



# First Presbyterian Church of Albany

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF FAITH TO ALL

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 10, 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**

*Adagio Molto* from *Organ Sonata No. 3*

Alexandre Guilmant

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Minute for Ministry**

### **Ringling of the Bell**

### **Choral Introit**

*We Are an Offering*

Dwight Liles

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.

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

One: Almost every prophet in the Bible told the people of Israel that the mistreatment of the widows and the orphans was displeasing to God.

All: **It became a well-known truth that widows and orphans and their condition are an indicator of the righteousness of the people and their leadership.**

One: It became widely accepted that widows and orphans must be attended to properly.

**All: To do otherwise was to risk God's displeasure.**

One: And to cause God to turn away from the nation.

**All: Today, we too must care for the vulnerable.**

One: No matter who is our leader, as a nation we must do so in order to be pleasing to God.

**All: We offer our worship in gratitude that God gives us the opportunity to care for those whom God loves.**

One: Let us worship the living God.

**\*Hymn No. 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICEA

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord our God, you called us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

*Silent prayers of personal confession may be offered.*

**\*Kyrie Eleison 577**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

KYRIE ELEISON

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

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

**\*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 Sacrament of Baptism**

### **Words Concerning Baptism**

#### **Presentation of the Candidate**

Question to the congregation:

One: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Theo by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

**All: We do**

#### **Profession of Faith**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

## The Baptism

### Welcome

One: Theo has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's Church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

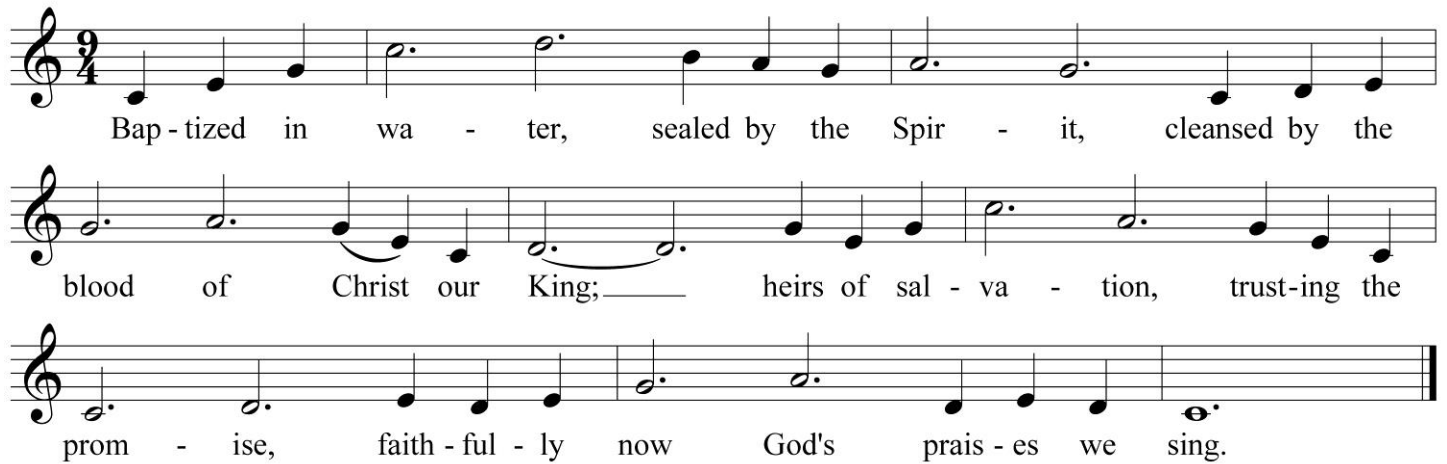
One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Hymn of Welcome No. 482

### *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN



Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing the  
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

## The Word

### Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16 (O.T., p.324)

