



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God’s grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

November 3, 2024
11:00 a.m.
All Saints’ Sunday

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone.

- Greeting**

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**
- Prelude**

Jerusalem, My Happy Home Dale Wood
- Words of Welcome**
- Moment for Mission**

FPC Columbarium Smith Wilson
- Song of Gathering**

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven LLANFAIR
- Come, behold! the Feast of heaven Alleluia!**

has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!

Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!

“Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!
- Call to Worship**

Our God sustains us,
In the midst of uncertainty.
Our God nourishes us,
When our spirits are famished.
Our God restores us,
That we might be strengthened to serve our neighbors.
- *Hymn 281**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA
- *Call to Confession**
- *Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, minds, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as we have loved ourselves. We have sinned by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, and by what we have said, and by what we have left unsaid. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, to the glory of your holy name.
- *Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**
- *Assurance of Pardon**

**Those who are able please stand.*

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, a well-known and loved 18th-century Welsh text, gained its popular tune in the early 20th century. It is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

At "The Peace," worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

Children are invited to remain in the Sanctuary on Communion Sundays.

Lay Reader:
Anne Marie Miller

The author of *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* was the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals. Though his text echoes early hymns, he wrote it not as a scholar, but as a person of deep faith.



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***Congregational Response**

Jacques Berthier



***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination Hymn 327, stanza 1
**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

First Lesson Luke 4:24-26, page 938
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 1 Kings 17:1-24, page 320
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Enough for Today* Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 508** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KINGDOM

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Faithful Departed

Margaret Goss Smith October 30, 2023	Glenda Edge LaBoon June 27, 2024
Marilyn LeCroy Poole December 30, 2023	William Paul Smith July 15, 2024
Elizabeth (Betty) Brady Shuford January 18, 2024	Annie Laurie Dodd August 4, 2024
Marilyn Jane Shawver January 26, 2024	Robyn Wright McDonald August 13, 2024
Sandra B. Jordan March 9, 2024	Rev. Dr. Charles Hasty August 13, 2024
Susie Holland McCutchen March 9, 2024	Carol Ann Herzog August 14, 2024
Mary Lynn Key April 21, 2024	Howard Sugiuchi October 11, 2024
Marguerite Hand Bailey June 20, 2024	James Wilson Smith October 15, 2024

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *O How Amiable* Ralph Vaughan Williams
O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, **(cont.)**

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

***Doxology**

Hymn 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

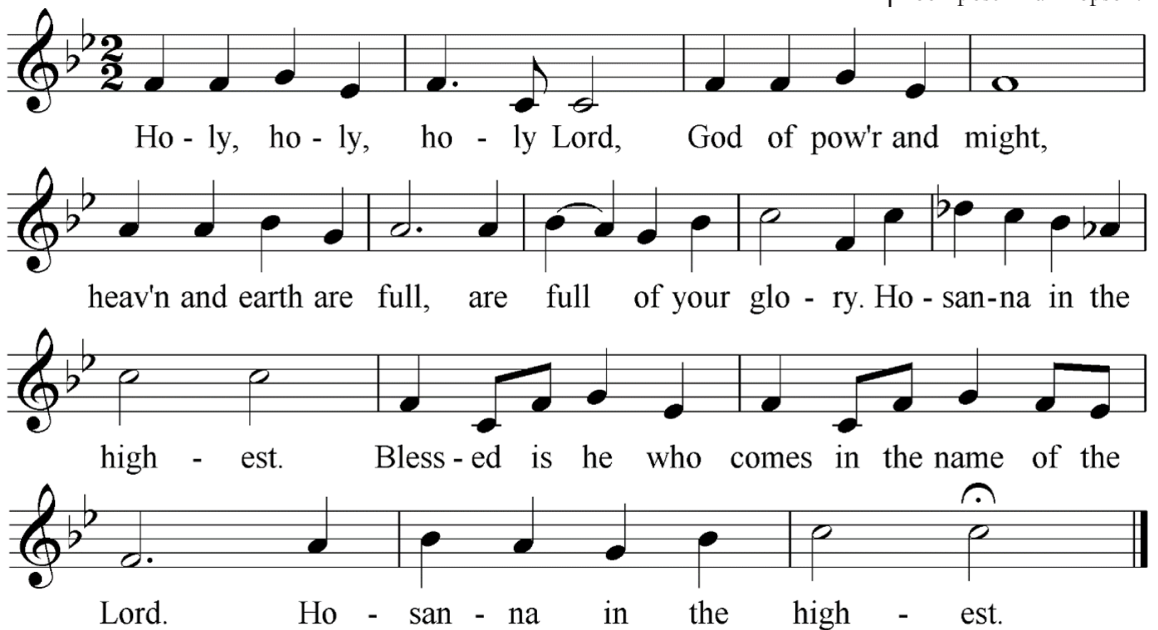
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The text of the offertory anthem was taken from Psalms 84 and 90, set to music by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The musical setting of the communion liturgy was written by contemporary American composer Hal Hopson.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The Great Amen



A - men, A - men, A - men.

