

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 15, 2026 | 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude All Creatures Great and Small

J. Pearson; A. Harwood;
English tune ROYAL OAK

*Call to Worship

God has promised life.
God has promised life.
God has carried us on the journey.
God has carried us on the journey.
God will bring us signs of peace.
God will bring us signs of peace.
This is the day that God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn 14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Confession and Pardon

Even when all feels lost,
we dare to name our longing as God draws near.

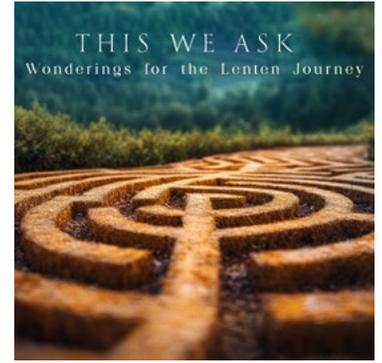
choir

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

all:

what won-drous love is this, O my soul.

Let us return to God,
whose mercy meets us where we are.



* Asterisks invite us
to rise in body or spirit.

Words in bold are for
everyone to say or sing.

A poem by Cecil Frances Alexander unites these three pieces. The hymn tune ROYAL OAK carries the familiar words beginning, “All things bright and beautiful.” The cheerful pieces by Johnny Pearson and by Alexandra Harwood & Geoff Alexander have been loved as themes for two versions of a veterinary television series with the same title.

DIX

During this Lent, our liturgies for Gathering are taken from a resource called Child of Blessing—a project of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) that invites children and youth into worship leadership in word and presence. It is a project that offers liturgical resources and practices for congregations of all sizes, inviting consistent and creative ways for children and youth to be nurtured and formed as worship leaders.

Hymn 14 celebrates creation, love, time, and divine gifts. The tune’s highest note comes in the repeated words of worship, “Lord of all, to *thee* we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.”

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ

**God of promises, you seek us out and save us,
even when we wander from your path.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Return us to paths of righteousness.
Help us see your promise in the sky,
shimmering there to testify
that you are love and have made us for love.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord.**

Silent prayers

God carries us and brings us to solid ground.
Friends in Christ, trust this promise:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 654 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

In the texts customary to the Easter Vigil, Psalm 46 is paired with the Genesis reading of Noah. As often in scripture, water here is both danger and life, and the psalm extols the strength of God. It also points towards the culmination of Noah's story and God's covenant: God's dis-arming and the setting aside of weapons.

The proclamation of scripture today is offered by the Cherub, Carol, and Joyful Noise choirs. The musical *A Technicolor Promise* tells the Genesis story in their voices, songs, and dances.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 46 - Hymn 380

Reading Genesis 7 and 8

Musical *A Technicolor Promise*

Allen Pote/Carole McCann

A Technicolor Promise

A Man Named Noah

Ha! Ha! Ha!

soloists, Julia Davis and Stokes Manning

The Storm

Dancing Two by Two

Charlotte Fogelman, Birdie Harrell, Ava McMillen,
Ella McMillen, and Vivienne Watters

Forty Days

Fly Away Little Dove

Iney Morahan

This Is the Day

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Wee Worship Book*

We celebrate the promises of God:
**the life in our bodies,
the yearning in our souls,
the fruit of all creation.**

We believe in God,
**who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts,
who enables prayer, inspires research,**

**and wills that human economics and politics
should prioritize justice,
care of the earth,
and the healing of the nations.**

**We celebrate the promises of God,
and the promise of good things in store
for those who love God.**

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.**

Offering

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 702 Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

*Benediction

Lee Baker

chorus: A. Pote/C. McCann

This is the day that God has made: the world shines fresh and bright, a
day of new be - gin - ings, filled with peace and light. See the pro-mise
in the sky, shim-mer-ing there to test-i - fy. Give thanks and praise, al - ways;
God is love. Give thanks and praise, al - ways; God is love.

This setting of the prayer of St. Patrick prays for Christ's accompanying around us and within us. It is sung to a familiar Gaelic tune.

