



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 23, 2025
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Reign of Christ 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!**

Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome

Moment for Mission

Thornwell Offering Joan Pinson
FPC Christmas Tea Greta Covington

Song of Gathering

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.

DIX

Call to Worship
I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord.
We will not let our hearts be troubled.
To give you a future with hope.
We will not let our hearts be troubled.

***Hymn 151**

Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor’s needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

***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).

Crown Him with Many Crowns is so familiar that its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty can be missed. It is worthy of meditation outside of corporate worship. The tune’s composer was organist at Windsor Castle and was experienced in creating royal sounds.

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 Sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 a.m. service, children, ages Pre-K - grade 2, are invited to Children's Church held in the Children's Ministry Suite on the first floor.

Lay Reader:
11:00 a.m. Anne Dantzler

The anthem is an arrangement of the chorale from Bach's Cantata 79

*Congregational Response

Jaques 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.

11:00 a.m. Sacrament of Baptism

Through baptism, we welcome Leonard Joseph Dantzler into the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

*Question to the Congregation

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Leo, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ? If so, please stand.

*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.**

Hymn 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

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 John 14:27, page 985

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

11:00 a.m. Anthem *Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach arr. Hal H. Hopson

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices.
Who, from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Second Lesson Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14 page 717

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

Sermon

A Future with Hope

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 413** *All Who Love and Serve Your City* CHARLESTOWN
***8:45 a.m. The Apostle's Creed** Hymnal page 14

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 *Improvisation on Ash Grove*

***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 554** *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE
***Charge and Benediction**
***Congregational Response** Hymn 555, stanza 3
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.
Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Egil Hovland

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All Who Love and Serve Your City is one of few hymns on urban topics. The second stanza quotes John 9 and the third refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem in Matthew and Luke. The final line cites the name give to Israel's future holy city.



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Let All Things Now Living has a folk melody familiar in England and Wales. The North American text bears resemblances to Psalm 148 and the traditional Latin canticle translated "Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord."

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, 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 Sacrament of Baptism. To pick up your child after the service, please go to the church courtyard entrance of the Children's Ministry Suite.

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*
Daniel Baer, *trumpet*
Nathan Baer, *saxophone*

Baptism Elder

Lindsay Griffeth

Lay Reader

11:00 a.m. Anne Dantzler

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson (head),
Michelle Clendenan-Shaw
11:00 a.m. Keith Oelke (head), Lisa Oelke,
Matt Jones

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Justin Winstanley

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the Gunn family by Page and Randy Pate.

NOVEMBER FLOWER TEAM

Susan Ferguson (chair), Shannon Ferguson,
Susan Barrett, Amy Cowsert, 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, 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.

Thornwell Offering Today

Your gift will help prevent child abuse and neglect, build up and reunite families, and support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ. Begun as an orphanage in Clinton, SC, Thornwell now has multi-faceted programs to help children including foster care, residential care, family services, and child development services. Please make your check to FPC with “Thornwell” noted on the bottom, or go to firstpresathens.org/give (please select “Thornwell” under “Select a Fund”). Thanks to the generosity of a friend of Thornwell, this year, whatever is given to Thornwell will be matched dollar for dollar! Please give generously!

Wed@First + LIFT - December 3 - Baked Potato & Soup Bar

Join us for Wednesdays@First where we will participate in our intergenerational LIFT (Living in Faith Together) by breaking bread, studying God’s word, playing, and praying — all together as a family of faith on **December 3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** All are invited to participate!

Please RSVP for dinner in the Atrium, online, or by contacting the church office (e-mail frontdesk@firstpresathens.org or call 706-543-4338) by Monday, December 1 at 12:00 p.m. Price is \$12/person and a \$45/family max (complimentary for children 5 and under).

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 23 - Reign of Christ Sunday

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Monday, November 24

5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Choir Room

5:30 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Tuesday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Breakfast, First Baptist Church

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room

5:30 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Wednesday, November 26 thru Friday, November 27 - Church Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard preaching

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

4:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Room 203

4:00 p.m. St. Andrews Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

4:45 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

5:30 p.m. Youth Group, Rush Trampoline Park

Holidays@First - Outreach and Volunteering Opportunities

Parade of Lights Hospitality – We will provide facilities for participants in the Downtown Athens Parade of Lights on **Thursday, December 4**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard at whitney@firstpresathens.org.