Breaking of the Bread and Giving of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Hymn 526	<i>For All the Saints</i>	SINE NOMINE
*Charge and Benediction		
*Congregational Response		AR HYD Y NOS
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.		
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.		
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;		
here my tender comfort stilled you.		
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.		
Postlude	<i>Sine Nomine</i>	William Bates

The broad and sweeping tune paired with the text *For All the Saints* was meant to be sung in a dramatic procession on All Saints’ Day, a representation of the enduring “fellowship divine” celebrated by the text.

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Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., are located next to the Children’s Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Children’s Church is an important developmental time for children, but there are times when children remaining in worship, watching and learning from their parents, is even more valuable. Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on Communion Sundays.

John Coble Organ Recital
Sunday, November 10, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us on November 10, 4:00 p.m. as Dr. John Coble will perform a recital in memory of Dr. Raymond Martin. The program will include music by J.S. Bach, Dan Locklair, Felix Mendelssohn, and Louis Vierne.

A reception in the Atrium will follow. The recital is presented as part of the Wayne F. Middendorf Memorial Concert Series and is free and open to the public.

Dr. Martin was the father of Jean Martin-Williams. He was a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music and Union Theological Seminary, and was a distinguished organist and church musician, serving on the faculty of Agnes Scott College for 37 years. He also served as organist/choirmaster at Peachtree Presbyterian Church and The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta.

Recommendations for Elders

The Nominations and Elections Committee encourages your participation in the process for nominating Elders. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both within the church and in the world at large.

Please e-mail your suggestions to Chuck Toney, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at chuckgt63@gmail.com. You can also fill out the form in the website (www.firstpresathens.org).

Current Elders:
(Not eligible for recommendation)

CLASS OF 2025

Shannon Brooks
Phyllis Crowell
Denise Horton
Paul Lee
Sharon Neff
Bruce Middendorf
Randy Riner
Chuck Toney

CLASS OF 2026

Lindsay Griffeth
Dan Nadenicek
Karen Phillips
Ethelyn Simpson
Jeffrey Trapnell
Pat Tritt
John Turner
Pat Waldrip

CLASS OF 2027

Susan Baldwin
Bill Bushnell
Amy Cowsert
Matt Crim
Jay Holloway
Tom Lane
Joan Pinson
Paige Simmons

I prayerfully recommend the following for Elder:

Name	_____	Reasons	_____

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Name	_____	Reasons	_____

Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are Chuck Toney (Chair), Ethelyn Simpson (Vice Chair), Stan Bailey, Meghan Bawcum, Jim Bennewitz, Susan Ferguson.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader

Anne Marie Miller

USHERS

Keith Oelke (head), Larry Baer, Lisa Oelke

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Aiden Dowling

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the saints of the church and in memory of the wedding anniversaries of the parents of Julie and Lance Jagmin (John and Jule Breland and Walter and Margaret Jagmin).

NOVEMBER FLOWER TEAM

Susan Ferguson (chair),
Susan Barrett, Amy Cowsert,
Page Pate, Jennifer Trapnell

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium and at 10:00 a.m. is on Facebook and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

November 6 Wednesday Night Dinner - Barberitos 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Dinner menu: Taco Salad Bar, Cookies* (* = gluten free)*



\$12/person, \$45 family max (complimentary for children 5 and under). Please RSVP in the Atrium, online at tinyurl.com/WedAtFirst, using the QR code, or by contacting the church office e-mail frontdesk@firstpresathens.org or call 706-543-4338 by Mondays at 12:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Food Bag Sunday is Sunday, November 17

Can you provide a bag of food that can be used by an Athens family of four to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner? Please bring the items on the list below in a reusable bag to church on **November 17** or drop them off at the church during normal business hours by **Friday, November 15**. Alternatively, you can send a check for \$50 to the church or donate at firstpresathens.org/giving (please select General Fund and add "Thanksgiving bags" in the memo box).

