



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 10, 2024
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Psalm 118:24

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

Prelude

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Craig Phillips

Words of Welcome

Moment for Mission

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Pat Tritt

Song of Gathering

DIX

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!

**Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.**

Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Call to Worship

God forgives us our sins, however great.

Even when we feel we don't deserve it.

God forgives everyone their sins, however great.

Even when we feel they don't deserve it.

God's forgiveness is beyond human understanding.

Open our hearts to forgive ourselves and others.

*Hymn 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

*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 may 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).

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, a 17th-century German hymn, employs phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103. It received an effective English translation in the 19th century and has been popular ever since, due in part to its stirring tune.

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."

After the Passing of the Peace at the 11:00 a.m. service, children, ages Pre-K - 2nd Grade, are invited to Children's Church held in the Children's Ministry Suite on the first floor.

Lay Readers:
8:45: Karen Burg

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee was originally a German text of seven stanzas based on Psalm 55:22, written by the author/composer at the age of twenty in thanksgiving for finding work many weeks after being robbed and left almost penniless.

Next to the Nicene Creed, The Apostles' Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. Although not written by apostles, it reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. Arising from an early baptismal creed, it underwent development, attaining its present form in the eighth century.

*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

Psalm 146, page 570

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

11:00 a.m. Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking of sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I every with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Second Lesson

Ruth 1:1-18, page 238

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Trust Games

The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*Affirmation of Faith

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; (cont.)**

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.

Prayers of the People and 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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Johann Gottfried Walther

***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**

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 253**

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

AR HYD Y NOS

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Postlude

Old 113th

Gerald Near



You may mail your check,
set up an automatic gift
through your bank, or
donate online using this
QR code or at
firstpresathens.org/
giving. Thank you for
your generosity.

I'll Praise My Maker, a
paraphrase of Psalm 146
by Isaac Watts, was a
favorite of John Wesley.
It appeared Wesley's first
hymn collection in 1737
(published in Charles-
ton, SC) and was on his
lips when he died. The
tune is the one Watts
had in mind for the text.

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Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 8:30 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, Pre K – 2nd Grade, are invited to Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Children's Church will be held downstairs in the Children's Ministry Suite. We will depart for Children's Church following the Passing of the Peace. To pick up your child after the service, please go to the church courtyard entrance of the Children's Ministry Suite.

John Coble Organ Recital, Postponed

The recital has been postponed due to illness.
A new date will be announced as soon as possible.

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 Readers

8:45 a.m. Karen Burg

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson (head),
Michelle Clendenen-Shaw
11:00 a.m. Jimbo LaBoon III (head),
Emily LaBoon

GREETER

8:45 a.m. Diane Hartzell

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

NOVEMBER FLOWER TEAM

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

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Veterans Day by Randy Dudley.

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Aiden Dowling

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium, 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.

Wed@First Fall Programs
November 13 Schedule:

- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Shakespeare & Friends Homer’s *Iliad* Class, Room 308
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Dinner (Olive Garden), Fellowship Hall
Dinner menu: Chicken Parmigiana, Spaghetti with Marinara, Fettucine Alfredo, Salad, Breadsticks, Cheesecake, Iced Tea; Gluten-free option: Rotini Pasta in Marinara Sauce
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The Way of Jesus: Conversations about Discipleship, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Room 202

Wednesday Night Dinner
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



\$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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrate Generosity November 17

In Scripture, we read “We love because he first loved us.” (1 John 4:19). Come celebrate God’s grace and share in God’s generosity with us next Sunday, November 17.

On that Sunday morning, we’ll dedicate our Thanksgiving Food Bags for the Athens Area Emergency Food Bank. If you haven’t yet picked up your reusable bag, the shopping list is here, and you may pick up a bag from the church office or bring your own. Alternatively, you may make a gift to the church of \$50 and mark it “Thanksgiving Food Bags.”

In worship that morning, we’ll dedicate our commitments of time, talent, and treasure to the work of the Lord at FPC for the year 2025. If you haven’t yet received your 2025 commitment card in the mail, you can download one at tinyurl.com/FPCGenerosity2025.

