

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 23, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Thompson

ORGAN PRELUDE

### *Solidarity with the Psalmist: Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 145

Mr. Andy Woodard

Come, let's praise God together!

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty,  
of His mighty acts throughout history.

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's remember the compassion He has shown toward us;  
Let's remember the mercy and unfailing love He has given  
to generation after generation.

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

Let's worship God together!

**For God is great, and worthy of our praise!**

INTROIT

*Great Is the Lord*  
Jim Wiggins, Soloist

Michael W. Smith

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Woodard

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,  
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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*Solidarity with the Psalmist: Lament*

THE PSALM

Psalm 69:1-3, 13-16

Mrs. Jamie Burns

In Pew Bible, page 653 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

*Lament*

Rev. Thompson

SOLO

*In Deepest Night*

ROSE MARY

Vicky Overman, Soloist

In deepest night, in darkest days, when harps are hung, no songs we raise,  
when silence must suffice as praise, yet sounding in us quietly  
there is the song of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived, dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;  
so with us in our grief God grieves, and round about us mournfully  
there are the tears of God.

When through the waters winds our path, around us pain, around us death:  
deep calls to deep, a saving breath, and found beside us faithfully  
there is the love of God.

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*Solidarity with the Psalmist: Anger*

THE PSALM

Psalm 13:1-4

Mr. Woodard

In Pew Bible, page 609 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God; **thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

*Anger*

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 295

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
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## *Solidarity with the Psalmist: Thanksgiving*

THE PSALM

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Mrs. Burns

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
who alone does great wonders,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
who spread out the earth on the waters,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
who made the great lights,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
the sun to rule over the day,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever;**  
the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
It is God who remembered us in our low estate,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
and rescued us from our foes,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
who gives food to every living creature,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**  
O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**

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

MEDITATION

*Thanksgiving*

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 371

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Woodard

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

## INVITATION

*It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.*

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 592 *How Can I Keep from Singing*

ENDLESS SONG

## +BENEDICTION

Based on Psalm 121

Rev. Thompson

People of God, lift up your eyes to the hills—from where will our help come?

**Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

God will not let your foot be moved;

**He who keeps us will not slumber.**

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

**He will keep our life.**

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## +CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

*As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

## +POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given in loving memory of Bill & Ruth Overman by their sons, Glenn, Russell & Mark Overman and their families.*

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## O God Beyond All Praising

*Unison*

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship You to-day  
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 that we who know Your fa-vor may serve You as our King;

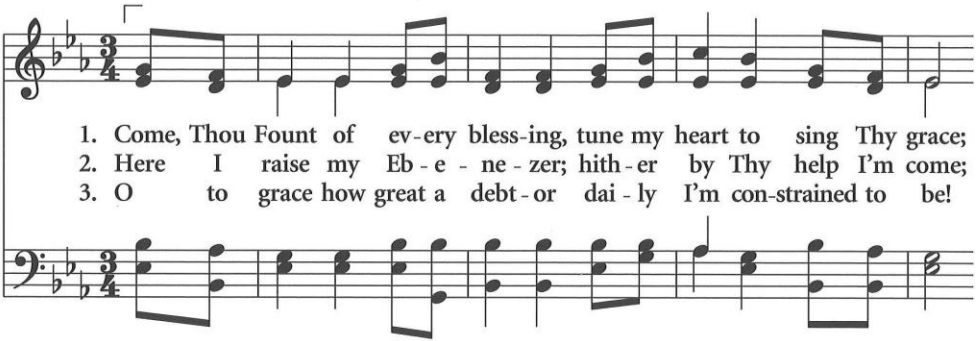
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift You send,  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end;  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless You still:

we lift our hearts be - fore You and wait up - on Your Word,  
to mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore You, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.


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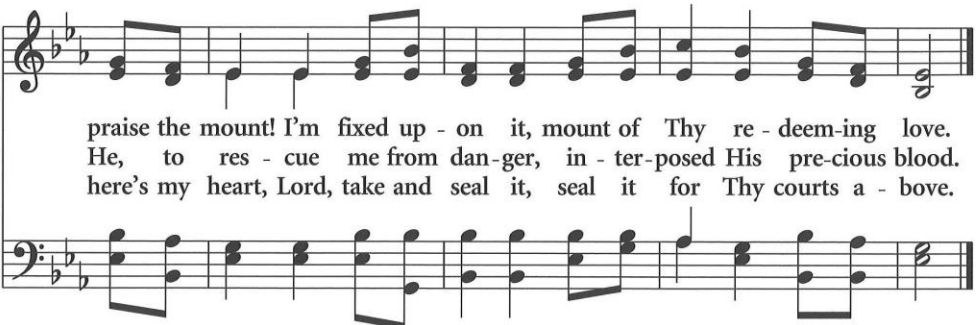
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise:  
and I hope, by Thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home:  
Let Thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to Thee:



teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem-ing love.  
He, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed His pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

# Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

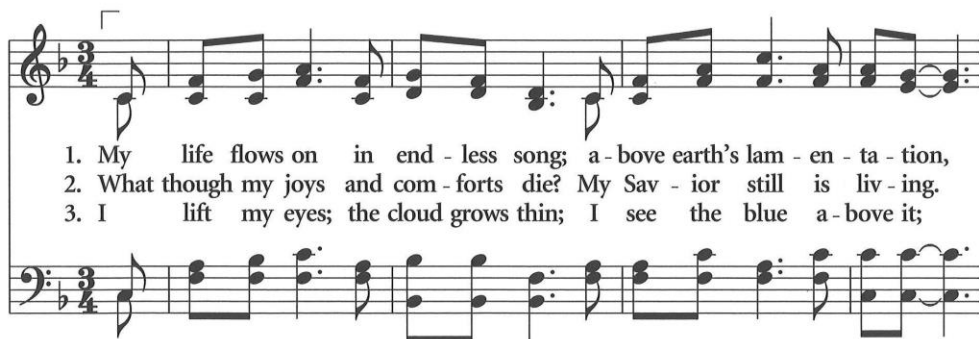
who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way  
 and keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

