



# First Presbyterian Church of Albany

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF FAITH TO ALL

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost • October, 20 2024  
10:30 Worship



# Welcome!

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC,  
we are glad you are worshipping here this morning!

## The Gathering

*\*indicates when to rise in body or spirit*

### **Prelude**

*Lied from 24 Pieces in a free style*

Louis Vierne

### **Welcome**

### **Announcements**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Ringing of the Bell**

### **Choral Introit**

*Not Unto US*

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

Not unto us, oh Lord, but unto thy name give the praise,  
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

### **\*Call to Worship**

One: After a week of worry and work, struggle and rest, hunger and fullness, we  
sense God's call to pause our week, and dedicate a day to truth and hope.

**All: God calls us to worship and to renewal.**

One: God offers us powerful love and forgiveness.

**All: God shows us how we ought to live.**

One: In return, we offer a mix of obedience and selfish requests.

**All: Even so, God's love and care is everlasting.**

One: God's forgiveness awaits our arrival in this hour. Let us worship the living  
God.

### **\*Hymn No. 34**

*Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!*

RUSTINGTON

### \*Prayer of Confession

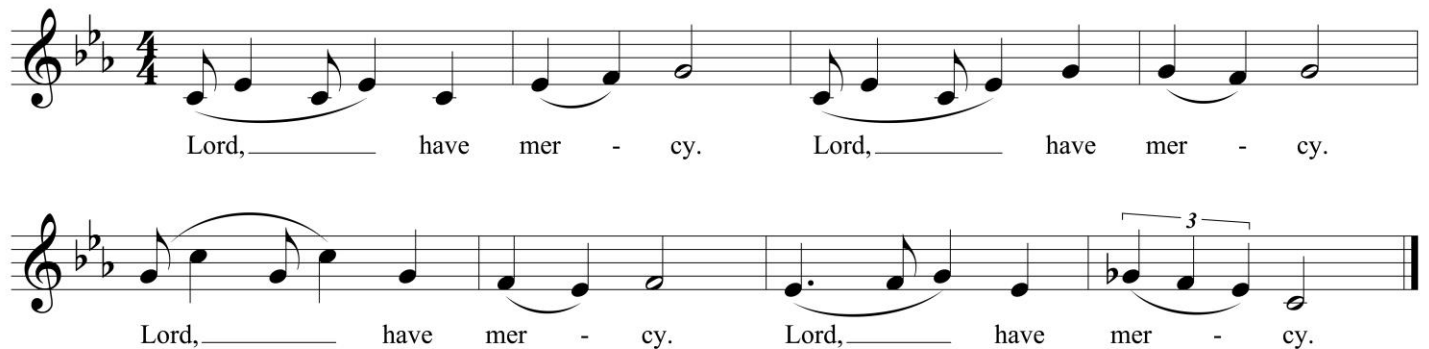
**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like a lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which ought not to have been done. O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your name.**

*Silent prayers of personal confession may be offered.*

### \*Kyrie Eleison 551

*Lord, Have Mercy*

KYRIE ELEISON



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains two measures of music with lyrics "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy." The second staff contains two measures of music with lyrics "Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy." The second measure of the second staff features a triplet of eighth notes.

### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

#### \*The Welcome and Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

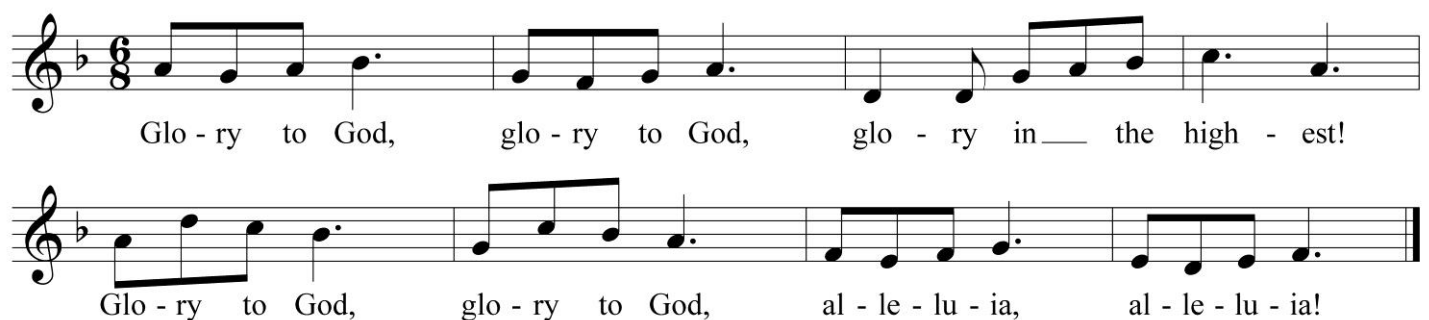
**All: And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another with words and signs of peace.*

### \*Gloria Patri No. 583

*Glory To God*

GLORIA (TAIZE)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in \_\_\_ the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is in G major (one flat) and 6/8 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains four measures of music with lyrics "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in \_\_\_ the high - est!". The second staff contains four measures of music with lyrics "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!".

## New Member Recognition

### Welcome

One: Now as a sign of oneness in Christ and an expression of our welcome to these new members let us, the members of First Presbyterian Church, please say together the welcome printed in the bulletin. New members of First Pres please turn to face the congregation.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church and into the common life of First Presbyterian Church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

## The Word

### Old Testament Lesson

Job 38:1-7 (O.T., p. 484)

Ellen Eisenbraun

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 104:1-9

Daniel Hoke, *baritone*

*(Cantor sings the refrain once then followed by the congregation)*

Praise the Lord.      Praise the Lord.      Praise the name of the Lord.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!. **(R)**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind; you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants **(R)**

You found the earth on its base, to stand firm from age to age. You wrapped it with the ocean lie a cloak: the waters stood higher than the mountains. **(R)**

At your threat they took to flight; at the voice of your thunder they fled. They rose over the mountains and flowed down to the place which you had appointed. You set limits they might not pass lest they return to cover the earth **(R)**

**Anthem***Incline Your Ear*

Edwin Fissinger

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Incline your ear, and come unto me. Hear and your souls shall live;  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 10:35–45 (N.T., p. 47)

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ.****Sermon***Pestered by Selfishness Again*

Glenn Leupold

**Our Response****\*Hymn No. 720***Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

**Prayers of the People**

Peg Schalit

*There is a “Prayers of the People” book on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We encourage the congregation to write their concerns and thanksgivings in the book before the service so they can be included in the Prayers of the People. Several petitions are offered, each concluding with: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

**Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts**

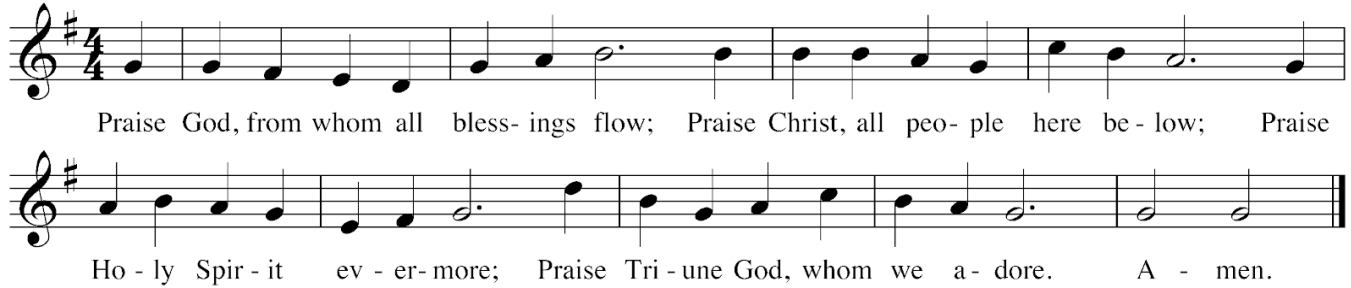
*Ushers will pass the offering plates to each pew. There are also offering receptacles located in the back of the sanctuary. You may place your offering in one on the way into worship or as you leave. You may also donate online at <https://firstpresalbany.org/give/> or scan the QR code to the right.*

**Offertory***Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee*

Charles H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay;  
let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side.  
If the world or Satan lay tempting snares about my way,  
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.  
If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.  
Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee:  
dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.