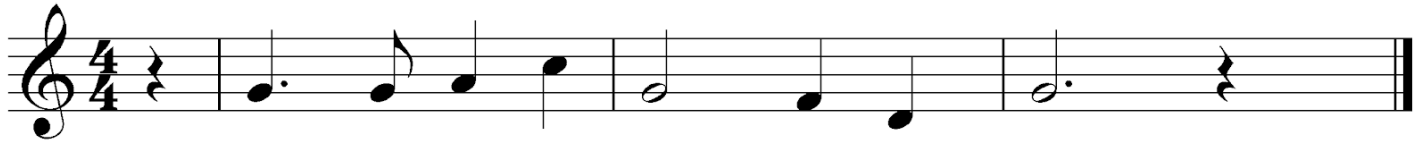
Annette Johnson

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146**

Fiona McKinney *alto*



Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!

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

My soul, give praise to the Lord; I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live. **(R)**

Put no trust in the powerful, mere mortals in whom there is no help. Take their breath, they return to clay, and their plans that day come to nothing. **(R)**

They are happy who are helped by Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who alone made heaven and earth, the seas and all they contain. **(R)**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is God who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free, **(R)**

The Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

**(R)**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign forever, Zion's God from age to age. **(R)**

**Anthem**

*Offertory*

John Ness Beck

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on High?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

God has shown unto you; God has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 12:38–44 (N.T., pp. 49–50)

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ.****Sermon***It's a Crying Shame*

Glenn Leupold

**Our Response****\*Hymn No. 463***How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

**Prayers of the People**

*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***This is the Meaning*

Alfred Fedak

*Commissioned for Nancy Frank, in gratitude for her 40 years as the church's organist.*

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Fiona McKinney, *alto*

Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.

Love the Lord with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself.

Do not be anxious for your life, what to eat, what to wear,  
For life is more than food, and the body more than raiment.

Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind.

Love the Lord with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
For everyone that asks received, and they that seek find,  
And to them that knock it shall be opened.

And in all things do unto others as you would have them do unto you.  
This is the meaning of the law and the prophets.  
This is the meaning of it all. Love your neighbor, love the Lord.

**\*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**

*Word Made Flesh*

Tantum ergo, Gabriel Faure

Text, att. Thomas Aquinas, alt.

Fiona McKinney, *alto*

Word made Flesh, this bread bestowing by his Word his flesh to be,  
though our senses fail to see.

Wine, his sacred Blood he makes, faith alone, the true heart wakes.

Through this Sacrament may we now behold the mystery.

Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son, while eternal ages run;  
honor, thanks, and praise address ever too his love confess;

Holy Spirit, Father, Son, ever three and ever one, while eternal ages run. Amen.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**All: Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ’s body. By the work of your spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Sending

