

January 8, 2023
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WHITE MEMORIAL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Prelude – Improvisation from Suite Médiévale (see Hymn 495)

Jean Langlais (1907-91)

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Anne Galliher

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 29

*One: Worship the Lord, beings of heaven and earth!
Sing to the glory of God's name.*

All: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

*One: The voice of God rules the floods, the waters,
and the streams of the earth.*

**All: May the Lord give strength to the people!
May the Lord bless the people with peace.**

*One: On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday,
let us worship the God of baptism and grace.*

*Hymn 150 – As with Gladness Men of Old

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord and God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have already forgotten our resolutions. We have already been tempted by the false trappings of the world, even though the year is new. We have done the wrong thing and failed to do the right thing. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us to live like those newly baptized, filled with the living water of grace and mercy. In the name of Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Today is Baptism of the Lord Sunday in which we remember the Baptism of Jesus. The Baptism of Jesus sets the model for all subsequent baptisms. For many reasons it is one of the most important moments in all of the Bible.

Psalm 29 is about the sovereignty of God over all things, including water itself. The human connection to water is paramount as we depend upon it for physical life and as we depend upon the waters of baptism for sacramental life.

Our confession acknowledges the year has just begun. The phrase "living water" is an ancient one. When you hear this phrase, Jesus himself should come to mind.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

1. Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa - ter.
 2. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah.

Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) Wesley Glenn Carlton, son of Barkley and Zach Carlton

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 42:1-9; pew Bible, p. 630

New Testament Lesson – Matthew 3:13-17; pew Bible, p. 3

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples

At the 11:00 service, Kindergartners through 2nd Graders will meet with Mary Eliza Angley at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Morgan and Wilson Angley from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

Sermon – “*Movement and Spirit*”

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

One: ...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prai - ses to our
 heav'n - ly Lord, that hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and
 with his blood our life hath bought. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -
 ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

As a church we are currently in Year A of our Revised Common Lectionary. Year A is focused mostly upon Matthew’s gospel.

As you heard in Matthew 3 this morning, we have a moment of *theophany*: when the voice or presence of God is so clear it is unmistakable. Our sermon this morning is focusing upon the role of the Spirit. In all the moments of the Bible, this one is among the most trinitarian as Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the voice of God are all present.

One: ...Great is the mystery of faith

Words of Institution
Serving of Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Jim Ferry

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

(8:00 & 9:30) *Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*

WEST MAIN

Kathy Hart, soprano
For text, see Hymn 164

(11:00) *Christ, When for Us You were Baptized*

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939)

*Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.
God called you "My beloved Son," the suffering servant true,
sent you the kingdom to proclaim, God's holy will to do.
Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed God's call freely
as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service, we may perfect freedom find.*

WMPC Adult Choir



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***Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from Philippians 2

**God has called us to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in
humility regard others as better than ourselves. God has called us to look not
to our own interests, but to the interests of others. We desire to share in the
same mind that was in Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied
himself, taking the form of a slave in human likeness. Jesus humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. God highly exalted
him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of
Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God.**

Presbyterians are people of
affirmation: we dedicate time
in our worship to stating our
beliefs. Among the oldest
affirmations of faith is the
"Christ hymn" from
Philippians 2, which is our
affirmation today.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn 482 – Baptized in Water**

BUNESSAN

***Charge and Benediction**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

Postlude – Entrée from Suite Médiévale

J. Langlais

Set to the tune of "Morning Has
Broken" Hymn 482 expresses
our gratitude for our baptisms
as it expresses our sacramental
understanding of God's gift of
baptism to all Christian peoples.

**WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

We are glad you are worshipping with us.
Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex
to offer a friendly greeting, answer
questions and provide directions.
New members are received after attending
Believing & Belonging @WMPC Class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206
for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** Coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The Sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at whitememorial.org.
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is today, January 8.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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KARL ZINSMEISTER, Director of Music

AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Lawrence "Larry" Worth Harris, Jr. - January 1, 2023

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Dave Stewart and family, on the death of his father,
David Wallace Stewart, December 23.