Leaders in Worship

Kathryn Aspenwall, Cherub Choir Accompanist

Lee Baker, Carol Choir Director

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor, Liturgist

Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music (Joyful Noise Director)

Isla Hoyle, Carol Choir Youth Assistant

Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, Liturgist

Karen Rectanus, Carol Choir Assistant

Cindy Sharp, Cherub Choir Director

Jeff Siker, Carol Choir Accompanist, Liturgist

Eric Wall, Director of Music (Joyful Noise Accompanist)

Jane Gray Zechini, Cherub Choir Assistant

Joyful Noise Choir

Addison Archie
Knox Brady
Julia Davis *
Quinn Eves
Charlotte Fogleman*
Birdie Harrell*
Stokes Manning*
Ava McMillen*
Ella McMillen*
Iney Morahan*
Everett Mostellar
Charlie Rice
Elizabeth Spanbauer
Dominic Taylor
Vivienne Watters*
*soloists

Carol Choir

Hayden Andersen*
Caroline Archie
Campbell Baker*
Kynslee Board
Ford Brady
Watts Brady*
Jonah Craven*
Derby Davis*
Ryan Gordon
Max Hobson
Riley Macior*
Addie Mostellar
Paige Piper*
William Renbarger*
Chloe Rice
Lottie Riddick*
Eve Rosar*
Maddie Taylor
Naomi Unger
Duke Watters
*dancers

Cherub Choir

Hudson Andersen
Jane Benninger
Kennedy Black
Worth Blough
Emersyn Board
Eliza Clark
Emmett Easton
J.H. Ebel
Millie Fawcett
George Fogleman
Robert Groves
E.J. Hamilton
Baxter Hoyle
Pierce Manning
Emma McBrien
Millie Nelms
Charlotte Nowell
Annie Price
Sam Renbarger
Elizabeth Tyler



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AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer three 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.



WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We're so glad you are
worshiping with us today.

Visiting?

Deacons are in the Narthex
to offer a friendly greeting,
answer questions, and provide
directions.

Looking to Become a Member?

New members are received
after attending the *Believing &
Belonging @WMPC* class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join or
contact Lindsay Dew at
ext. 270 for class dates,
registration, and details.

Things to Know Restrooms

Hallway to Jane Bell Gathering
Space (Pulpit side) and first floor
of the Luther Building.

Childcare

Available for children
up to 4 years old.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages.

Refreshments & Coffee

The Connector and Main Hall.

Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system
available in the Sanctuary.

AED/Narcan Locations

WMPC campus has five AED/
Narcan locations around
campus: Narthex- Sanctuary,
Main Hall-Edinburgh,
Lobby-Ross, Lobby-Calvin,
3rd floor-Luther

Live Streaming

Services available at
whitememorial.org.
Facebook & YouTube

Bulletins

Recycled after services as part
of our care for God's creation.



Jays & CONCERNS

NEW PRESBYTERIANS

George Fulton Cozart, February 23, child of Elizabeth and Harrison Cozart,
grandchild of Sarah and Bill Cozart

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Barbara and Dick Myers on the birth of their great-grandson, James Myers Leonard,
February 24, Nashville, TN

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,
email Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org or Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org.

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized,
call the Pastoral Care line 919-834-3425, ext. 210 or email Caroline Parker
at cparker@whitememorial.org so our pastoral staff can reach out.

If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours,
call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

BEYOND SUNDAY: LENTEN PODCAST SERIES

In this season of Lent, we invite you to
journey with us. The fifth episode of our
seven-episode Lenten podcast, "*This We
Ask: Wonderings for the Journey*," comes out
Monday morning. In this episode, Parish
Associates Tom Harris and Judy Yates Siker
reflect on the questions which linger at the
tomb: Do we believe this? And what does it
look like to trust Jesus with our grief? You
can find the Lenten podcast series on our
website, Spotify or Apple.

MIDWEEK LUNCH & WORSHIP

Thursdays | Through March 26
Lunch 12:00 | Worship 12:30 p.m. |
Main Hall

We hope you'll join us for our midweek
Lunch & Worship. Lunch at 12:00 p.m
followed by a short worship service at 12:30
p.m. Lunch is \$8 per person; no registration
required.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have our Annual Congregational
Meeting on **Sunday, March 22, 2026,**
after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in
the Sanctuary. The purposes of the meeting
are the election of new church officers, the
approval of pastors' terms of call, and the
presentation of the 2025 Annual Report.
Zoom registration will be available.