On that Sunday at 12 noon, we’ll celebrate God’s generosity with an all-church potluck in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide baked ham and beverages – please bring a dish to share (crockpots welcome).

Come celebrate God’s abundant love and generosity with us at FPC!

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* |

Casa de Amistad Christmas Gift Cards

Help aid low income Latino and Hispanic families through Casa de Amistad. Donations will be used to provide \$50 gift cards to families for holiday gifts, food, etc. Please make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note “Casa Christmas” in memo line - or give online at FirstPresAthens.org/giving (please select “General Fund” under “Select a Fund,” and in the optional memo write “Casa Christmas”). Please send gifts by **Sunday, November 24**. Thank you for your generosity!

Holiday Meals on Wheels

Every Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day volunteers from First Presbyterian Church deliver nutritional meals to homebound seniors. FPC also pays for the meals on these three days. The cost is generally around \$1,500. Volunteers meet at the Athens Community Council on Aging at 135 Hoyt St. at 10:00 a.m. The routes take 30 minutes to an hour to complete.

If you are interested in delivering meals, please contact John Turner at johnlovickturner@yahoo.com. Since this is a popular family event, please be sure to sign up early. Donations can be made by writing a check to FPC (noted “MOW”) or give online at firstpresathens.org/giving and select “Meals on Wheels” under “Select a fund.”

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	_____

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.

THIS WEEK

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
- 12:15 p.m. Congregational Vitality Workshop, Moses Waddel Room
- 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

Monday, November 11

- 10:00 a.m. Congregational Care Commission Meeting (Hybrid), Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Choir Room

Tuesday, November 12

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls 1, Parlor

Wednesday, November 13

- 9:15 a.m. Circle 7, Presbyterian Village
- 4:30 p.m. Shakespeare & Friends *Iliad* Class, Room 308
- 5:30 p.m. Wed@First Supper - Olive Garden, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. The Way of Jesus: Conversations about Discipleship, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, November 14

- 9:05 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 11:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Teacher Luncheon & Workshop, Staff Conference Room
- 2:00 p.m. Mellows, The Landing
- 4:30 p.m. Resource Pantry (Matthew 25), The PIT
- 5:00 p.m. Administration Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Sunday, November 17 - Thanksgiving Food Bags, Generosity Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 12:00 p.m. FPC Thanksgiving Potluck, Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, The PIT

Salvation Army Angel Tree and Bell Ringing

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**.

If you would like to volunteer to ring the bell at Walmart on Epps Bridge on **December 14**, please sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall.

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

Joachim Neander, 1680

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

Desc. Craig Sellar Lang, 1953

Descant

3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
 reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
 dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
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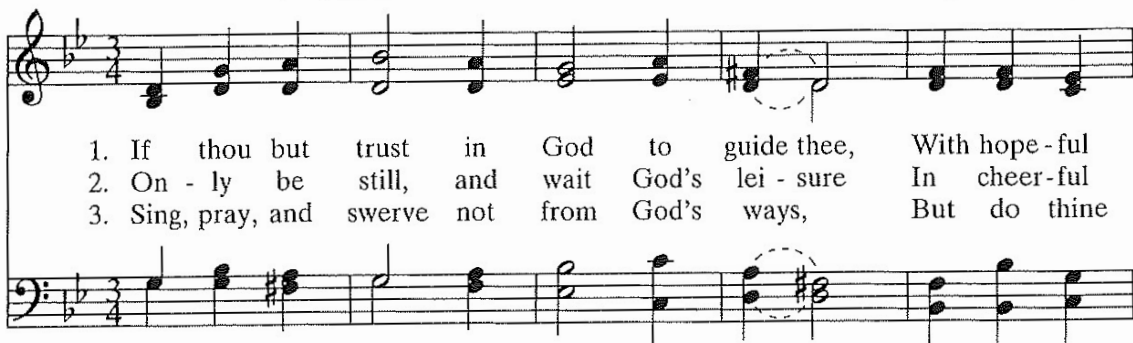
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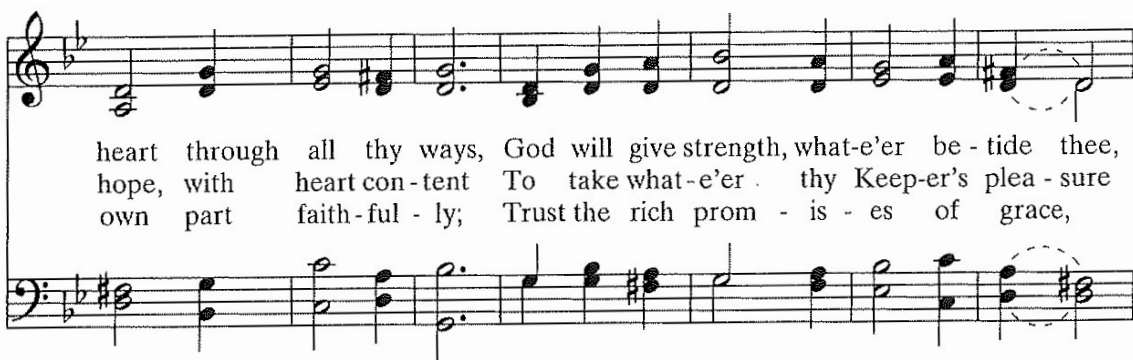
Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