**\*Doxology (sung in unison)**



Praise God, from whom all bless- ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo- ple here be - low; Praise  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

*All those, including children, who seek the way of Christ and desire fellowship in the church are invited to the Lord's Table to share in our common meal of Thanksgiving.*

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(prayer continues)*

One: ...Hear us now as together we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray, saying:

**All: 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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People**

*The congregation is served at the front of the sanctuary, coming forward by the center aisle and returning by the side aisles. Communion is by intinction – take a piece of bread from the loaf or a piece of pita from the plate, dip it into the cup of juice, and eat. When served, you may respond by saying “Amen,” “Thanks be to God,” or another response. You may choose a sealed prepackaged communion element from one of the baskets – the ones with “GF” are gluten-free. If you prefer to receive communion in the pew, you may remain in your seat and signal an usher. Servers will bring you the elements.*

### **Communion Music**

*Benedictus*

François Schwab

Daniel Hoke, *baritone*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Blessed who comes in name of the Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**All: God of salvation and grace, we thank you for this meal. It is a chance to experience your presence. This meal is a chance for us to use tangible items that represent the intangible truth that you come to us and enter our hearts, and long to do ministry together in a life of grace and love. For this we are forever thankful. Amen**

## **The Sending**

### **\*Hymn No. 65**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

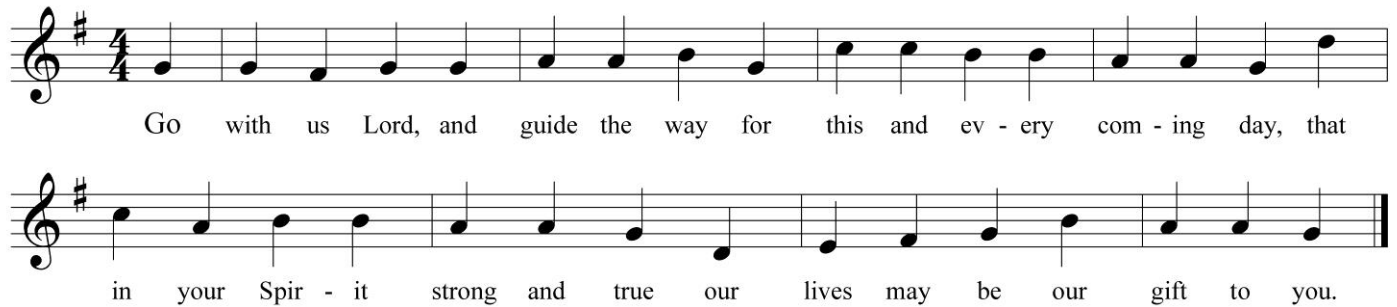
### **\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Response by the People (*in unison*) Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

**\*Responsive Hymn 748**

*Go with Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANON



Go with us Lord, and guide the way for this and ev - ery com - ing day, that  
in your Spir - it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

**Postlude**

*Cortège from 24 Pieces in a free style*

Louis Vierne

*You may be seated if you wish to listen to the postlude.  
Please come to Assembly Hall for Fellowship Time.*

*For your convenience and as an aid to your worship experience, large print hymnals and  
Bibles are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.*

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## **All are Welcome in this Place!**

New faces and voices are always welcome and add to the spirit of our worship, education, mission and fellowship. Let us know you worshipped with us by either filling in the yellow card in the pew in front of you or by scanning the QR code. Pastors Miriam & Glenn use email addresses to share congregational email and important announcements about the life of the church.