EASTER BAGS FOR STEPUP, LOAVES & FISHES, MAYVIEW AND IGLESIA SANTUARIO

Just a reminder: if you picked up an Easter
bag to fill it needs to be returned to the
Ross lobby **by March 20.**

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Sunday, March 15

Psalm 95; John 4:1-42

Monday, March 16

Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19

- **Outreach Sewing Group**
9:00 a.m. | C200
- **Bridge with Friends**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Tai Chi**
5:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Tuesday, March 17

Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21

- **Men's Breakfast/Bible Study**
7:00 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Women's Breakfast/Circle**
7:00 a.m. | The Connector
- **Gentle Yoga**
8:30 a.m. | C200
- **Mahjong**
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Cancer Companions**
6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Wednesday, March 18

Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22

- **Chair Yoga**
10:00 a.m. | C200
- **Lectio Divina**
11:00 a.m. | Virtual
- **Yin Yoga**
11:15 a.m. | C200
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Pickleball**
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Wednesday Together Dinner**
5:00 p.m. | Main Hall

2026 WOMEN'S RETREAT RESCHEDULED

May 1-2, 2026 | Same speaker and theme! | WMPC Campus

It might not be Wrightsville Beach, but we're going to have a great time of fellowship and learning right here on our campus. We're delighted that Rev. Gracie Payne, Senior Pastor of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis can join us. She will lead us in exploring our theme: *Beloved on the Earth: Being, Belonging, Becoming*. Registration is now open! And if you weren't able to register before, this is your opportunity to join us for what promises to be a rich and encouraging weekend. We can't wait to gather together!

ART AS A MEDITATIVE PRACTICE

Thursday March 19 | 1:10 - 2:30 p.m. | K200

Join us this Lenten season for our final workshop and discover how art can deepen your faith. We will focus on the meditative process—not the finished product—so no artistic skills are needed. It's a relaxed, judgment-free space.

Through neurographic art meditation, we'll practice slowing down, releasing perfectionism, easing anxiety, and renewing our minds in light of Scripture. All materials are provided. These free workshops are sponsored by the Liturgical Arts Guild—come to one or all!

Workshop #3 March 19: You will draw free flowing organic shapes using your breath to guide you.

[Registration is required.](#)

2ND ANNUAL LADIES' CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

Sunday March 15 | 4:00 p.m. | St. David's School

If you purchased tickets don't forget to join us for 2nd-annual Charity Basketball Game on March 15 at 4:00 p.m. at St. David's varsity gym. The WMPC Ladies' Basketball Team will play against Christ Church and Hayes Barton Methodist. Proceeds for the event will go to Raleigh Rescue Mission.

GOD'S PROMISE OF PRESENCE IN ANXIOUS TIMES

Spiritual and Psychological Practices for Stress, Fear, and Uncertainty

Saturday April 18 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | WMPC

God's Promise of Presence in Anxious Times is a gentle, integrative workshop that brings together spiritual wisdom and psychological insight to support faithful living amid stress, fear, and uncertainty. Participants will explore practical tools for noticing and responding to anxiety, grounded in God's enduring promise to be with us in all seasons. Through reflection, guided practices, and shared conversation, the workshop offers ways to cultivate grace, compassion, and hope.

Join us for this free morning event on **Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. All are welcome, and please invite a friend! Judy Yates Siker, PhD, Ordained PC(USA) Minister, and Elizabeth P. Sparrow, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, created this event through a series of conversations about the overlaps between religion and mental health. This gathering is sponsored by White Memorial Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh. Stay tuned for registration details!

CHANCEL GLORIFICATION GUILD - EASTER MEMORIALS

Contributions to support flowers and chancel displays in memory or honor of loved ones, friends, or church members are welcome year-round.

We are currently seeking donations for Lent and Easter flowers and greenery. Any additional funds will support seasonal flowers and decorations in the Sanctuary, Main Hall, and overflow spaces throughout the year. Gifts of any amount are appreciated (suggested minimum: \$35). Those memorialized or honored will be listed in the Easter bulletin insert on April 5.

Please submit the form found online and around campus with the name(s) being recognized and the donor's name. To be included in the bulletin, forms must be received by noon on Friday, March 27. Mail contributions to the church office (Attn: Lisa Crumpler), call 919-834-3425 ext. 225 with questions or complete the form online.

Congregational Care + Health

PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. | C300

A newly formed pet loss support group has begun meeting on the WMPC campus. The Triangle Pet Loss Support Group meets **each Thursday at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in C300**. Anyone who has lost a companion animal is welcome to come to the group. Any questions about the group can be directed to its facilitator, Rev. Jonathan Sherrod at cjonathansherrod@yahoo.com.

