



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!

June 22, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Second 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**

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

Prelude

Grave and Adagio

Words of Welcome

Moment for Mission

Song of Gathering

**This is the day the Lord hath made;
the hours are all God’s own;
let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**

Call to Worship

I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth,
For God is found among us.
Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ’s name,
God is here among us. Let us worship together in faith.

***Hymn 487**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

**Those who are able please stand.*

Psalm 118:24

Felix Mendelssohn

Hannah Knight

LAND OF REST

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies is an excerpt from an English translation of a German hymn, which originally dealt with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed for this English text.

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."

All children are invited to remain in worship on Sunday mornings with family during the summer months.

Lay Reader: Kent Burel

The anthem is a poem by Christina Rossetti, based on Matthew 6: 26-28, set to music by contemporary American composer Roland E. Martin.

The first stanza of *I To the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* draws on 17th-century Scottish psalters, but most of this paraphrase dates from the early 20th-century. The original tune was not assigned to a specific psalm.

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.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response

David Ogden



*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.

Commissioning of Participants to Montreat Worship & Music

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

PROSPECT

**Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

First Lesson

Psalm 121, page 560

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

Anthem

Consider

Roland E. Martin

Consider the lilies of the field whose bloom is brief:
we are as they; like them we fade away, as doth a leaf.
Consider the sparrows of the air of small account:
our God doth view whether they fall or mount, he guards us too.
Consider the lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
yet are most fair: what profits all this care and all this coil?
Consider the birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food: much more our Father seeks to do us good.

Second Lesson

Luke 5:17-26, page 939

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

Sermon

Everybody Hurts (Sometimes): Caregiving

The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 234

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

DUNDEE

*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;
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.**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Improvisation on Dundee* John Coble
*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 361 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION
*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response Hymn 540, stanza 2
 **God be with you till we meet again;
 unseen wings protecting hide you,
 daily manna still provide you:
 God be with you till we meet again.**
Postlude *Foundation* Wilbur Held

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*It seems odd, but *How Firm a Foundation* was sung to the tune *Adeste fideles* (O Come, All Ye Faithful) well into the 20th century due to a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems more fitting.*

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.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.

“Everybody Hurts (Sometimes)”

Today is the second of three Sundays in June that the Congregational Care Commission is offering a series called “Everybody Hurts (Sometimes)”. This series is back-by-popular-demand and will focus on three unique areas of human experience that are painful and challenging – we will hear personal stories, professional perspectives, and offer resources for continued healing.

The topics this year are: Suicide Prevention (June 15), Caregiving (June 22), and Aging (June 29). We will meet in the Moses Waddel Room from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each of those weeks, and light breakfast items will be available. Please reach out to Whitney (whitney@firstpresathens.org) with any questions -- we hope you will plan to join us for these important conversations.

Nursery and Children’s + Youth Sunday school will be offered during that time.

Our Daily Bread Volunteers Needed

Volunteers from FPC provide and serve meals to our neighbors in need monthly at First Baptist Church: lunch on the first Wednesday, and breakfast on the second and fourth Tuesdays. For details and to help, please contact Joan Pinson at joanpinson@aol.com to help with breakfast or Leslie Desimone at ldesimon@uga.edu to help with lunch.

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
Kent Burel

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon (head),
John Simpson, Michelle Clendenen-Shaw

GREETER

Svea Bogue

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of John and Carey Walden’s 58th wedding anniversary by their family.

We have a rosebud in honor of the birth of Madeline Jane Marsh on June 10, 2025. Parents are Allen and Emily Marsh. Grandparents are Susan and John Boatwright.

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Justin Winstanley

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

JUNE FLOWER TEAM

Tootsie Adams, Susan Banister, Page Pate

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Fellowship Outings

Summer is here! We hope you’ll plan to join us for some (or all!) of these fun fellowship outings. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to attend – all ages and stages of our church family! Please RSVP to Whitney Booth Lockard (whitney@firstpresathens.org) so we can keep a headcount and feel free to reach out with questions.