### **First Presbyterian Church**

is a community for all people where apprentices of Jesus seek to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

We are called by God to envision and work toward eradicating systemic poverty, eliminating structural racism and sharing the experience of the good news of God's love, peace and joy.

**We welcome children to our worship services.** Nursery care for children ages birth through kindergarten is provided on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Nursery care is available from 8:45am to 12:15pm and is staffed by experienced childcare providers Morgan Rosekrans and Mary Margaret Cabuhat.

**Parking is available on Sunday mornings** in Washington Park. There is also a parking lot on Washington Avenue just west of Lark Street available during church services on Sunday mornings. The church parking lot on Sunday mornings is reserved for visitors and for those who, for physical reasons, need close access to the church. Please note the spaces reserved for those with disabilities, and please do not block other cars.

**We continue to livestream our Sunday worship services on Facebook.**

### **Christian Education on Sunday mornings**

9:15-10:15 Education Classes in the Education Building

*Godly Play* in the Preschool Class on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (age 3 thru kindergarten)

*Godly Play* in The Upper Rooms on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (Grades 1-5)

Youth Education in the Youth Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (Grades 6-12)

## **Announcements**

Today the **Adult Education Class** heard a presentation by Patricia Fennell on the topic of long term illness **Next Sunday**, come and be a part of a conversation about the separation of church and state.

**We welcome these new members** into the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith are Ebot Johnnie Abunaw, Jim Briglin, Pat Briglin, Maureen Del Giacco, Renee Merges, Alison Stewart and Erin Upson.

Each month the **FOCUS Food Pantry** requests items from its member churches. FPC's October donation is bar soap. All items must be new and

unopened. The **FOCUS Food Pantry** is also requesting one-pound bags of rice, as they are unable to get these from suppliers. Please leave donations in the box in Assembly Hall. Questions? Call Susan Sneeringer at 518-496-4793.

The parament (the cloth on the pulpit) and the pastors' stoles (the cloth around their necks) represent children of the world and will be worn for the month of October. The other paraments, (lectern and communion table) are green, the liturgical color for **Ordinary Time** (Monday after Pentecost through Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent). Green is a sign of life in nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.



October begins our Stewardship season at FPC. Our guiding theme this year is “Carrying the Light of Faith Forward”, centered on the verses from Matthew 5:14-16:  
“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket, rather they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

This month you will receive a pledge card and other stewardship materials in the mail. During worship, we will hear from members of the congregation about what FPC and right stewardship means to them, and we invite you to prayerfully consider the same as you determine how best to use your time, talents and treasure in service of the kingdom writ large and small.

Please also save the date for Consecration Sunday on **October 27**, when we will collectively present our pledges in worship and enjoy fellowship together with a delicious lunch in Assembly Hall.

*Let's keep the light burning brightly at First Pres.*

**!!!!HELP WANTED!!!!**

Capital Area Council of Churches Emergency Overflow Shelter 2024-25

First Pres has made a commitment for several years to provide dinner for the men at the overflow shelter [www.capareacc.org/projects/emergency-overflow-homeless-shelter/](http://www.capareacc.org/projects/emergency-overflow-homeless-shelter/). This shelter serves people who have no other shelter options in Albany County during the cold weather, November until April.

Our slot is the third Monday of the month:  
Nov 18, Dec 16, Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17 and Apr 21.

**Please consider signing up for one of these months**

Cooking a hearty dinner for 25 hungry men may sound daunting. Here are some ideas to make it more doable:

- Sign up to share a week with another church member.
- Your church small group could take one week & challenge other small groups to do the same
- You love to bake....but do not cook – volunteer to make dessert.
- You don't cook!! How about purchasing a ready-made dinner

contact Karen Brown [karenbrown1@gmail.com](mailto:karenbrown1@gmail.com) or 518-817-2295 for more info.