Holiday Meals on Wheels – We still have a few volunteer delivery driver spots open for Thanksgiving. If you are interested in delivering meals, please contact John Turner at johnlovickturner@yahoo.com. We will also be looking for volunteer delivery drivers for Christmas and New Year's Day. Alternatively, you can help cover the cost of one or more meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day by making a financial contribution* **by December 31**.

Salvation Army Angel Tree – Please consider purchasing Christmas gifts for one or more of the 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 7**, or to the church office by **Friday, December 5**.

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank – AAEFB will host their annual Can-a-thon event on **Friday, December 5**. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. and go until finished, usually sometime around 4:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for one or more hours, please e-mail Kim Ramos at aaefb@bellsouth.net.

** For financial contributions make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note cause in memo line, or give online at FirstPresAthens.org/giving and select appropriate fund in drop-down menu.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

31st Holiday Benevolence Market December 7, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

This year, First Presbyterian Church of Athens is hosting the Holiday Benevolence Market, where you can choose meaningful and symbolic gifts on the shopping lists of several non-profit mission partners. This market is specifically designed to share the vision and work of the incredible non-profit organizations all over Athens doing amazing work. It is also designed for teaching our children and grandchildren about how simple acts of generosity can make such a great impact and how we are blessed to be a blessing. More information about the organizations participating and the shopping lists will be published as we approach December 7.

Live Nativity Tuesday, December 9, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Join Weekday School families and friends for our 14th Annual Live Nativity from 6:00–8:00 p.m. this **Tuesday, December 9**. We will be in the Dougherty Street parking deck. Guitarist Bob Burton, FPC Handbell Choir, and special guests will provide live music. WDS teachers will be in the rooms to help children and parents make a Christmas ornament to take home! Hot cocoa will be available for all to enjoy! Come celebrate the birth of our savior and experience the hands on story of the Christ Child! Anyone interested in participating as a character (no lines) or in set-up or clean-up, please contact Elaine Johnson at (706) 206-8180.

2025 Christmas Tea at FPC Thursday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the annual Christmas Tea hosted by the Congregational Care Commission on **Thursday, December 11**, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It will feature The Mellows leading Christmas songs and a message by Dr. Ryan Baer. Please RSVP to the church office at (706) 543-4338 **by Monday, December 8**. Need a ride? Please contact Madeline Van Dyck at madelinevandyck@gmail.com.

Festival of Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for A Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 14, at 11:00, led by the Chancel, St. Andrews, and Youth Choirs of First Presbyterian Church with guest instrumentalist Meghan Bawcum. The service will include music by Bob Chilcott, James Kirkby, and Alexander L'Estrange, and carols sung by all.-

EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Hannah Knight
Interns: Morgan Cassidy, Devon Smith
Nursery Coordinator: Rita Raines

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, Busy Bags, and books are available at the children's tables located in the Narthex and on both sides of the choir loft.

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.

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.*

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

Children and Youth Ministries – Sunday School **Godly Play (4 years–2nd grade)** **Explorers (3rd–5th grade)** **Youth (6th–12th grade)**

Children's Sunday School meets in the Children's Ministry Suite each Sunday starting at 9:45am. Our younger kiddos will be participating in **Godly Play**—an interactive, hands-on, reflective method of learning about God by modeling Bible stories and responding. Our **Explorers Class** is for our 3rd–5th graders and is new this year! This group will spend time learning more about Bible basics and hear the stories of God's people, following the Narrative Lectionary text.

Youth Sunday School meets in the PIT and kicks off each Sunday with donuts & fellowship at 9:45am! We use the Living the Word curriculum from Spirit & Truth Publishing—it directly follows the Narrative Lectionary Text each week. There is time for games, intentional discussion, and hearing the sacred stories of old!

Youth Group (5:30–7:00 p.m.)

Sunday night youth group is a safe space for youth to come as they are! We will split into middle and high school groups, eat a yummy meal, and finish the evening as a large group. There will be games, Bible study, creative response time, and lots of laughs as we spend intentional time together. The theme for this year is "Back to Basics"—we will spend time learning more about key Biblical figures, hearing the stories of old, and diving deeper into prayer. As Jesus reminds us—He is the vine and we are the branches (John 15)! There is value in abiding in the One who knows and loves us fully. Come join us— all are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45–10:40 a.m.

IN PERSON

Bible Basics • Moses Waddel Room

Bible Basics is an intergenerational class that, as the name suggests, focuses on the Bible. This fall, the class is studying the gospel of Luke. If you interested in grappling with questions about this ancient text, please join us in Moses Waddel Room.

