

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 11, 2024, 11:00 AM



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## GATHERING

Ringling of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Prelude

Frank Bridge

\*Call to Worship

Ethan Murphy

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

**Hear our voices!**

We wait for you;

**in your word we hope.**

O magnify our God with me.

**Let us lift God's name together,**

For we sought the holy One

**And they answered us;**

God delivered us from all fear.

**Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.**

\*Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

\*Call to Confession

Pierce Withers

\*Prayer of Confession

**Hear our prayer, O God of grace.**

**You have called us to wear truth as a garment,**

**but we are prone to lie and would rather wear a mask.**

**You have called us to struggle against evil in this world,**

**but instead we struggle for success and for power.**

**You have called us to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,**

**but we keep it to ourselves, for fear of being judged.**

**Hear our prayer, O God of grace.**

**Clothe us in your strength, peace, and faith.**

**Wash us in your mercy,**

**and make us imitators of your compassion.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\*Response

Give Praise to the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Hymn 550, v. 1

\*The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

## PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination  
Hymn 405, v. 2–3

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

Hebrew Scripture

2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33

Miriam Gurniak

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 130

Epistle

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 739

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS

Gospel

John 6:35, 41–51

Rev. Glenn Hodges

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

## RESPONDING

\*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

**The life, death, resurrection,  
and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.  
His human life involves the church  
in the common life of all people.  
His service to men and women  
commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.  
His suffering makes the church sensitive  
to all human suffering  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.  
His crucifixion discloses to the church  
God's judgment on the inhumanity  
that marks human relations,  
and the awful consequences  
of the church's own complicity in injustice.  
In the power of the risen Christ  
and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise  
of God's renewal of human life in society  
and of God's victory over all wrong.  
The church follows this pattern  
in the form of its life  
and in the method of its action.  
So to live and serve  
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pierce Withers

Prayers of the People

Rev. Glenn Hodges

We wait for you, Lord, **in your word we hope.**

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.**

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy face to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine  
reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior,  
speak.*

*Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.*

*Might Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength  
and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.*

*Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be, Give him who gave me thee.*

\*Presentation Hymn

OLD HUNDREDTH

*May God forever be our peace;  
may hymns of glory never cease:  
Let all the faithful people come;  
sing praise to God, the Three-in-One.  
Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

## SENDING

\*Hymn 734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

\*Blessing and Charge

The blessing of the one God—Spirit, Son, and Father—be with you now and always.

Ephesians 4:4–6

**Alleluia!**

Lead a life worthy of your calling, giving glory to God in all things.

Ephesians 4:1

**Amen.**

Voluntary

Tocatta in D minor, BWV 538 ("Dorian")

J. S. Bach

\*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

## IN WORSHIP TODAY

Today's sanctuary flowers are given in memory of Charles Witmer, 8/10/1958 – 8/2/2012, by his family.

“**Kingdom**” or “**Kindom**” in the Lord’s Prayer? Our Scriptures were developed when Kingdoms were the going community structure. We realize now that other Biblical metaphors, like *koinonia*, more adequately capture the communities of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached.

**Prayer Concerns** — **We offer prayers for healing** for Steven Olson, Sarita Gustely, Patricia Yeilding, Elizabeth Lajeunesse, Cindy Harden, Carol Lou Phillips, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Jodie Kim Geradine, Sandra Sherrard, Martha Snowden, and Catherine Parrish. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Evanna (Wayne Friedemann’s sister); Vanessa Joy, her husband Kyle, and their three daughters; and for Patricia McCoy Delancey, Thaddeus Gillon, and Aidan (grandson of Sue Safford). We pray for Monique Ellsworth and the staff and volunteers of Second Harvest of the Big Bend; for all those recovering from storm damage; and for victims of gun violence in our community and our country. We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. We pray for peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yielding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children** are welcome in this service as full members of God’s family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the back door. Child care for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

**Restrooms** are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle of the sanctuary.

**An induction loop system** is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

**Large print versions** of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

**Visitors:** We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or about church membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members during worship on the second Sunday of each month. Please join us in the courtyard after worship today for lemonade.

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## QR Codes

Online Offerings & Donations



Give Online!



Check-in

Let us know you came to Worship Today!



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### MEMBERS OF SESSION 2024–26

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## Here in This Place

401

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## 550

## Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;  
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,  
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;  
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;  
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;  
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;  
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,  
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;  
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might  
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.  
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.  
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.  
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized by themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.

## Praise God for This Holy Ground 405

Capo 2: (D)

(G)

(A)

(Bm)



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,  
 2 Praise God in whose word we find  
 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known  
 4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,  
 5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7)

(D/F#)

(Em7)

(Asus4) (A)



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.  
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.  
 all are loved and called God's own.  
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.  
 where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain

(D)

(G)

(Em7)

(A)

(F#7)

(Bm)



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D)

(Em7)

(A7)

(D)



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

## O for a Closer Walk with God 739

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a  
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet  
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -  
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -  
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that  
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it  
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!  
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.  
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.  
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.



# 607

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

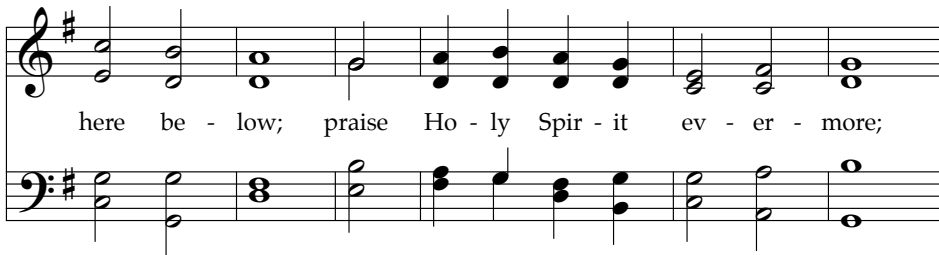
The image shows a musical score for a doxology. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by a sharp sign on the F line. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style, primarily using chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
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OLD HUNDREDTH  
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## SERVICE MUSIC



here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.



praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The lower staff provides the harmonic accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in both staves.

# Hope of the World 734



1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;  
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:  
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:  
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.  
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.  
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."