**See the signup sheet and info page in the Assembly Hall  
on the Outreach & Mission Opportunities and Info Table**

# New Breath Spirituality Center



## Grand Opening!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH  
7PM-8:30PM

First Presbyterian Church of Albany  
362 State Street  
Albany, NY 12210

Come eat some small bites, hear about New Breath, learn about our programs, and meet our Executive Director.



# First Fridays at First Presbyterian

An Experience of Visual and Musical Art  
Friday, November 1, 2024

## A Night of Jazz

Dave Fisk - Tenor Saxophone  
Mike Benedict - Vibes  
Mike Lawrence - Bass  
Andy Hearn - Drums



*In the Gallery:*  
Paintings  
by Julia Durgee  
and Kymberli Who

6:00 pm Concert  
Gallery hours: 5:30 ~ 8:00 pm  
362 State Street, Albany NY

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

<b>Today</b>	11:45am Fellowship Time 12:00pm December First Friday Music Rehearsal
Monday, 10/21	7:00pm FCC Rehearsal
Tuesday, 10/22	6:30 pm Focus Board Meeting
Wednesday, 10/23	6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Dads' Small Group
Thursday, 10/24	7:00 am Men's Bible Study 6:15 pm Octet Rehearsal 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 10/25	7:00 pm New Breath Spirituality Center Grand Opening
<b>Next Sunday, October 27</b>	9:15 am Adult Education 9:15 am Children's Education (1st through 5th grade) 9:15 am Preschool Education 9:15 am Youth Education 9:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship Service in the sanctuary and livestreaming on Facebook 11:45 am Consecration Lunch

### **Serving you on Sunday, October 20**

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Jeff Durgee, Ellen Kemp, Rachel Smith,  
Roseline Takor

Online Worship Assistant: Alison Stonbely

Scripture Reader: Ellen Eisenbraun

Prayer Reader: Peg Schalit

Communion Servers: Kendra Smith-Howard & Kevin Fuscus

Offering Counters: Laura Schultz & Marc Boucher

### **Serving you on Sunday, October 27**

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: FPC Youth, Molly Dowell, Lillie McLaughlin

Online Worship Assistant: Fadia Ghobrial

Scripture Reader: FPC Youth

Prayer Reader: Molly Dowell

Communion Servers: Diane Cornell & Roger Green

Offering Counters: Carol Green & John Myers

Audio Visual Specialist: Dwight Cheu



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Trevor Kahlbaugh, Organist • Molly Dowell, Youth Director • Steven Minchin, Office Administrator*



Check out our socials!



## 34 Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!

(Psalm 104)

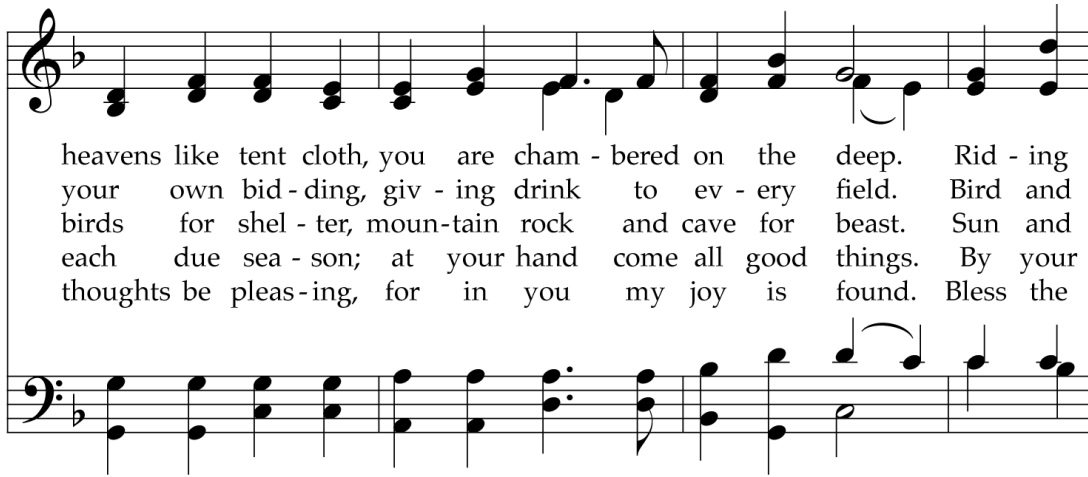
1 Bless the Lord, my soul and be - ing! Lord my God, you  
 2 Lord, you laid the earth's foun - da - tion that it would be  
 3 Grass you cause to grow for cat - tle, plants for us to  
 4 Lord, how great are all your work - ings; wis - dom marks them  
 5 May your glo - ry reign for - ev - er. Lord, re - joice in