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

Builders • Room 301

This class is a space for anyone navigating the complexities of family life, relationships with children and youth, or careers. Our time together will offer a blend of fellowship, mutual 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. Currently we are studying

John's Letters which focuses on the core values of living a Christian life.

Coordinator: Jerry Rogers (jrogerswtw@aol.com)
Zoom ID: 380 330 5940, PW: 245449

New Voices • Room 310

The New Voices class is a discussion based class. Our goal is to create joy through art— come visit our New Voices Art Studio— music, prayer, scripture, class led discussion and community. We're currently reading and discussing Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Difficult Words of Jesus— A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings*. Our discussions are open minded, respectful, topical and fun.

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 have a study and discussion of the course *Jesus and His Jewish Influences*, by Dr. Jodi Magness, professor at UNC Chapel Hill.

Contacts: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com)
Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

ROOTED IN FAITH



Join us in celebrating
EMPHASIS MONTH



Thornwell
BUILDING TOMORROW'S FAMILIES

ROOTED IN FAITH FOR 150 YEARS

Since 1875, Thornwell has been rooted in faith! It is through our faith that God calls us to care for the most vulnerable and know that He will provide. Thornwell began as dream of a young Presbyterian minister, Dr. William Plumer Jacobs, and the faithful gift of fifty cents from a 10-year-old boy named Willie Anderson. That seed of hope grew into a ministry that has served thousands of children and families with love, healing, and support.

Now, 150 years later, Thornwell continues to serve children and families through a Christ-centered continuum of care, supporting children, teens, young adults, and parents through programs across Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Each November, churches like yours join in Thornwell Emphasis Month to celebrate this legacy and continue the work Dr. Jacobs began, helping families grow strong and stay rooted in faith. Whether through a prayer, a post on social media, or coins dropped into a beloved Tom the Turkey bank, your gifts make a lasting difference.

Let's continue the legacy, *rooted in faith and growing in love.*

Check out the suggestions below for some ideas on how your family can be involved! We can't build tomorrow's families without you.

ROOTED IN YOUR FAMILY

- Read the bible and pray together as a family.
- Show kindness and appreciation to each other.
- Set aside "phone-free" time to enjoy each other's company.

ROOTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY

- Serve a neighbor: mow a lawn, drop off a meal, or run an errand.
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup.
- Support foster families with meals, childcare, or prayer.

ROOTED IN MISSION WITH THORNWELL

- Pray for the children and families Thornwell serves.
- Encourage your children to return a full Tom the Turkey this month.
- Share Thornwell's mission and impact on social media.
- Make a financial gift, volunteer, or learn more at **thornwell.org**.

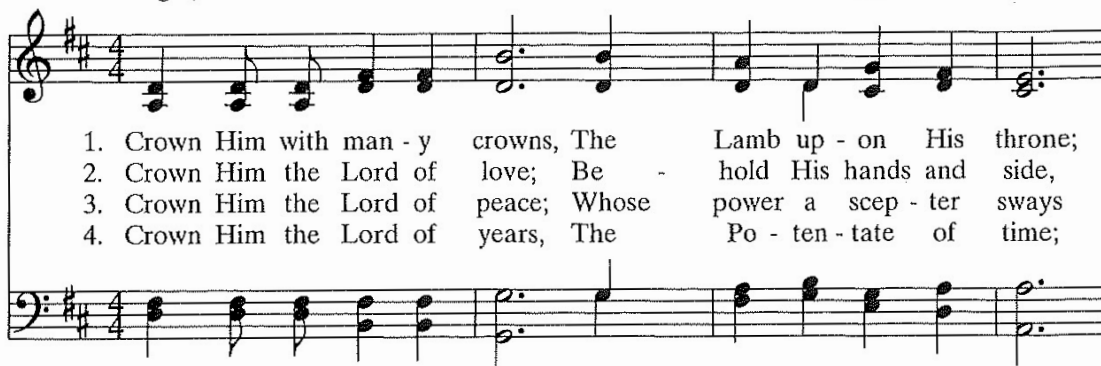
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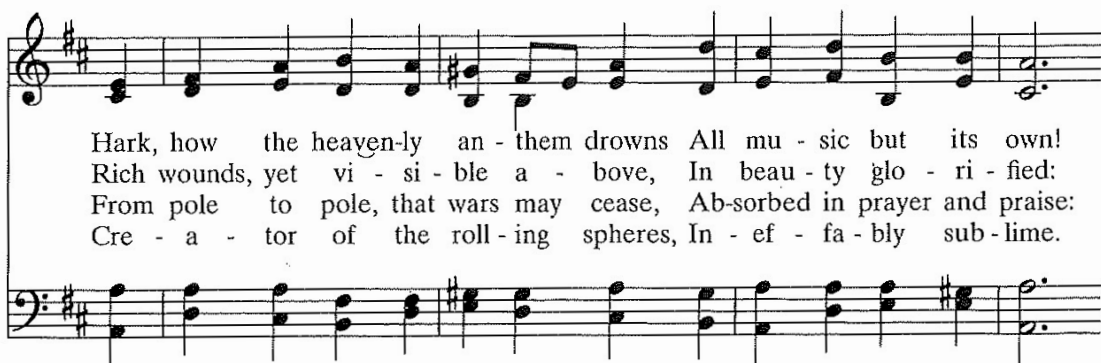
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Matthew Bridges, 1851