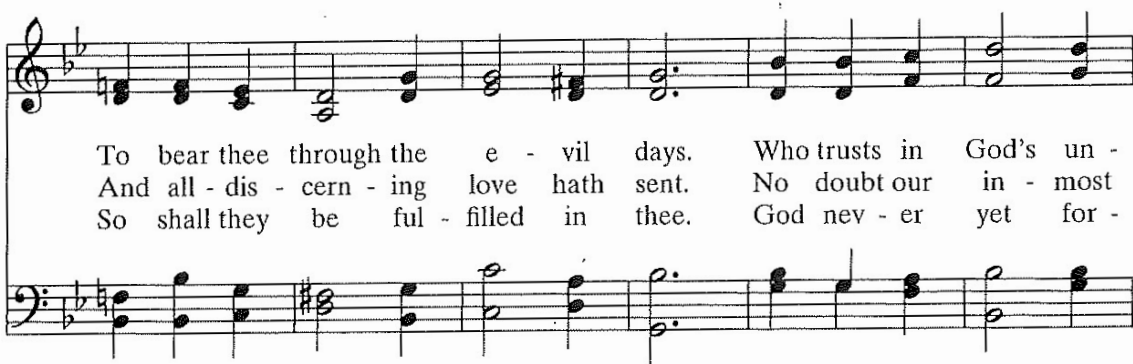
Georg Neumark, 1657



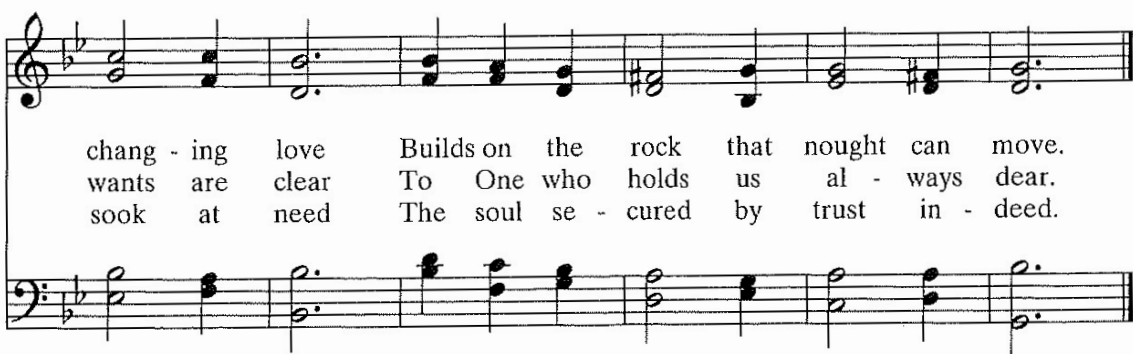
1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope-ful
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer-ful
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine



heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keep-er's plea - sure
 own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,



