



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!

September 27, 2026
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Choir Dedication 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

Psalm 118:24

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

Prelude

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Sondra K. Tucker

Siyahamba

South African Song

Words of Welcome

Moment for Mission

World Communion Offering

Song of Gathering

Hymn 229, stanza 1

**From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Call to Worship

Blessed are you when people do not like you

Because we work for justice.

Blessed are you when people do not like you

Because we advocate for the oppressed.

Blessed are you when people do not like you

Because we follow God's call to love the world.

*Hymn 264

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Creating and renewing God, you have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world. Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we (cont'd)

**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).

Today we honor the ministry of our six choirs: Cherub Choir (Age 4-Grade 1), St. Andrews Choir (Grades 2-5), Youth Choir (Grades 6-12), Chancel Choir, The Mellows, and the Handbell Choir.

When In Our Music God Is Glorified was written for occasions celebrating music. The text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convert new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, and how sound can be praise.

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 for this special Sunday of Dedication of Choirs.

The anthem, sung by the combined St. Andrews, Youth, and Chancel Choirs, is a hymn usually credited to a Baptist pastor and musician, in an arrangement by American composer, author, and publisher Mark Schweizer.

Lay Reader:
11:00: Carol McKay

Though a lack of punctuation makes *God of the Sparrow* appear free-form and the flowing tune enhances that sense of movement, each stanza is anchored by a final word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God’s presence in an ever-changing world.

know you would have us do. Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made. In Jesus’ holy name. Amen.

***Silent Prayer**
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response** Hymn 579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***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. Dedication of Choirs

11:00 a.m. Anthem *How Can I Keep From Singing!*
Mark Schweizer
My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentations.
I hear the real, through far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knell ringing;
when friends rejoice, both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest ’round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness ’round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm and can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I’m clinging.
Sing love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination Hymn 454, stanza 1
**Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear you;
by your teachings true and holy, drawn from earth to love you solely.**

First Lesson Matthew 5:11-12, page 882
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Genesis 39:1-23, page 35
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Fair or Foul* Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 272** *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER
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, (cont’d)**

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.

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

8:45 Offertory Engelberg Austin Lovelace

11:00 Offertory The Chorister’s Prayer K. Lee Scott
Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple;
grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***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 421** Arise, Your Light Is Come! FESTAL SONG

***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 Engelberg Craig Phillips

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.



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.

Arise, Your Light Is Come is a new version of an older hymn, using the same late 19th-century tune. It echoes imagery from Isaiah 61 and other passages, and is considered a hymn of encouragement.

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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.

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 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.

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

11:00 a.m. Carol McKay

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson (head),

11:00 a.m. Jimbo LaBoon (head),
Ethelyn Simpson, Emily LaBoon

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Justin Winstanley

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph H. Booth and in honor of the birthdays of Whitney Booth Lockard and Josie Lockard by Susan Booth.

SEPTEMBER FLOWER TEAM

Betsy Bushnell (chair), Eve Morris, Lois

Neighbors, Beverly Phares, Lucy Bell

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.

Last Day for Athens Area Diaper Bank Donations

Today is the last day for diaper donations for the Athens Area Diaper Bank! For the month of September, FPC Youth have been collecting donations for the Athens Area Diaper Bank (AADB) to help reach their goal of 100,000 donated diapers in September! Any size of diapers or pull ups and open packs are accepted. Donations can be dropped off in designated boxes in the atrium or the church office. If you need to drop your donations off during the week, they can be dropped off at the church office, and donations will be taken to the Diaper Bank later this week. Thank you in advance for your support of the Athens Area Diaper Bank! Contact Hannah Knight (hannah@firstpresathens.org) with any questions.

Food Sunday October 4

You may bring donations of **cold breakfast cereals, plain white rice, and dried pinto beans/black eyed peas** to church on **Sunday, October 4**. You may also bring items to the church office until **Friday, October 2**. Our neighbors in need are very grateful for your donations! Many thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Sign Up for the New Church App, Realm

Have you signed up for Realm Connect? If you haven't, please scan the QR code and click "Sign Up" or go to onrealm.org/FirstPresAthensGA. More information about Realm can be found on the church website or on our bulletin boards.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 27, Choir Dedication Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Group, Dudley Park

Monday, September 28

- 10:00 a.m. Lay Caller Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Room 205

Tuesday, September 29

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Wednesday, September 30

- 4:30 p.m. Shakespeare and Friends Class, Staff Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, October 1

- 9:05 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 2:00 p.m. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Thanksgiving for the Life of Laura Hill, Sanctuary
- 2:30 p.m. Reception in Memory of Laura Hill, Atrium
- 5:30 p.m. M25 Commission Meeting, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting, Staff Conference Room

Sunday, October 4, World Communion Sunday, Food Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 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, The PIT

World Communion Offering October 4

Next Sunday, **October 4**, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday as we gather at Christ's table alongside our siblings all around the world, a reminder of God's great and reconciling love. That Sunday, we will also collect the World Communion Offering, which works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Thank you for your participation in the World Communion Offering.

