga experience. The Friday class is especially suited for people who have little or no experience with yoga. *Jane Wettach*, who has recently become a certified yoga instructor, leads the classes at no charge to participate. If you want to attend, or get more information, contact Jane at janewettach@gmail.com or 919-612-8396.

You Are Not Alone: A Caring Group for People Living with Health Challenges

Some of us live with ailments that come and go, but they never completely go away. These can be very challenging, and it is often hard to share them with other people. If this describes you, you may be interested in a place to find conversation, support, prayer, and fellowship with others who face similar challenges. We are starting a group that will provide these things, facilitated by *Susan Dunlap*. The group will meet on **Mondays, October 21 and 28, at 10:30 a.m. in the Wilson Parlor**, with the possibility of continuing the group further if desired. For more information, please contact *Susan Dunlap*, sjd4@duke.edu.

COMMUNITY-WIDE TRUNK OR TREAT!
SUNDAY, OCT. 27, 5-7 PM

CANDY & COSTUMES
FOR ALL KIDS
FACE PAINTING & REFRESHMENTS

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIGN UP TO DO A TRUNK VIA THE QR CODE



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at FPC in Watts-Hill Hall

Go online to RedCrossBlood.org and use code *firstpres* to schedule your appointment. The blood drive is open to the public. If you are healthy and it has been over 50 days since your last blood donation, please come out to donate today. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve, and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross. For more info, contact *Julie Whiddon* (919-730-6673), FPC organizer and Red Cross volunteer.

Please sign up to host a trunk via the QR code in the graphic above. There will be trunks with treats, face painting, hot dogs and more!

The Week at a Glance!

<p style="text-align: center;">Later Today</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Children's Music</p> <p>After worship: Stewardship Festival (Watts-Hill Hall)</p> <p>4:00-6:00 PM Youth Group (Offsite: Corn Maze)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (Zoom)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, October 21</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews</p> <p>10:30 AM You Are Not Alone Support Group (Wilson Parlor)</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>6:00 PM FPC Leadership Team</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Ministry Committee (Zoom)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, October 22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter today</p> <p>11:30 AM Daytimers Luncheon (Bennett Pointe Grill)</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, October 23</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff (Daye Meeting Room)</p> <p>4:30 PM Yoga with Jane Wettach</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, October 24</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, October 25</p> <p>10:30 AM Yoga with Jane Wettach</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">October 25-27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Something's Fall Retreat</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, October 26</p> <p>Meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 27</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation Classes for Children, Youth, and Adults</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (Hunger for Change Offering received)</p> <p>12:10 PM Children's Music (K-Grade 6; choir room)</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM Trunk or Treat (FPC Parking lot)</p> <p>8:00 PM MnM's Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
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>.

OUR MISSION CO-WORKERS

FPC partners with PC (USA) Mission Co-Workers:
 Jhan and Ian Dotel-Vellenga, Nicaragua
 Jeff and Christi Boyd, Democratic Republic of the Congo
 To learn more about their work, go to
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mission-connections/>

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THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger and the Durham Crop Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **Penny/day** each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **Nickel/day**, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **Dime/day** will generate \$3.00 and a **Quarter/a day** will generate \$7.50 per month.