2024 Shopping List (* not in bags delivered prior to November 17)

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| ☐ Cranberry sauce | ☐ Mac & Cheese |
| ☐ Chicken broth | ☐ Instant potatoes |
| ☐ French fried onions (that go on top of green bean casserole) | ☐ Rice |
| ☐ Canned Corn | ☐ Gravy (cans or jars) |
| ☐ Stuffing/Dressing mix | ☐ Cookies |
| ☐ Cornbread mix | ☐ Fresh sweet potatoes* |
| | ☐ Brown and serve rolls* |

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends, AthHalf Service, Communion Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Food Sunday

- 6:35 a.m. AthHalf Pre-Race Service, The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching, Atrium
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 12:00 p.m. Atrium Refreshments, Atrium
- 12:30 p.m. Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Moses Waddel Room
- 4:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Room 203
- 4:00 p.m. St. Andrews Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 4:50 p.m. Celebration Singers Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Monday, November 4

- 2:00 p.m. Circle Two, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

Tuesday, November 5

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls 1, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Circle 3/4
- 7:00 p.m. Circle Six, Home of Ann Dunn

Wednesday, November 6

- 11:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Lunch, First Baptist Church
- 1:00 p.m. Weekday School Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Purls 2, Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Shakespeare & Friends Homer's *Iliad Class*, Room 308
- 5:00 p.m. St. Andrews Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 5:30 p.m. Wed@First Supper - Barberitos, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. LIFT - Living in Faith Together, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, November 7

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 2:00 p.m. Mellows, Highland Hills
- 4:30 p.m. Resource Pantry, The PIT
- 5:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Sunday, November 10

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Atrium Refreshments, Atrium
- 12:15 p.m. Young Adult Sunday Brunch
- 4:00 p.m. John Coble Organ Concert, Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Reception for Concert, Atrium
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group@Rush Trampoline Park

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Will you be someone's angel this year? Please consider purchasing Christmas gifts for one or more of the 100 Salvation Army "angels" (infants -12-year-old children) posted in Fellowship Hall. Detailed instructions are available when you select your "angel." Please bring your gifts to church by **Sunday, December 8**, or to the church office by **Friday, December 6**.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please see below a list of opportunities to volunteer and get involved in different ministries and programs here at FPC (you can find more detailed information at firstpresathens.org):

- Children and Youth Ministries: help with Children's Church, Sunday School, or Youth Dinner
- Fellowship Host: help setting up Atrium Fellowship on Sundays after 11:00 a.m. services
- Resource Pantry: donate items or volunteer for a 2-hour shift

EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries:

Hannah Knight

Nursery Coordinator: Rita Raines

Nursery Play, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Children's Playroom • Infants – 4 Year Olds

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play during worship and Sunday school. Children will enjoy playtime, Bible stories, and a light snack with church friends.

Godly Play, 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Children's Ministry Suite • Pre-K – 5th Grade

Children are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour. Godly Play is an innovative way of teaching and learning that helps children “discover” who God is rather than being “told” who God is. The structure and routine of Godly Play offer children a safe and nurturing space to explore, connect, wonder, and worship God.

Children and Worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

All children are welcome to remain in worship with their families every Sunday. Children's bulletins, Bibles, and books are available at the children's tables located in the Narthex and on both sides of the choir loft.

Children's Church, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children, Pre-K – 2nd Grade are invited to Children's Church after the passing of The Peace. We will continue worshipping together in the Children's Ministry Suite by listening to God's Word, praying to God, and responding through art and worship.

**No Children's Church on the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday. All children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on this special Sunday to take part in worship and Communion with family.*

SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH

Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries:

Hannah Knight

The PIT (basement level) • 6th – 12th Grade

Sunday School (9:45 a.m.) - offered for both middle and high school

Both middle and high school groups will be using the Living the Word curriculum, that closely follows the narrative lectionary that guides our worship each week. Middle and high schoolers will be split into separate rooms in the PIT for a time of study, discussion, and response.

Youth Group (5:30-7 p.m.)

Sunday night youth group is a safe space for youth to come as they are! We will begin with dinner together in the fellowship hall (please volunteer to provide a meal at tinyurl.com/FPCYouthDinner2024). At 6:00, both middle and high school groups will move down to the PIT where there will be games, Bible study, creative response time, and lots of laughs as we spend an intentional hour together. The theme for this year is “In Every Season,” rooted in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. We will spend time diving into what it looks like to trust & see God in every season, and learning to be okay with asking questions about our faith.

For any questions, please contact Hannah at hannah@firstpresathens.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45-10:40 a.m.

IN PERSON

Bible Basics • Moses Waddel Room

Bible Basics is a new intergenerational adult class designed to improve basic Bible knowledge and familiarity. This year, we are “walking through the Bible” – Genesis to Revelation – in an effort to lay a solid foundation for future Bible study. The class is appropriate for all experience levels from “Biblical neophytes” to those looking for a refresher.

Contacts: David Dantzler (jdaviddantzler@gmail.com) and Elaine Johnson (elaine@firstpresathens.org)

Builders • Room 301

This class is a space for all parents of children and youth to gather and share in the complexity of family life. Our time together will offer a blend of fellowship, parenting support, Bible study, and service.

Contacts: Dr. Ryan Baer (ryan@firstpresathens.org) or Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard (whitney@firstpresathens.org)

HYBRID (*in person and over Zoom*)

Del Dunn Sunday School Class • Room 308

An in-depth study and discussion of scripture, offering a collegial environment and welcoming all who seek to enrich their understanding of the Bible and its application to our daily lives.