Saturday, June 28 at 8:30 a.m. Biking on the Greenway

Bikers (all ages and abilities welcome!) can meet at the Sandy Creek Nature Center parking lot (205 Old Commerce Road). Bring your own bike, helmet, and water bottle. Please contact Karen Phillips if you plan to join at shutterstitch@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 19 at 6:05 p.m. Gwinnett Stripers v. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp (Triple-A baseball), Coolray Field (Lawrenceville, GA)

\$15 per person. Please RSVP *by July 1* to claim your spot!

Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. Downtown Dinner, Creature Comforts Brewing Company (271 W. Hancock Ave)

Food truck, beverages (including non-alcoholic), and fun for everyone!

Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. Trivia at Mellow Mushroom (320 E. Clayton St)

Bring your knowledge and competitive spirit for team trivia!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 22 – Montreat Worship & Music Conference begins

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Everybody Hurts Series: Caregiving, Moses Waddel Room

Monday, June 23

- 10:00 a.m. Lay Caller Meeting, Staff Conference Room & Zoom

Tuesday, June 24

- 6:00 p.m. Athens Area Homeless Shelter Board Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Wednesday, June 25

- 8:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Food Classes, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 26

- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Food Classes, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 28

- 8:30 a.m. Biking on the Greenway, Sandy Creek Nature Center

Sunday, June 29

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, The Rev. Margaret Davis preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Everybody Hurts Series: Aging, Moses Waddel Room

Sign up by 7/6: VBS 2025 – Come to the Well

Come one, come all (to the well) for VBS 2025 at FPC! For ages 3–103 (nursery available upon request– please register by 7/2 if nursery is needed). Join us July 13–16 from 5–7:30 pm for dinner, music, enriching adult Bible study + intentional conversation, fun children’s activity rotations, and joyful intergenerational fellowship. Each night will conclude with a service project benefitting the Resource Pantry, Bethel Buddies, and more! Registration is \$25 per person and helps us provide supplies for service projects. See! You! There!!

Please register at tinyurl.com/2025cometothewell. Contact Hannah Knight, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at hannah@firstpresathens.org, for more information and with any questions.

We need volunteers! If you can help us with art, recreation, worship, dinner, check-in/out, leading our littlest ones, or other tasks as needed, we’d be so grateful! Please visit tinyurl.com/FPCVBS25 to sign up.

Summer Choir

If you’ve ever wondered what it’s like to sing in the choir, but have never done so, this may be a chance to give choir a “test drive.” If you would like to sing but can’t make the commitment to Wednesday night rehearsals during the regular season, this is the time to join the choir. **Through August 18**, we will meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning’s service. Singers may join for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. There is no obligation, but we do hope some will decide they enjoy singing in the choir enough to continue in the fall. Although this choir is made up mostly of adults, youth and children are also welcome. For more information, contact John Coble at jcoble@firstpresathens.org.