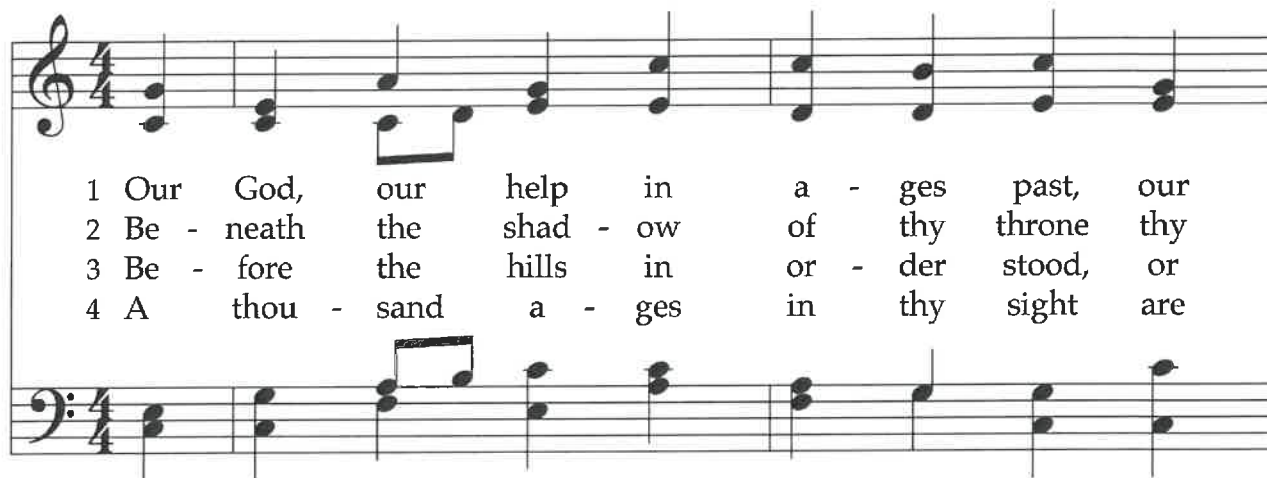
The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

Remember to bring your offering

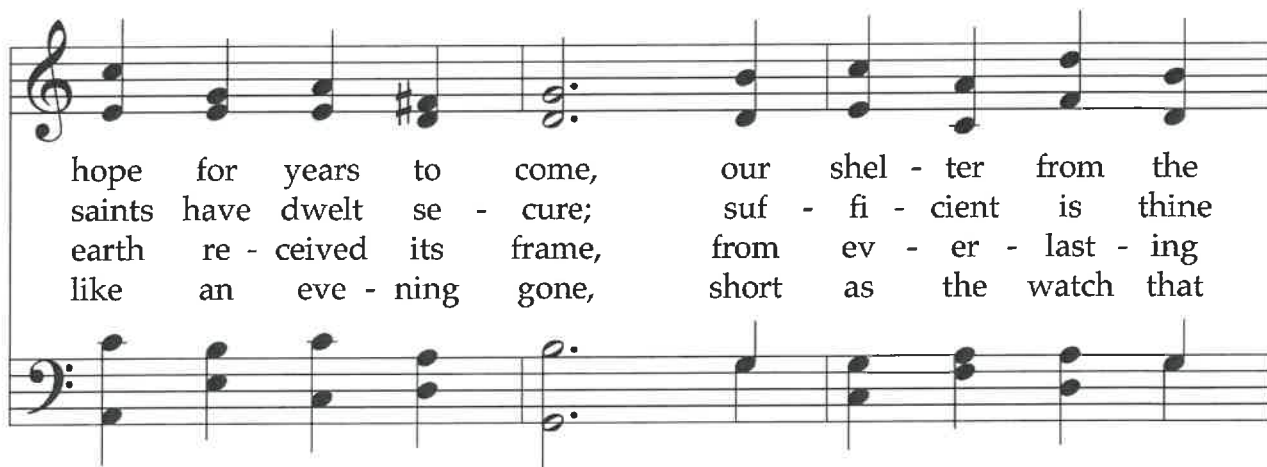
NEXT SUNDAY!

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

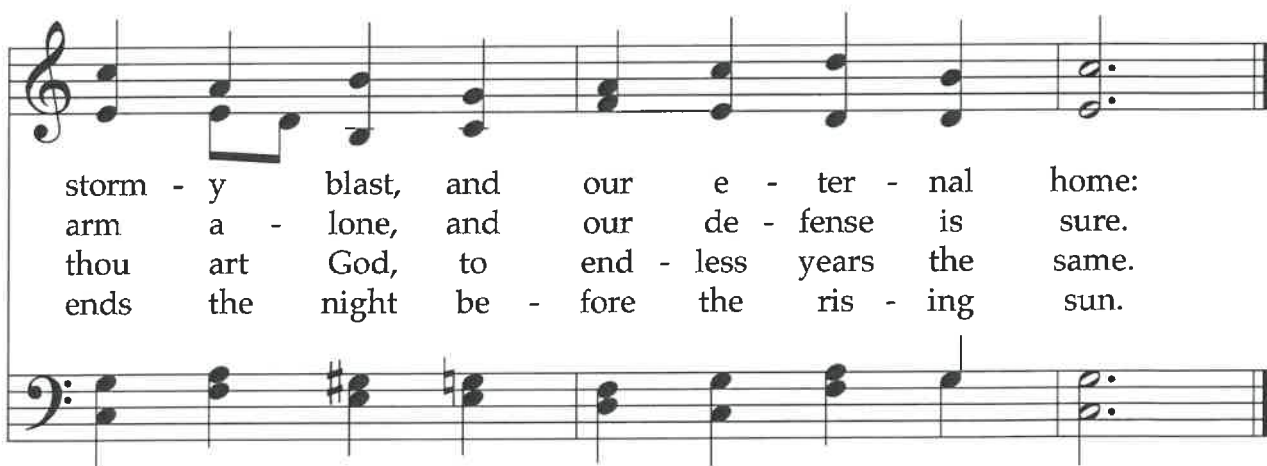
(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