Julia Hoke and family, on the death of her mother,
Georgia Tuck Renfrow, December 17.

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

Wilson Wyatt Harrell, December 14, child of Jenni and Gray Harrell,
grandchild of Freda and Richard Hudson.

MARRIAGES

William Ashford Garrabran and Jane Vista,
December 17, St. Michael Archangel Church, Cary, NC,
son of Heather and Ed Garrabrant, grandson of Baird Garrabrant.

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The **flowers in the chancel** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nina and Ernest Page by their children and grandchildren.

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GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2023 UPDATE

As of Wednesday, January 4, we have received 656 pledges representing \$3.487 million towards our goal of \$4.175 million/1,000 pledging households. If you would like to make a pledge, please visit www.whitememorial.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

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NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2026. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles.

[The nomination form can be found online.](#)

All recommendations must be received by January 9, 2023.

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Would the generous donors of the following securities please contact Jody Grayson at 919-834-3425 x204 to claim your 2022 gifts? Truist, Lincoln National, Marathon Oil, and Elevance Health.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY | JANUARY 8

Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

MONDAY | JANUARY 9

Psalms 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48

Women's Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

12:00 p.m. | Main Hall

All are invited to attend the Women's Fellowship Luncheon as the new Executive Director of StepUp Ministries Colisha Stanford tells us about herself and the new happenings at StepUp.

Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Whether you're new to the game or an experienced player, come join the fun!

TUESDAY | JANUARY 10

Psalms 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.

[Registration required](#)

Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00-8:00 a.m. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer. This group studies the PW Bible lesson once a month and on other weeks they study a variety of topics. Hosted by Circle M.

Dress for Success

10:00 a.m. | 1812 Tillery Place

We will help sort clothing. Contact Ruth Landers at ruth@landers.me for more information.

WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 11

Psalms 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21

Lectio Divina

11:00-noon | Zoom

We begin with Lectio Divina, followed by Centering Prayer. You are welcome to come for one or stay for both.

Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Wednesday Together Dinner

5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship.

[Registration required by 8:00 p.m. Sunday, January 8.](#)

THURSDAY | JANUARY 12

Psalms 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12

Weekday School Open House

Thursday | January 12

9:30 a.m. | Davidson Chapel

Prospective families are invited to join us for the Weekday School Open House. It's a great opportunity to meet faculty, tour the facilities and get answers to any questions you may have.

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

Join us for an update on Haiti Outreach Ministries. Contact Leigh Ann Dailey at ldailey@whitememorial.org for more information.

FRIDAY | JANUARY 13

Psalms 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-52

Youth LockOut 2023

Capacity is full. Contact Deb Smith to be added to the wait list.

SATURDAY | JANUARY 14

Psalms 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11

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SAVE THE DATE

Navigating the Diet Maze

Wednesday | January 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

[Reservations requested](#)

Carolyn Dunn, PhD, RDN, LDN will be on-hand to discuss diet options. Gluten free, Paleo, low fat, low carb, detox, Mediterranean. What diet is really right for you? Carolyn will explore the pros and cons of these diets and share how you can make small changes in your diet to eat smart for a lifetime of good health.

Presbyterian Women

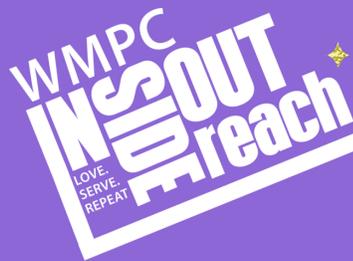
Honorary Life Membership Nominations

Please submit your nominations, along with your nominee's history of service and your statement of why you are nominating this person [on the form attached](#) and send the completed nomination to Faye Senter fsenter@bellsouth.net. Deadline for receipt of this nomination is February 15, 2023.