**\*Hymn No. 757**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

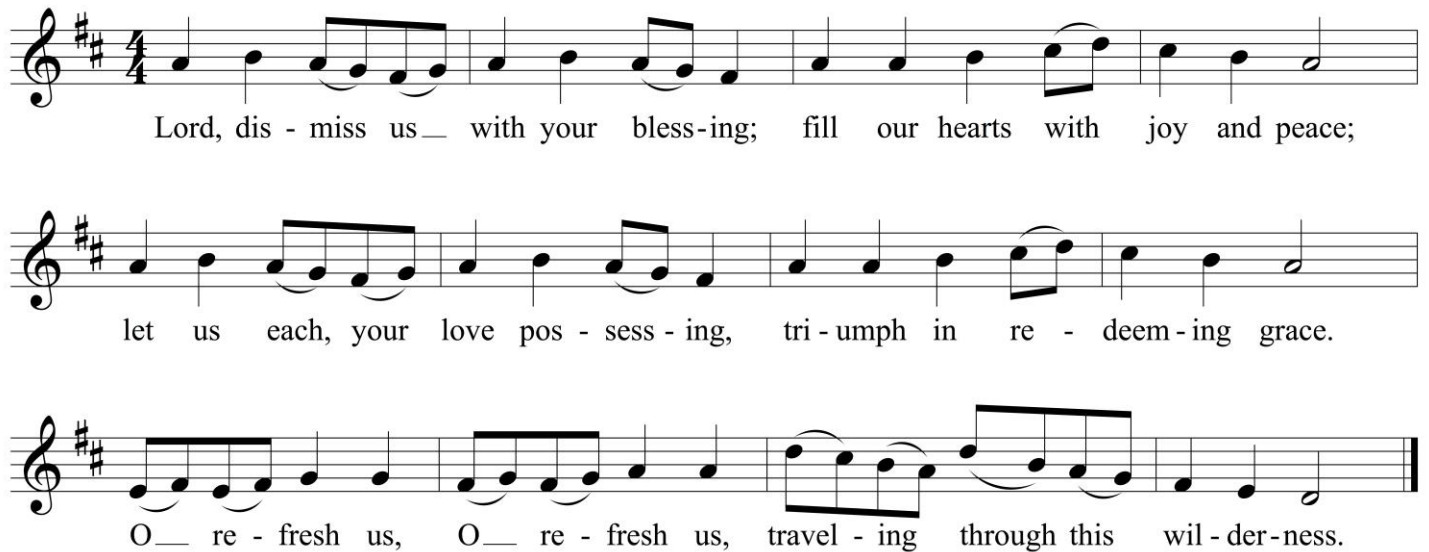
**\*Charge and Blessing**

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

**\*Responsive Hymn No. 546**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS



Lord, dis - miss us\_ with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
O\_ re - fresh us, O\_ re - fresh us, travel - ing through this wil - der - ness.

**Postlude**

*Choral Song*

Samuel Wesley

*Please be seated for the postlude and congregational meeting.  
After the meeting, 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 Odom 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)

Adult Education is the Rose Room

## Announcements

Today the **Adult Education Class** discussed the election and what it means for the church. **Next Sunday, November 17**, there is no class at 9:15. Instead, stay for Lunch and Learn after worship.

Receiving **the sacrament of baptism** today is Theo Charles Desmarais, son of Emily and Matthew Desmarais

The Session has called **the congregation to meet** in-person in the sanctuary today, at 11:45 following the 10:30 am worship service for the purpose of acting on the recommendations of the 2024 Nominating Committee.

- Glenn and Miriam Lawrence Leupold, Moderators of Session
- Marian Eaton, Clerk of Session

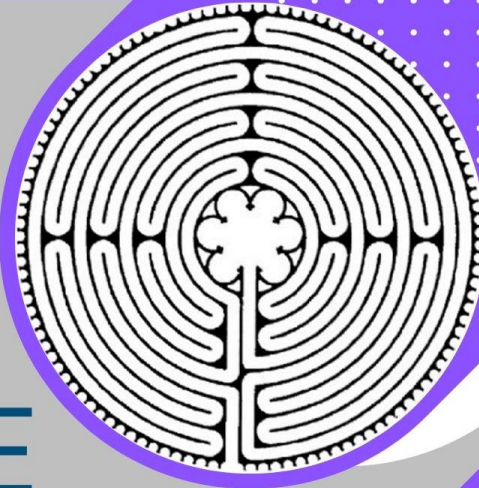
Each month the **FOCUS Food Pantry** requests items from its member churches. FPC's November donation is shampoo. All items must be new and unopened. The **FOCUS Food Pantry** is also requesting one-pound bags of rice, as they are unable to get these from suppliers. Please leave donations in the box in Assembly Hall. Questions? Call Susan Sneeringer at 518-496-4793. **Also**, there is an urgent need for cake mixes and cans of frosting for Christmas bags by NOVEMBER 24.

The **paraments** (the cloth on the pulpit, lectern and communion table) and the **pastors' stoles** (the cloth around their necks) 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.