Coordinator: Susan Landrum (slandrum@uga.edu)

Zoom ID: 380 330 5940, PW: 245449

New Voices • Room 310

Our goal is to create joy through art, food, music, prayer, scripture, class-led discussion, community, purple open-mindedness, and inclusion. Books to be read and discussed this year include *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr, and more!

Led by: Lewis Hudgins (lewisahudgins@gmail.com)

Zoom ID: 674 533 8902

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

The class features open and honest discussion in a nonjudgmental atmosphere about various aspects of Christianity. This year, the class will continue with their study and discussion of *Understanding the Old Testament*, led by Robert Miller, professor at Catholic University.

Contacts: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com),

Jim Scanlon (jjtsanlon@yahoo.com)

Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield,
 I will ev - er give to Thee,

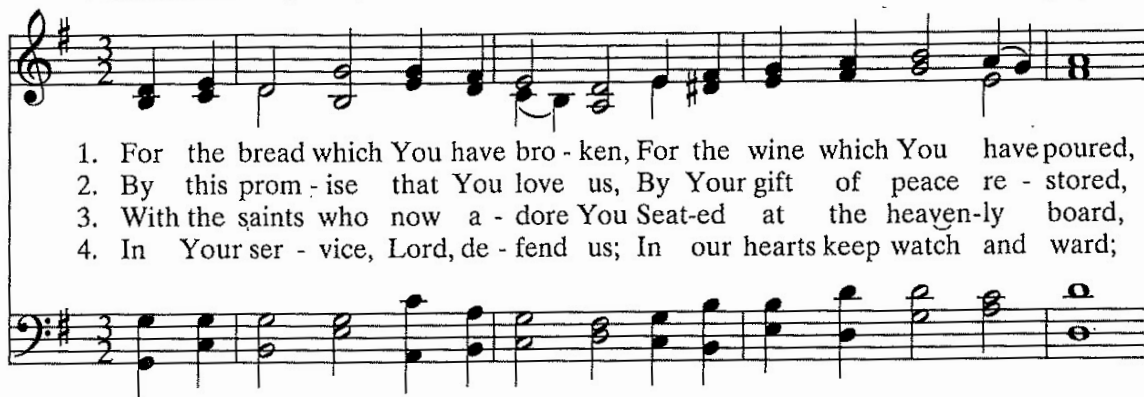
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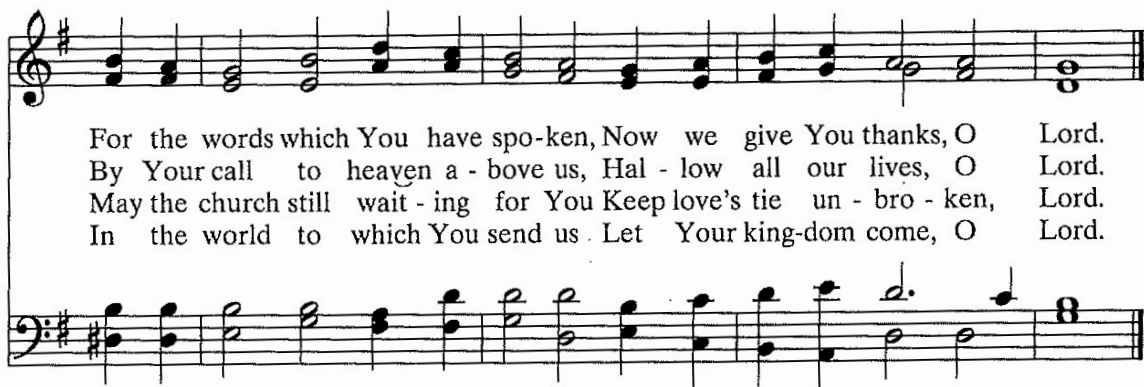
KINGDOM 8.7.8.7

Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

V. Earle Copes, 1959



1. For the bread which You have bro - ken, For the wine which You have poured,
2. By this prom - ise that You love us, By Your gift of peace re - stored,
3. With the saints who now a - dore You Seat-ed at the heaven-ly board,
4. In Your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;



For the words which You have spo-ken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.
By Your call to heaven a - bove us, Hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
May the church still wait - ing for You Keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
In the world to which You send us. Let Your king-dom come, O Lord.

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

William Walsham How, 1864

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 *3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 **4. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through

Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 We feeble struggle, they in glory shine; Yet
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Harmony, stanza 3

3. O blest com - mu - nion, fel-low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,

they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in Thee, for all are

D.C. for stanza 4

Thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**(May be sung before stanza 3)*

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** (May be sung before stanza 4)*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!