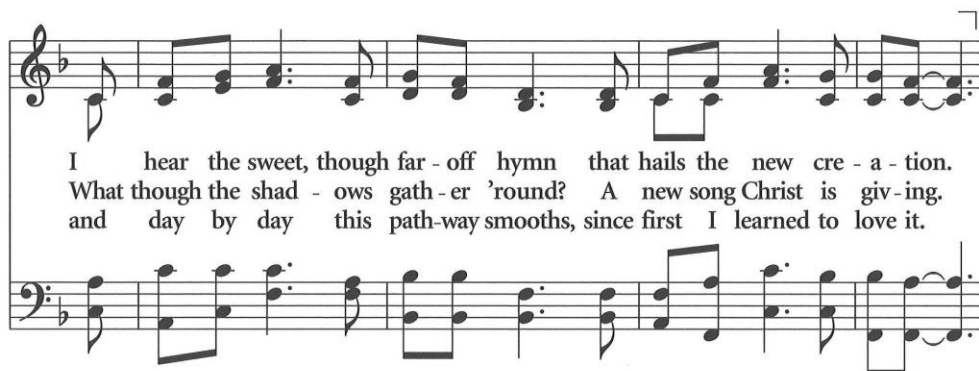


# How Can I Keep from Singing

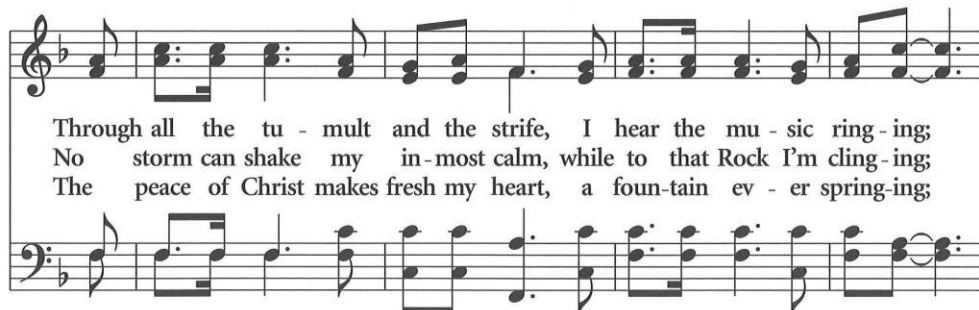
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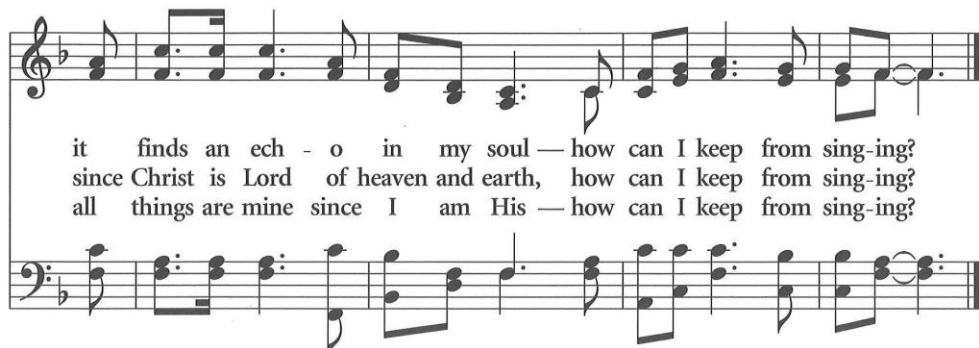
1. My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,  
 2. What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is liv - ing.  
 3. I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it;



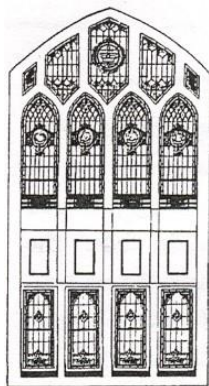
I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails the new cre - a - tion.  
 What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A new song Christ is giv - ing.  
 and day by day this path-way smooths, since first I learned to love it.



Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing;  
 No storm can shake my in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing;  
 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing;



it finds an ech - o in my soul — how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
 all things are mine since I am His — how can I keep from sing - ing?



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 23, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

Trey Gilliam and his family are away today helping their daughter settle into her dorm as she begins her freshmen year in college.

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## ✠ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm, live-streamed on our church Facebook page.

## ✠ Food Pantry Help Needed on Tuesday Mornings

Volunteers are needed for the Tuesday distribution of food boxes. If you are interested in helping, please report to First Presbyterian Church on any given Tuesday at 7 am for instructions. You should be finished by noon. The Tuesday distribution continues weekly until further notice.

## ✠ Nominating Committee Report

On Sunday, August 30, we will hold a church conference for the purpose of approving the Nominating Committee report for the 2020-2021 Church Year. As you read the report, please give thanks for all those who have said “yes” to serving and pray that any vacancies will be filled by the start of the new Church Year on September 1st. If you have any questions, contact a committee member, J.C. Doughtie, Joyce Leary, Arlene Raiford, Lou Riddick and Mary Ann Umphlett.

## ✠ Transition Team Update

We are hoping to resume in-person worship soon after the sanctuary renovation is complete. When we do, we will observe safety measures such as face coverings and social distancing. Future developments may require us to change course; however, we hope we will not have to do this. We anticipate the sanctuary will be ready sometime in late September or early October.

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