**Fresh flowers** for the chancel on Sundays may be purchased in honor or in memory of a loved one at a cost of \$80. This cost may be shared if two people would like to donate flowers on the same day. The dedication will appear in that Sunday's program. To donate flowers, contact the church office ([info@firstpresalbany.org](mailto:info@firstpresalbany.org) or (518) 449-7332). Questions? Contact Ellen Kemp at [ellenkemp@gmail.com](mailto:ellenkemp@gmail.com).

**A Message from the Stewardship Team:** Many thanks to all who filled out a financial pledge card for 2025. If you have not submitted your pledge card, we hope you will do so soon. We are counting on you! If you need a pledge card, there are extras on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Another option is to go to our website ([firstpresalbany.org/pledge/](http://firstpresalbany.org/pledge/)) and fill out a pledge card online.

Come  
and  
walk



Monthly  
every  
3rd Thursday

11am-2pm  
& 5-7pm

# THE LABYRINTH

at First Presbyterian  
Church

# Festival of THANKS & GIVING

All are welcome to this free event  
A simple lunch will be available

Sunday, November 24  
Noon to 2 pm



**FOCUS**  
CHURCHES OF ALBANY

Donations of non-perishable  
food are welcome  
to support  
the FOCUS Breakfast Club  
and Food Pantries.

- Support your neighbors!
- Play games and make art together!
- Practice gratitude!



**WESTMINSTER**  
Presbyterian Church

85 Chestnut Street in Albany  
Limited parking available



## First Pres Community Partners Lunch & Learn Lecture Series

The Outreach & Mission Committee invites you to our next  
Lunch & Learn Lecture  
immediately following worship at 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:  
Best Practices for Community Response



Speakers:

Janine Robitaille (Chief Executive Officer)  
Shahmeeka Chaney-Artis (Program Director, Community Connections)  
Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless

The O&M Committee will provide the main course, bread, and beverages.

We ask that members of our congregation please bring  
a dessert or side dish to round out the menu (not required but appreciated!)

Please sign up on the sheet in Assembly Hall. Thank you

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

Sunday, 11/10      11:45 am Congregational Meeting followed by Fellowship Time  
12:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, 11/11      7:00pm FCC Rehearsal

Tuesday, 11/12      7:00pm Anti-Racism Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 11/13    7:00pm Dads' Small Group

Thursday, 11/14      7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Albany Presbytery Meeting  
6:15 pm Octet Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Next Sunday, 11/17**

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 Fellowship Time  
12:00 pm Lunch and Learn

### **Serving you on Sunday, November 10**

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Kathie Keck, Jessica Piacente, Amy Robinson

Online Worship Assistant: Mary Rogers

Scripture Reader: Annette Johnson

Prayer Reader: Marian Eaton

Communion Servers: David Hinchey & Annette Johnson

Offering Counters: Leslie Cheu & Ron Geuther

Audio Visual Specialist: Kevin Fuscus

### **Serving you on Sunday, November 17**

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Joanne Gascoyne, Richard Gascoyne, David Hannay,  
Ann Hannay, Amy Jenal

Online Worship Assistant: Maureen Del Giacco

Scripture Reader: Renee Merges

Prayer Reader: Jon Rice

Communion Servers: Susan Haney & Sarah Lansaw

Offering Counters: Amy Robinson & Laura Schultz

Audio Visual Specialist: Dwight Cheu



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



Check out our socials!



# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - mighty!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - mighty!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## SPANISH

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,  
siempre el labio mío loores te dará.  
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,  
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre  
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,  
ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,  
ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado  
e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,  
santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado,  
en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre  
vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.  
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore,  
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

## KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여  
이른아침우리주를 찬송합니다  
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여  
성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에  
모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네  
천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니  
영원히 위에 계신 주로다
- 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광  
모든죄인 눈어두워 보지못하네  
거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 뉘뇨  
권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여  
천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다  
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여  
성삼위일체 우리주로다

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.