

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other, in suffering and in joy, that all your children may be drawn into your bountiful dwelling. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Pentecost Offering

Stephanie Mack

Introit

"God Is So Good To Me"

Anonymous

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God is our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.

Leader: We need not fear.

People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Christ Is Alive!"

#246

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Lord of abiding love and infinite patience, be with us this day. We have come from times of stress and difficulties, as well as times of hope and

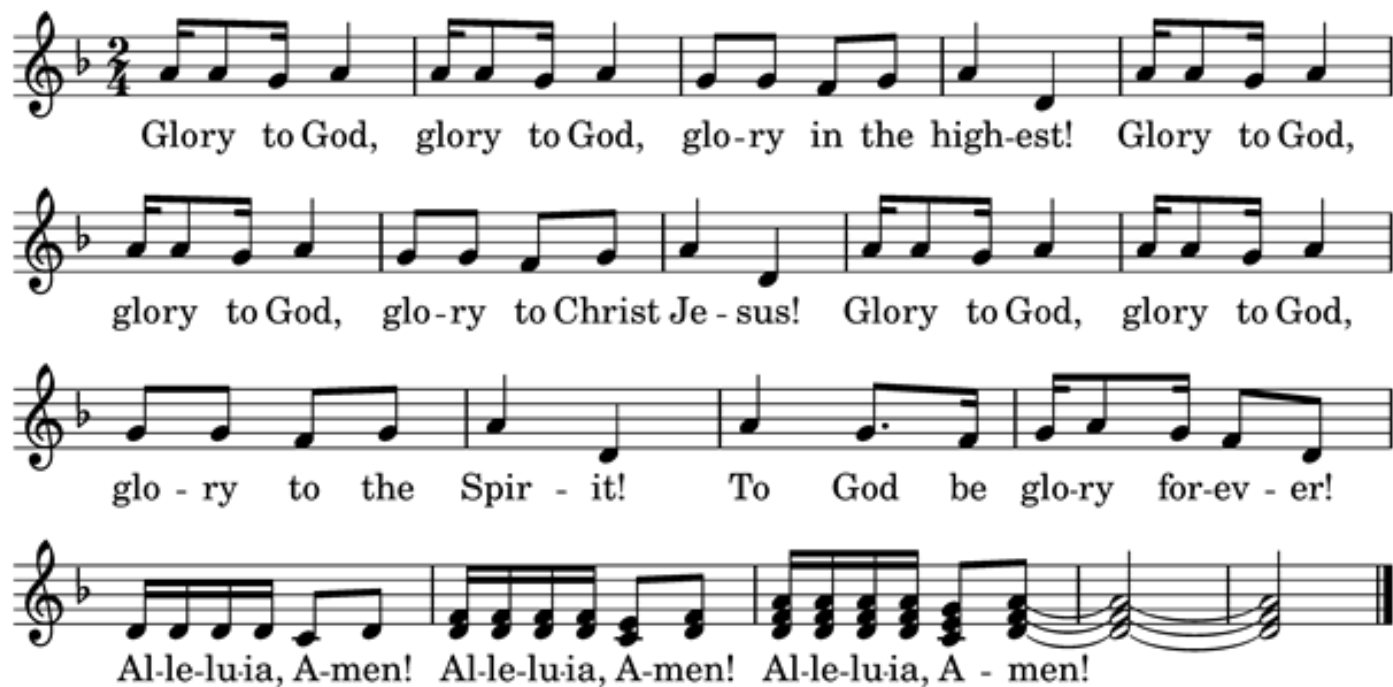
joy. We bring to you our concerns and our fears, and you offer your healing mercies. We confess that we haven't thought a whole lot about you this week. We have let events and demands crowd you out of our thoughts and our actions; yet when we come to this, your house, we again seek your forgiveness for our blindness and apathy. Turn our lives around, Lord. Help us look again at the many ways in which you bless and care for us. Help us be people who will reach out to others in loving compassion. For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.
(Silent prayer of confession.)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Hymn

“Glory to God”

#585



Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry in the high-est! Glory to God,
glory to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus! Glory to God, glory to God,
glo - ry to the Spir - it! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!
Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Choir Anthem “Offerings Of Love”

Robert Wetzler, 1982

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,

Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth you would count as your own:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay at his throne.

Second Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Islands of Already”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Confession of Faith (6.058)

Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith cometh by hearing the Word of God, Christ hath commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.

***Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation”

#463

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.

Recognition of Our Sunday School Teachers

(Paul Oswalt, Cody Smith, Hope Smith, Gina Wells, Gailyn Whipple)

Presentation of Bibles to First-Year Sunday School Children

(Jace Johnson, Seth Johnson, Lettie Smith)

***Invitation to Offering**

***Response** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (refrain) #240

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn** “Why Should I Feel Discouraged?” #661

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

“We Are the Church”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff has a melody with lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff has a melody with lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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***Postlude** "O For a World" arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood
Steve Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Paul Oswalt

Acolyte: Darren Cox

Flowers: Given by Bob & Harriet Dana in honor of their children.

Paul Oswalt is an Elder and Deacon and member of the Chancel Choir. He also facilitates the Flock of Ages adult Sunday School class. Originally from Centerburg, Ohio, he married into town and joined First Presbyterian Church of London in 1997. He has two daughters, Leila and Kyla, who live in Lewis Center. Paul participates in Madison County Arts Council summer productions and organizes the Music Men & Jen barbershop quartet. He works fulltime for the Madison County Auditor.