

SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

First Presbyterian Church

Tallahassee, Florida

October 19, 2024, 11:00 AM



In Memoriam

Jodie Kim Geradine

December 19, 1964 – October 5, 2024

GATHERING

Voluntary

*Sentences of Scripture

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **maker of heaven and earth.**

*Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*Call to Confession

*Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God,
in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.**

**Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Peace

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

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 40:28–31

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

Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Psalm 23

RESIGNATION

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–17

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

Eulogy

Miriam Gurniak

Gospel

John 14:1–6, 25–27

Rev. Mary Vance

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

Sermon

RESPONDING

*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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Supplication, and Intercession

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Vocal Solo

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert

SENDING

*Commendation

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all. We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. This you ordained when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave
we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints, where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting. Amen.

*Blessing and Charge

Hymn 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

A reception will immediately follow the service in the Westminster Room.

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

LEADING THIS SERVICE

Presider & Reader	Rev. Glenn Hodges, Pastor
Sermon	Rev. Mary Vance
Eulogist	Miriam Gurniak
Musicians	Joe Kraus, <i>Organ/Piano</i> Carla Connors, <i>soprano</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

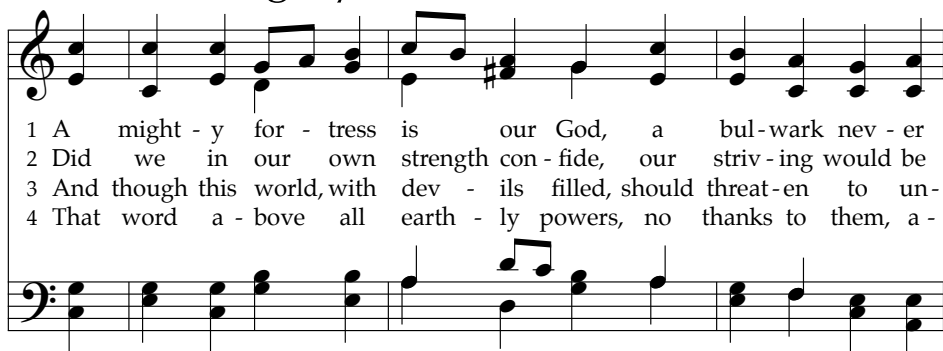
Large print versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

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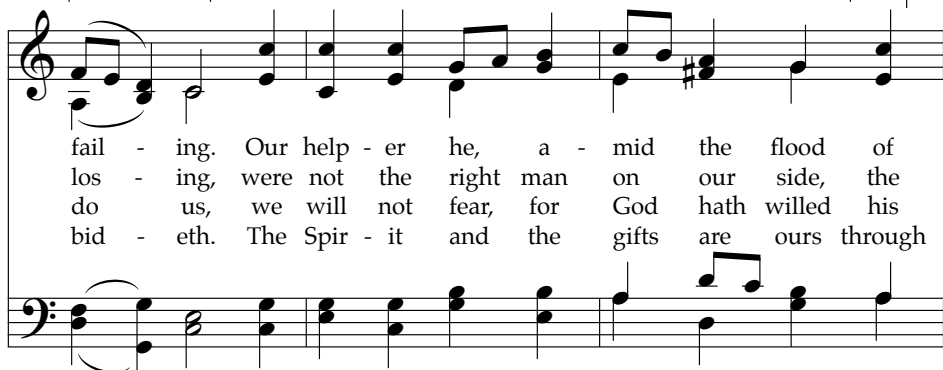


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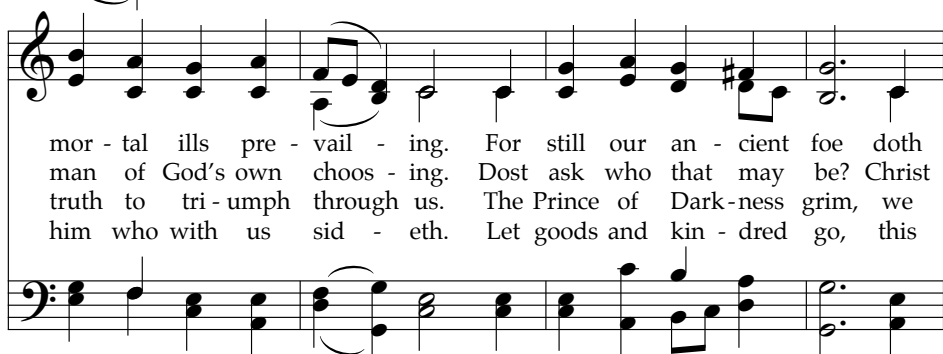
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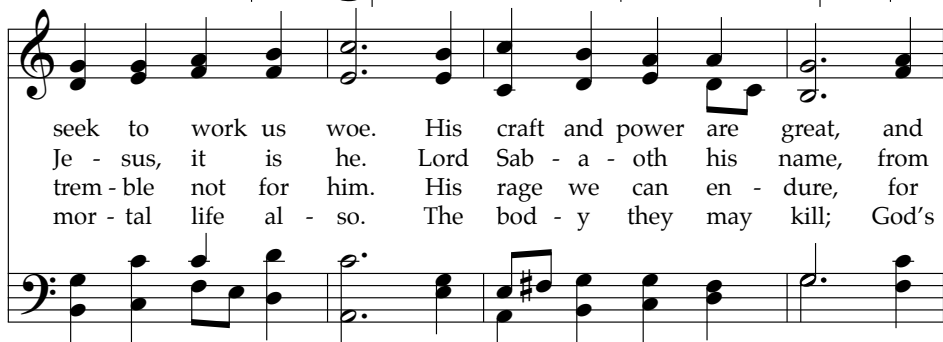
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score with two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a bass line in bass clef. The lyrics are written between the staves. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and one flat (Bb), and the time signature is 8/8.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4