have such might. Cloaked with hon - or, grand and glo - rious,  
 al - ways sound. By the word of your com - mand - ing,  
 cul - ti - vate. Food you bring forth from our la - bor,  
 through and through. All the earth is your pos - ses - sion;  
 all you make! As you look on your cre - a - tion,

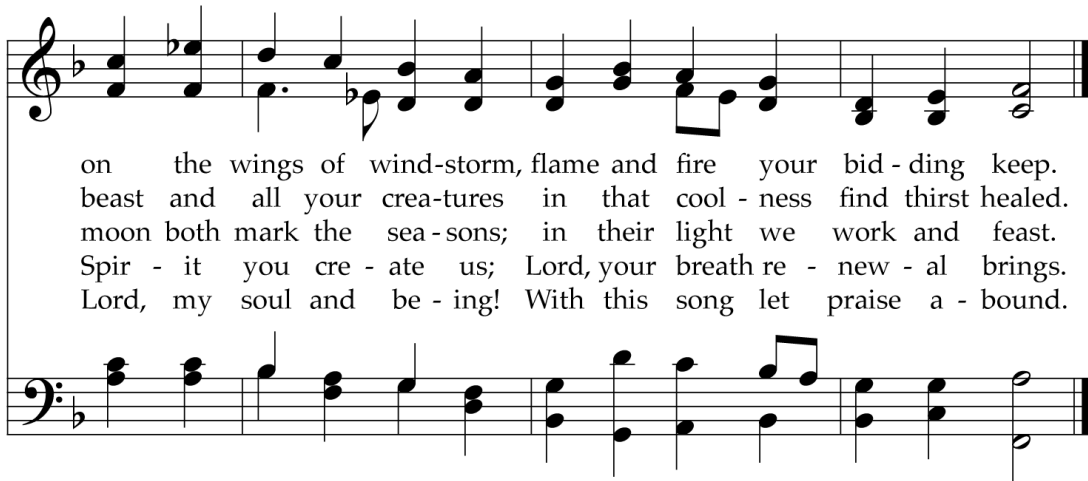
you are clothed with pur - est light. Stretch - ing out the  
 you set forth each o - cean's bound. Springs gush forth at  
 wine for joy and bread for plate. Trees you give the  
 great and small be - long to you. Food you give in  
 moun - tains smoke, foun - da - tions shake. May these words and

This 20th-century paraphrase of Psalm 104 is careful to include the details of creation that give this psalm its character. This comprehensive text is well served by its expansive Victorian tune, named for the town in Sussex where the composer lived in his later years.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



heavens like tent cloth, you are cham - bered on the deep. Rid - ing  
 your own bid - ding, giv - ing drink to ev - ery field. Bird and  
 birds for shel - ter, moun - tain rock and cave for beast. Sun and  
 each due sea - son; at your hand come all good things. By your  
 thoughts be pleas - ing, for in you my joy is found. Bless the



on the wings of wind - storm, flame and fire your bid - ding keep.  
 beast and all your crea - tures in that cool - ness find thirst healed.  
 moon both mark the sea - sons; in their light we work and feast.  
 Spir - it you cre - ate us; Lord, your breath re - new - al brings.  
 Lord, my soul and be - ing! With this song let praise a - bound.

## Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.