When Morning Gilds the Skies

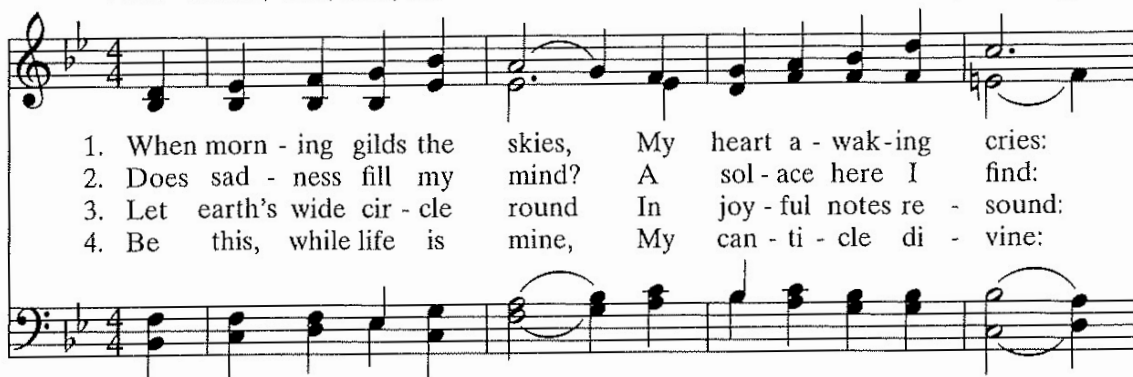
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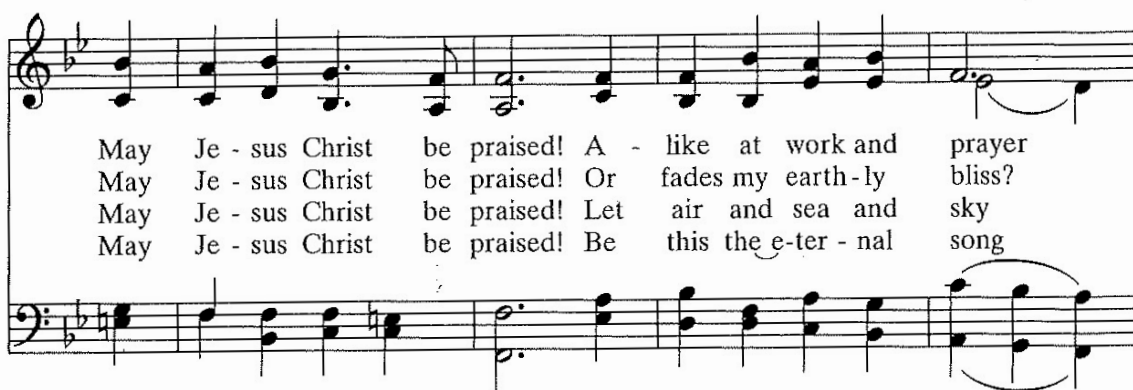
German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

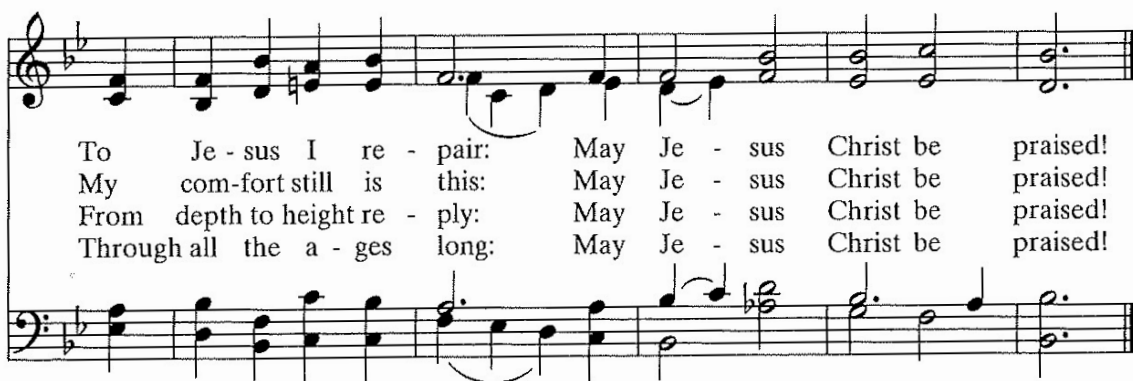
Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

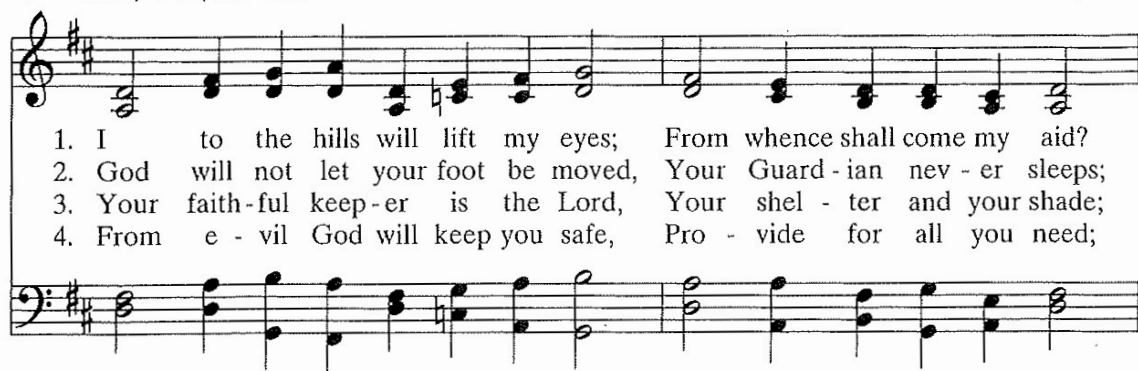
I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