To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most
 So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -



chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.
 wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.
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I'll Praise My Maker

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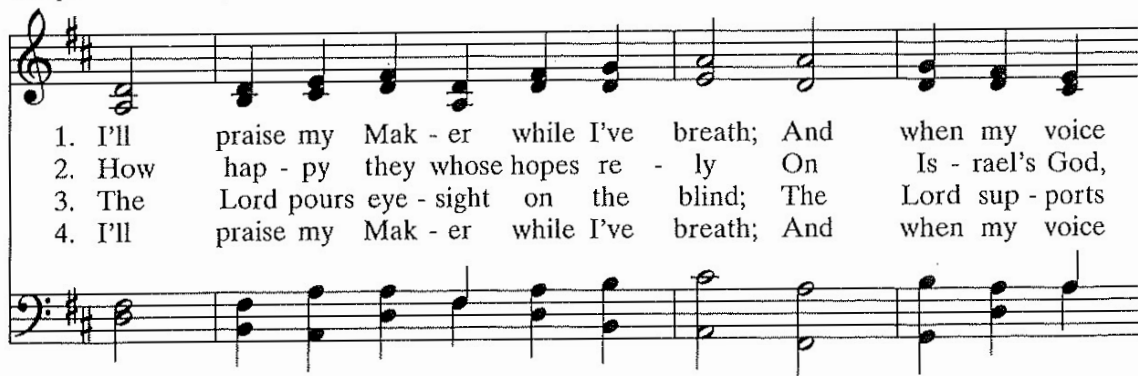
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Isaac Watts

Adapt. John Wesley, 1736; alt. 1988

Attr. Matthäus Greiter (c. 1500–1552)

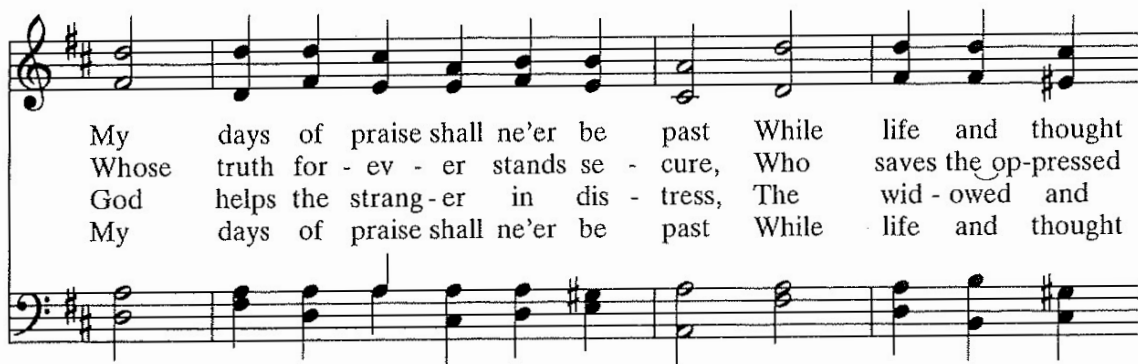
Harm. V. Earle Copes, 1964



1. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; And when my voice
 2. How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly On Is - rael's God,
 3. The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; The Lord sup - ports
 4. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; And when my voice



is lost in death, Praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky, And earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind And sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, Praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.



My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought
 Whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, Who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, The wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past While life and thought



and be - ing last, Or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, And none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, And grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, Or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Pat Waldrip, Clerk of Session

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Shannon Brooks	Lindsay Griffeth	Susan Baldwin
Phyllis Crowell	Dan Nadenicek	Bill Bushnell
Denise Horton	Karen Phillips	Amy Cowsert
Paul Lee	Ethelyn Simpson	Matt Crim
Sharon Neff	Jeffrey Trapnell	Jay Holloway
Bruce Middendorf	Pat Tritt	Tom Lane
Randy Riner	John Turner	Joan Pinson
Chuck Toney	Pat Waldrip	Paige Simmons

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor* (ryan@firstpresathens.org)
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor* (whitney@firstpresathens.org)
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