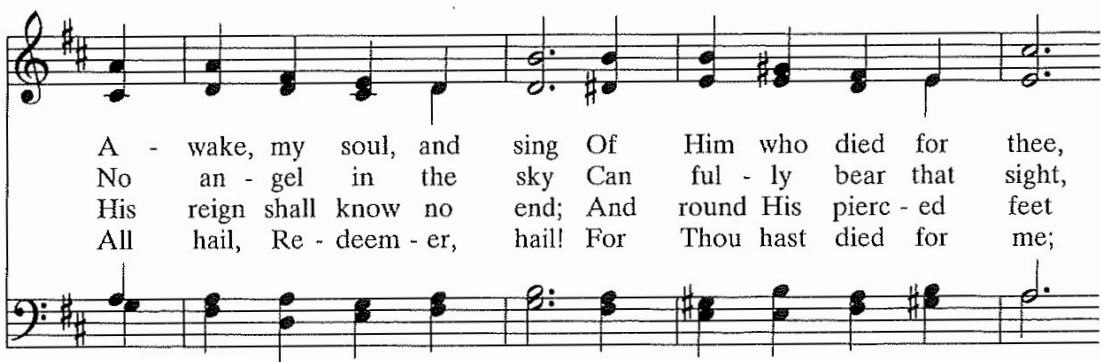
George Job Elvey, 1868



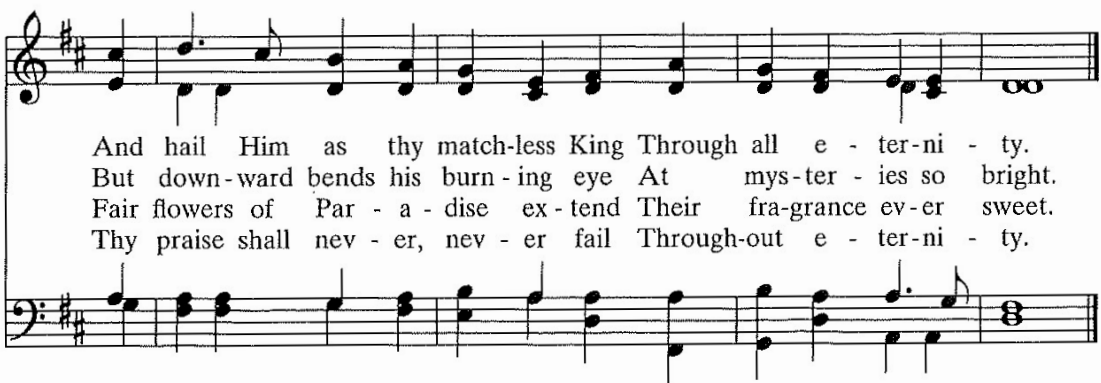
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;



Hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;



And hail Him as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Baptized in Water

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BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.5.9

Michael A. Seward, 1981

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G F G C

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

Em Am Em G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing the
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spir - it, We are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, Thank-ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

All Who Love and Serve Your City

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CHARLESTOWN 8.7.8.7

The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799

Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

Erik Routley, 1966

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, All who bear its dai - ly stress,
 2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, Wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
 3. For all days are days of judg - ment, And the Lord is wait - ing still,
 4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y Be the cit - y of de - spair?

All who cry for peace and jus - tice, All who curse and all who bless:
 Call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 Draw - ing near a world that spurns Him, Of - fering peace from Cal-vary's hill.
 Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

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Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D

Welsh folk melody

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

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Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Senior Pastor Pat Waldrip, Clerk of Session
Whitney Booth Lockard, Associate Pastor

CLASS OF 2026

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