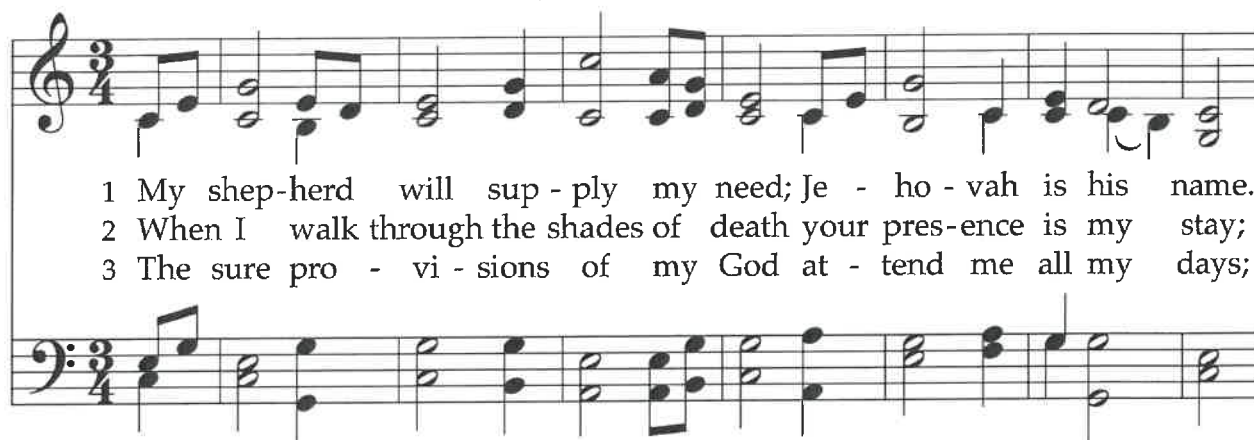
storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