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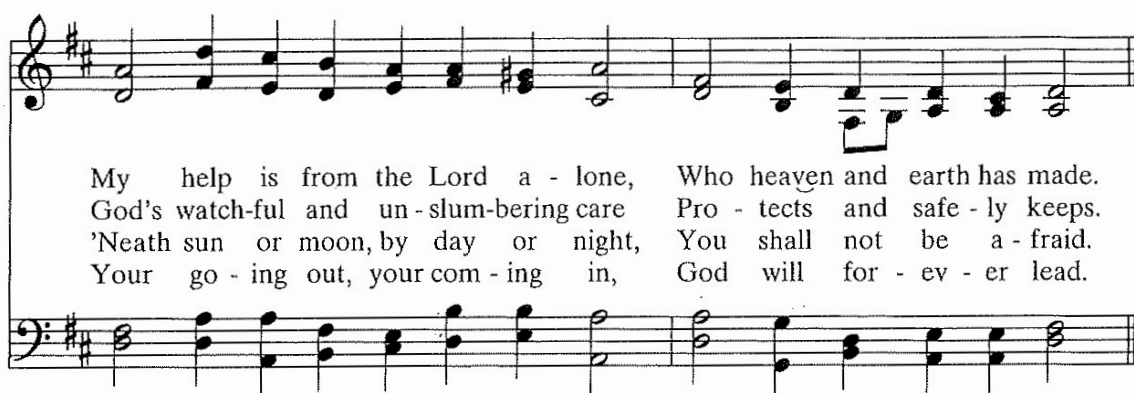
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The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1988

Scottish Psalter, 1615



1. I to the hills will lift my eyes; From whence shall come my aid?
 2. God will not let your foot be moved, Your Guard-ian nev-er sleeps;
 3. Your faith-ful keep-er is the Lord, Your shel-ter and your shade;
 4. From e-vil God will keep you safe, Pro-vide for all you need;



My help is from the Lord a-lone, Who heaven and earth has made.
 God's watch-ful and un-slum-bering care Pro-tects and safe-ly keeps.
 'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, You shall not be a-fraid.
 Your go-ing out, your com-ing in, God will for-ev-er lead.