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Shortcuts! Find out what's happening around White Memorial during the week. Register for events. Request a prayer. All this can be found in one location. Simply scan the QR code with your smart phone.



January



JANUARY 4

SHEPHERD'S TABLE
121 W. MORGAN STREET
10:30-12:30PM
JAN STEWART
THESTEWARTS2614@GMAIL.COM



JANUARY 7

SERVANT SATURDAY
PICKARD HALL
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
BECKY OLMSTED
BECKYOLMSTED@HOTMAIL.COM



JANUARY 7

HABITAT HALF-DAY WALL BUILD
3301 JONES SAUSAGE ROAD GARNER, NC
12:15 PM- 3:00 PM
CONTACT:ERIC_MILLER@NCSU.EDU
SIGN UP
HTTP://VHUB.AT/WHITEMEMORIAL
AGE 16+ WELCOME



JANUARY 10

DRESS FOR SUCCESS
1812 TILLERY PLACE
SUITE 105
10AM-2PM
RUTH LANDERS
RUTH@LANDERS.ME



JANUARY 19

NOTE IN THE POCKET
1430 HARGROVE RD 1-4PM
RUTH LANDERS
RUTH@LANDERS.ME



JANUARY 22

OAK CITY CARES
1430 S.WILMINGTON ST.
2:30-4:30PM
SARA JOYNER
SEJ404@GMAIL.COM

Volunteer any day

Meals on Wheels

Sign up <https://www.wakemow.org/volunteer>

Delivery in the AM

Brandy Oliveira (MoW volunteer coordinator)
984-683-9769

A Place at the Table

300 W Hargett Street
contact: volunteer@tableraleigh.org

Happy
**NEW
YEAR**

January Collections: Cans of Soup



February

Volunteer any day

Meals on Wheels
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FEBRUARY 1

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FEBRUARY 4

SERVANT SATURDAY
PICKARD HALL
10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
BECKY OLMSTED
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FEBRUARY 11

HABITAT SITE CONSTRUCTION
4400 OLD POOLE ROAD (PARK ALONG DEDICATION DR.)
12:15 PM
CONTACT: ERIC_MILLER@NCSSU.EDU
SIGN UP
[HTTP://VHUB.AT/PRESBYTERIAN](http://VHUB.AT/PRESBYTERIAN)



FEBRUARY 7

DRESS FOR SUCCESS
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FEBRUARY 16

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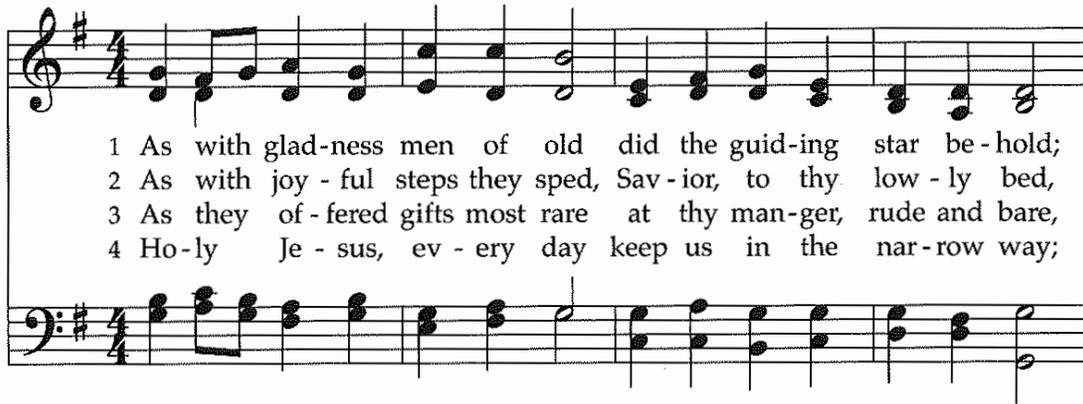