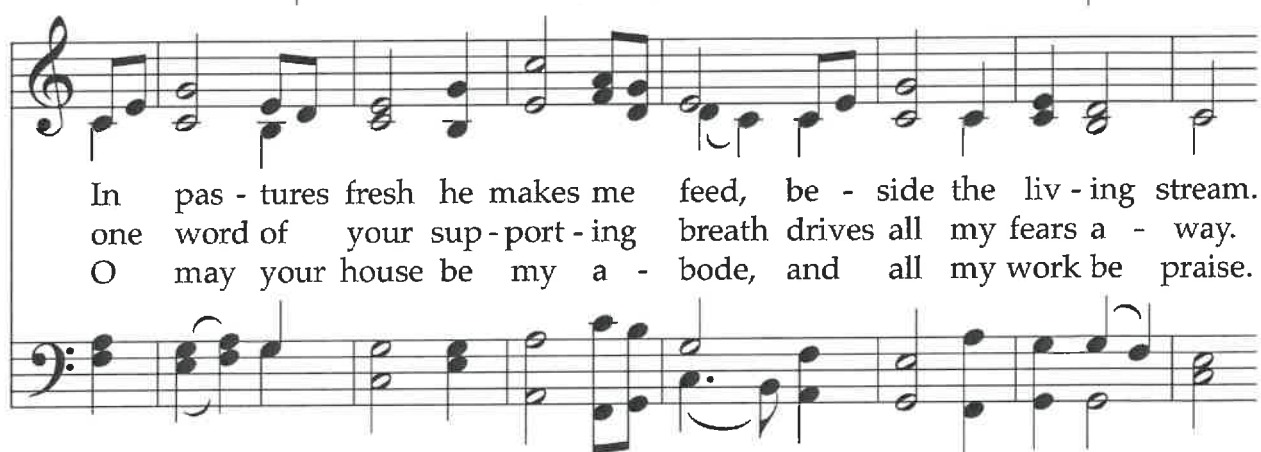
6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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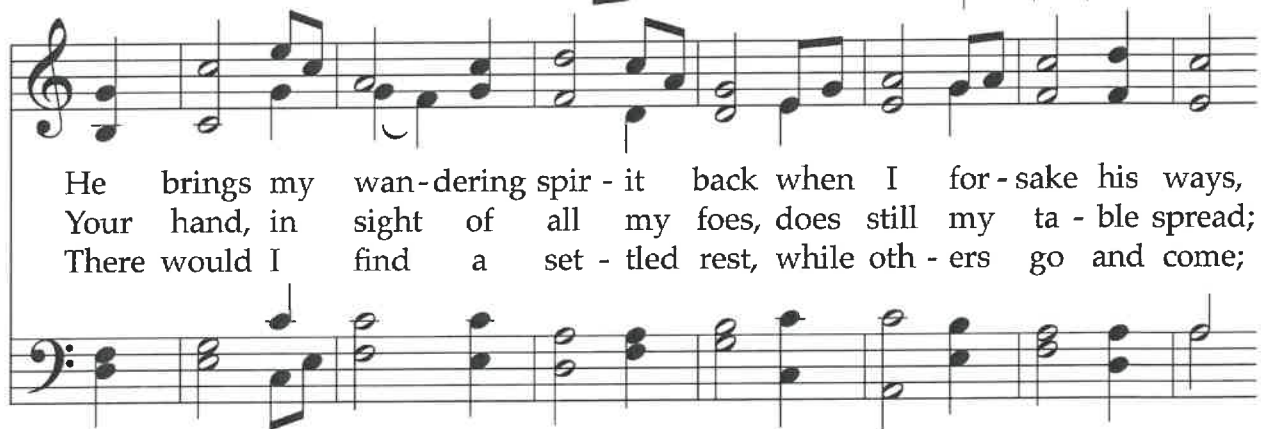
(Psalm 23)



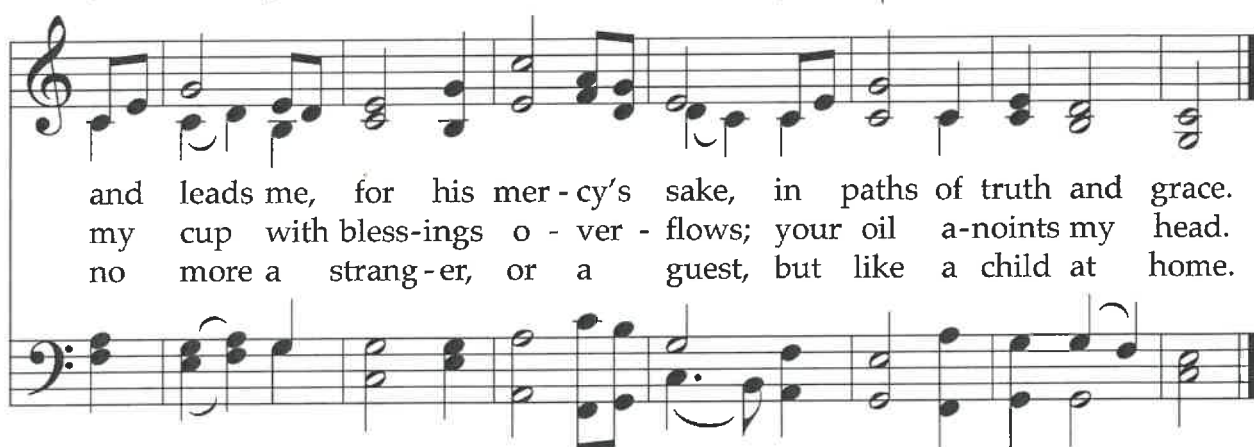
1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."