Please note your gift to FPC is for "World Communion Offering." If you are making your contribution through FPC website, please select "General Fund" under "Select a Fund," and in the optional memo write "World Communion Offering."

Red Cross Blood Drive Update

First Pres, pat yourselves on the back. Our blood drive on Sunday, September 20 netted 22 units. Absolutely fantastic!! I want to thank the donors and volunteers and all who made it all possible. Without your extraordinary support, we would not have achieved this success. I know the Red Cross is very happy with us as is all of the recipients who will be the beneficiaries of your selfless love. Thank you! - Joe Neighbors

OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed@First + LIFT - October 7 - Tazikis

Wed@First is a monthly gathering for mid-week intergenerational fellowship and growth at FPC. On the first Wednesday of the month (see dates below), everyone is invited to participate in LIFT, our program that combines Shakespeare and Friends, dinner, study, play, and prayer with our church friends of all ages. **LIFT stands for Living in Faith Together.** One of the great gifts unique to the church is the opportunity to grow alongside people from different generations and LIFT presents us with monthly gatherings for fellowship, study, and fun – all around the dinner table with friends of different ages.

The theme for this fall is “Stewardship of Time and Talents”. We will gather for LIFT on **October 7, November 4, and December 2 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** and 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 Mondays at 12:00 p.m. Price is \$12/person and a \$45/family max (complimentary for children 5 and under).

Family Promise Host Weeks October 18-31

FPC will be the host church for Family Promise from **October 18 - 31**. Volunteers directly impact and assist the families by helping provide a meal, giving a \$25 donation (to First Pres with Family Promise in memo) to purchase groceries or rideshare gift cards, driving the families to job interviews or medical appointments (using the Family Promise van), or helping on Saturday with a children’s activity at the Day Center (located at 205 Bray St.) as part of our Go Forth volunteer initiative.

To volunteer, please sign up at tinyurl.com/FPAVolunteer. If you have questions, please contact the Family Promise Coordinators, Susan Boatwright at boatwright.susan@gmail.com or Jean Bock at jbock@bellsouth.net.

New Members First Things Class

Join us for our next FirstThings gathering on **Sunday, October 18 from 12:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** This will be a time to get better acquainted, meet the church staff, and talk about what makes First Presbyterian Church of Athens unique.

On **Sunday, October 25**, new members will meet with the Session (our governing board) at **10:00 a.m.** to be received into membership and will be introduced to the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. service. To RSVP, please call the church office (706-543-4338) or e-mail Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard at whitney@firstpresathens.org by **Tuesday, October 13**.

Go Forth - FPC Day of Service Saturday, October 24

Join us for a morning of church-wide service to and with our neighbors all around Athens! We will have several different sites to choose from, with projects for children, youth, and adults at all ability levels. Note that start/end times will vary from site to site – details will be available soon. Please reach out to Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard (whitney@firstpresathens.org) with any questions.

We will gather in the FPC Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast and prayer together before breaking into our groups to “go forth” to share the love of Christ with our neighbors, partnering with our neighbors to serve all over town!

Volunteers Needed for the FPC Resource Pantry!

The Matthew 25 (M25) Commission launched our “Resource Pantry” to create relationships with and support our neighbors in the Bethel Midtown community two years ago. The M25 Commission seeks three volunteers for each Thursday from **October 15 through November 19** from **4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** to help with set up, clean up, and to assist with the distribution of the pantry items. Please access the sign up at tinyurl.com/FPCRESOURCEPANTRY2026 if you would like to volunteer.

We are excited to hold those pantry distributions again this year and welcome all to join us.

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 Jay Holloway, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at jaytholloway@gmail.com. You can also fill out the form in the website (www.firstpresathens.org).

Current Elders:
(Not eligible for recommendation)

CLASS OF 2027

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

CLASS OF 2028

Steven Brooks
Courtney Dantzler
Shannon Ferguson
Edward W. (Ned) Phares
Holly Sheats
Lawton Stephens
Madeline Van Dyck
John Webster

CLASS OF 2029

Meghan Bawcum
Stephen Covington
Andrew Griffeth
Anne Marie Miller
Mike Morris
Leslye Queen
Laura Toney
Gail Wilfong

I prayerfully recommend the following for Elder:

Name	Reasons	
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Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are Jay Holloway (Chair), Matt Jones, Jimbo LaBoon, and Beverly Phares.

EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Director of Children and Youth Ministries: Hannah Knight

Interns: Morgan Cassidy

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.*

Contact Hannah Knight (hannah@firstpresathens.org), Director of Children and Youth Ministries, with any questions.

Children's Sunday School meets in the Children's Ministry Suite each Sunday starting at 9:45am. Our younger children participate in **Godly Play** (4 years to 2nd grade), an interactive, hands-on, reflective method of learning and wondering about God's great story. Our **Explorers Class** (3rd – 5th grade) also learn the stories of God's people, through acting out stories, worship and prayer practices, designing and playing games, and more!

Youth Sunday School (6th – 12th grade) meets in the PIT (youth space on basement level) kicking off each Sunday with donuts & fellowship at 9:45am. This class studies scripture that follows the texts of that morning's worship service, engaging these sacred stories alongside games and fun conversation. Middle and high school small groups will meet together sometimes, as well as in separate small groups.

Youth Group (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

This Sunday evening gathering is a safe space for both middle school (6th–8th grades) and high school youth (9th–12th grades) to come as they are to enjoy fellowship, dinner, games, Bible study, and prayer-- a great way to begin the week! The theme for this year is "Fruit of the Spirit" (as found in Galatians 5), so we will learn about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — and how those fruits help us to follow Christ in our daily lives. All are welcome — bring a friend!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Bible Basics • Moses Waddel Room

This fall, we will explore the beginning and early years of Israel's monarchy as recounted in the books of 1 & 2 Samuel. Just as the early Israelites did in ancient times, we will wrestle with the questions of: Who is God? Who are we as God's people? What is God's plan for us and God's creation? If you are interested in learning how these issues are addressed in these Old Testament texts, please join us. *Contacts: David Dantzler (jdaviddantzler@gmail.com) and Elaine Johnson (elaine@firstpresathens.org)*

Del Dunn Sunday School Class • Room 308

We offer an in-depth study of scripture in a collegial environment and welcome all who seek to enrich their understanding of the Bible and its application to our daily lives. Several teachers rotate in leading the class in thought-provoking discussions. Our study for the fall is 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus in the LifeGuide Bible Studies series published by InterVarsity Press. *Coordinator: Jerry Rogers: jrogerswtw@aol.com.* Zoom ID: 380 330 5940, PW: 245449

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)*

New Voices • Room 310

Our goal is to create joy through art, food, music, prayer, scripture, class-led discussion, community, open-mindedness, and inclusion. This year, we hope to discuss a variety of topics and texts: darkness and light, *Christian Doctrine* (Shirley Guthrie), and *Ecclesiastes for You and Me* (John Iles). *Contact: Lewis Hudgins (lewisahudgins@gmail.com)* Zoom ID: 674 533 8902

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley-Stern

Rev. Will Norman will lead us in discussion on books of the New Testament. On other weeks, we watch and discuss the "Great Churches of Christianity", a DVD series led by Professor William Cook. All are welcome, as are all viewpoints.

Contact: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com)

Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

Fred Pratt Green, 1972

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, And a - do -
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found A new di -
 3. So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, In faith and
 4. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, It is as
 men - sion in the world of sound, As wor - ship
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, Borne wit - ness
 joyce who have a voice to raise! And may God

though the whole cre - a - tion cried: Al - le - lu - ia!
 moved us to a more pro - found Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the truth in ev - ery tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

Final ending
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

Carl F. Schalk, 1983

1. God of the spar-row God of the whale
 3. God of the rain-bow God of the cross
 5. God of the neigh-bor God of the foe

God of the swirl-ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the emp-ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun-ing hook How does the crea-ture say

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace

Descant on stanzas 2, 4, 6

2. God of the earth-quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
 4. God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -
 6. God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the lov - ing

blast
 gal
 heart
 How does the crea-ture cry Woe
 How does the crea-ture say Care
 How do your chil-dren say Joy

How does the crea-ture cry Save
 How does the crea-ture say Life
 How do your chil-dren say Home

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text.

Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It also features a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The system concludes with a double bar line.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

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

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Mr. Wayne Brock, *Sexton*
Mr. Justin Winstanley, *Sunday Morning Manager*
Ms. Morgan Cassidy, *Children and Youth Ministries Intern*