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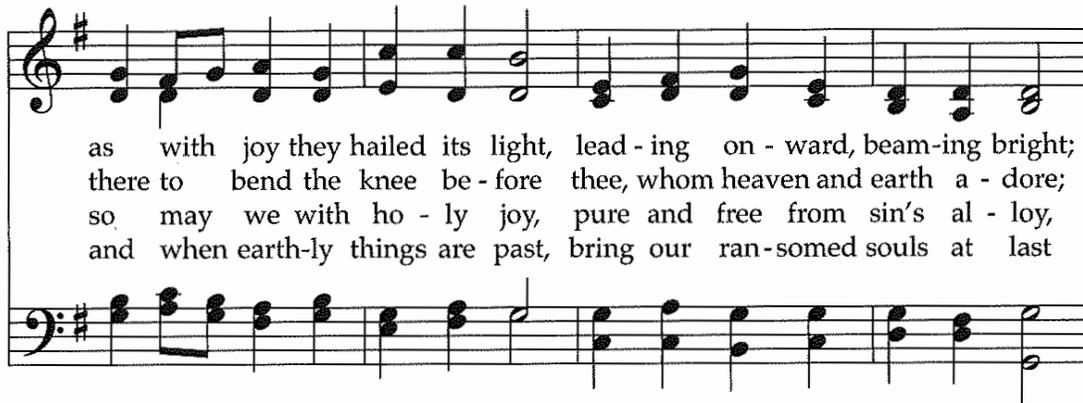
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2:30-4:30PM
SARA JOYNER
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February Collections: Blankets

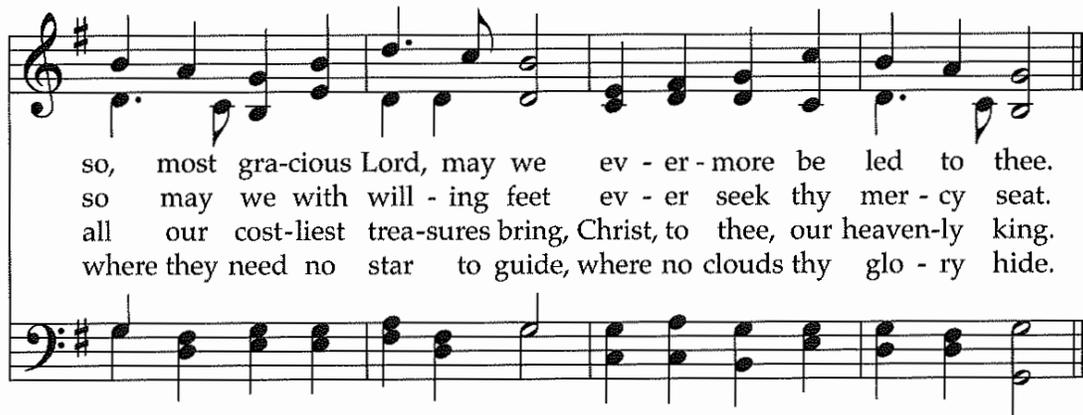
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



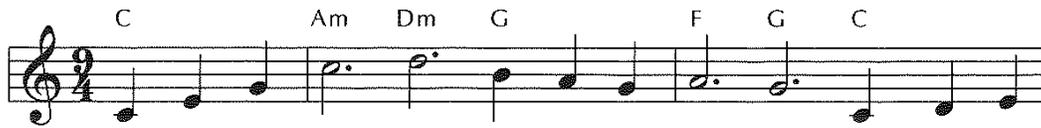
as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

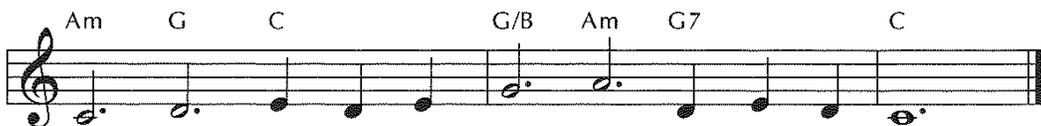
Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.