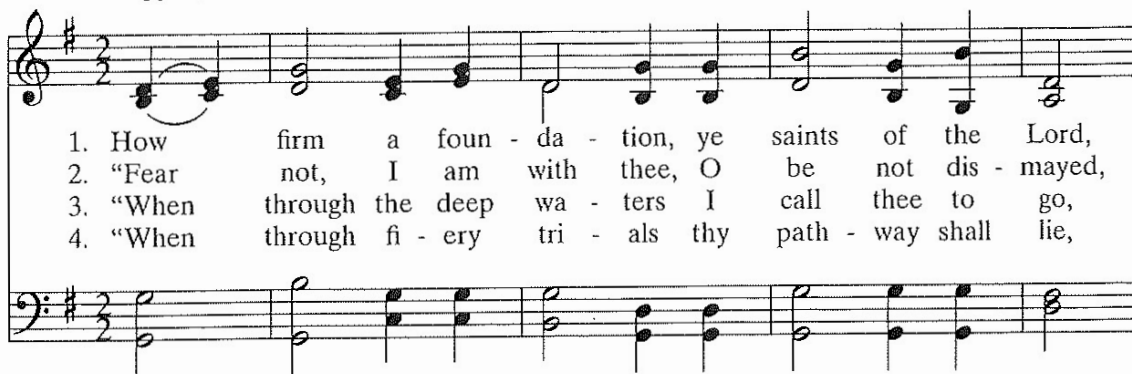
How Firm a Foundation

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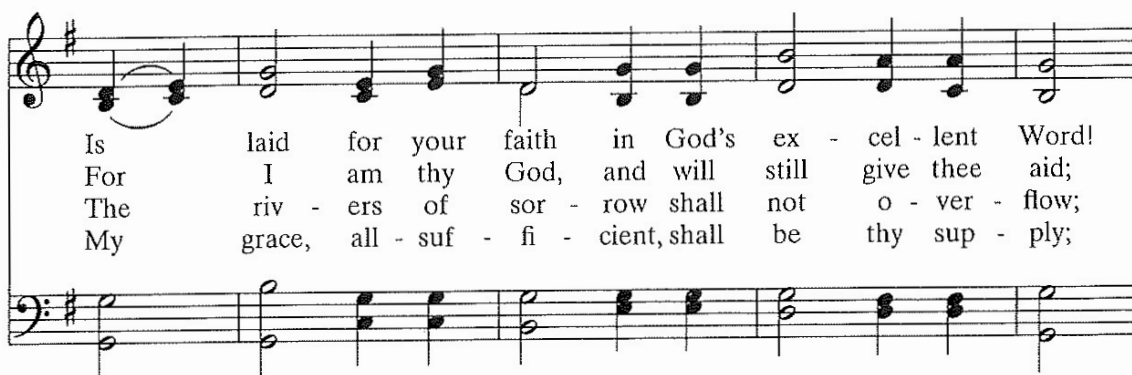
"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

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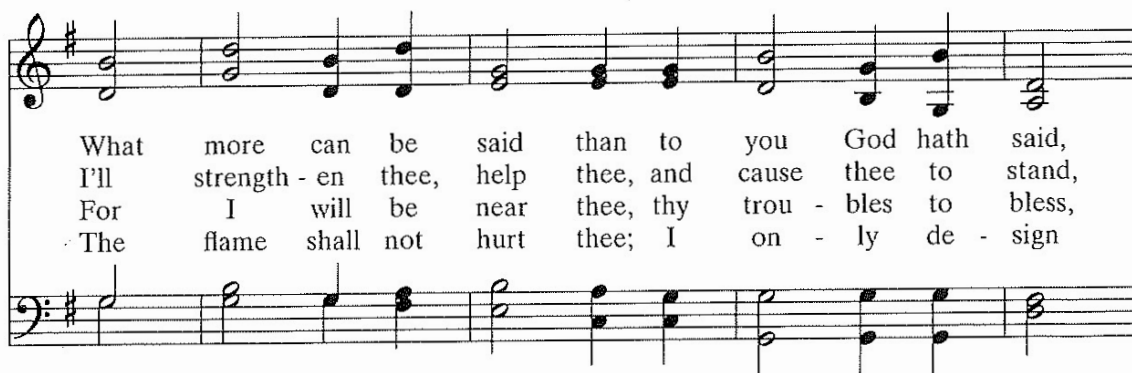
American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832



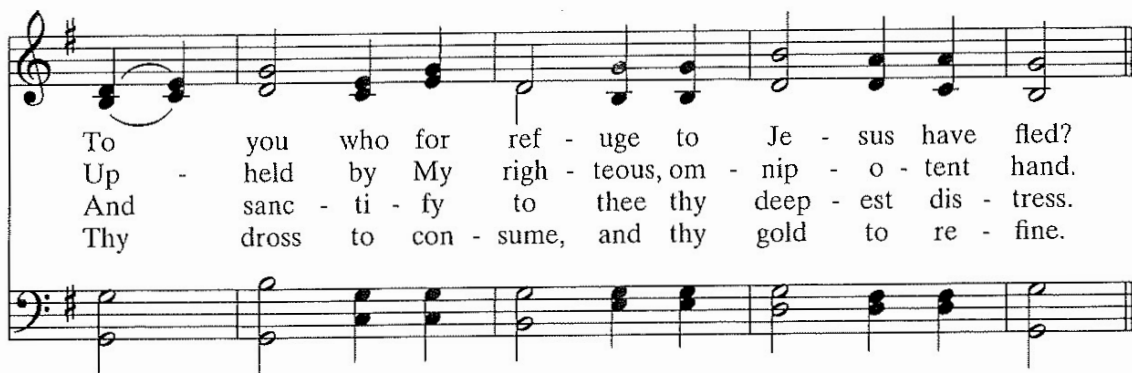
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,



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;



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



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.

5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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Whitney Booth Lockard, Associate Pastor

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