HEALING THROUGH GRIEF

Sundays March 29 - May 3 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | R400

Grief touches us all at some point in our lives. No one ever has to feel alone during this difficult time. Whether you have suffered the recent loss of a loved one or are struggling with a loss in the past, you are invited to come together for a series of five sessions to help you along your journey of grief.

Each session explores different aspects of grief: from acceptance of your loss and working through its pain, to adjusting to a new way of being while honoring a very significant relationship in your life. Each session builds upon the other, so attendance is encouraged at each session.

This class is led by Associate Pastor Cate Church Norman and Pastoral Resident Lee Hunter. Healing through Grief will meet on Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. from March 29 – May 3 in R400. [Click to register!](#)

A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

Thursday, March 19

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3

- **Keenagers**
10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall
- **Midweek Lunch + Worship**
12:00 p.m. | Main Hall
- **Liturgical Arts Guild Workshop**
1:10 p.m. | K200
- **Note in the Pocket**
1:30 p.m. | Offsite
- **Pet Loss Support Group**
7:00 p.m. | C300

Friday, March 20

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16

Saturday, March 21

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15

- **Easter Egg Hunt + Breakfast**
9:00 a.m. | WMPC Campus

For more information about any of these events, please visit our website whitememorial.org or call the church office 919-834-3424.

Christopher Edmonston, Pastor
Cynthia Baggett, Director of Weekday School
Genevieve Brooks, Director of Family Ministry
Cate Church Norman, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Claire Cox-Woodlief, Executive Director
Brock Downward, Director of Music Emeritus
Jennifer Eastman, Director of Young Children's Ministry
Jim Ferry, Parish Associate
Anne Galliher, Associate Pastor for
Congregational Engagement
Kelly Gold, Director of Children's and Youth Music
Tom Harris, Parish Associate
Martha Grove Hipkind, Health Ministry Coordinator
Kathy Howell, Communications Director
Lee Hunter, Pastoral Resident
Bailey Morton, Director of Youth Ministry
Eric Nanz, Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts
Grier Booker Richards, Associate Pastor for
Faith Formation and Worship Ministries
Art Ross, Pastor Emeritus
Judy Yates Siker, Parish Associate
Lynn Springfield, Director of Elementary Ministry
Colisha C. Stanford, StepUp Director
Martha Stevenson, Educator Emerita
Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Outreach and
Community Engagement
Eric Wall, Director of Music



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Outreach

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - WALL BUILD

Saturday March 21 | 8:15 - 11:00 a.m. | Offsite

White Memorial will partner with Habitat for Humanity of Wake for a Wall Build on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to about 10:30/11:00 a.m. at the construction warehouse on Jones Sausage Road. Using templates, we'll build all the exterior and interior walls of a home—no experience needed! Hammers and nails are provided, and it's great fellowship for all ages (16+; high school service hours available).

We're partnering with St. Ambrose Episcopal Church of Raleigh, with space for 30 participants. [Click here to register.](#)

We hope to see you at the wall build! Contact Eric Miller at esm@ncsu.edu and 919.523.7735 for more information.

COMMUNITY AGENCY CHILDREN AND YOUTH PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday March 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Loaves & Fishes • Note in the Pocket • SAFEchild • Wake Monarch

This gathering is open to the entire congregation and offers an opportunity to learn more about the important work our partner agencies are doing in our community. There will be time for questions and conversation after the panel discussions. Please join us for dinner before the discussions begin. Register for Wednesday Together Dinner at whitememorial.org/register.

BACKPACK BUDDIES

Churchwide Collection

Each week when school is in session, our church provides food-insecure children at Oberlin Middle School and Lynn Road and Lacy Elementary Schools with healthy meals and snacks. Contact Jan Stewart, thestewarts2614@gmail.com. Amazon link is on website. If you'd prefer to shop you can pick up a shopping list on the Outreach room door (K100).

Children + Youth

BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 21

Breakfast: 9:00-9:45 a.m. | Main Hall

Cost is \$7.00 | [Register here](#)

Music & Story Time: 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Hunt: 10:00 a.m. | Tatton Hall

If you are coming to the Egg Hunt only, there is no need to register.

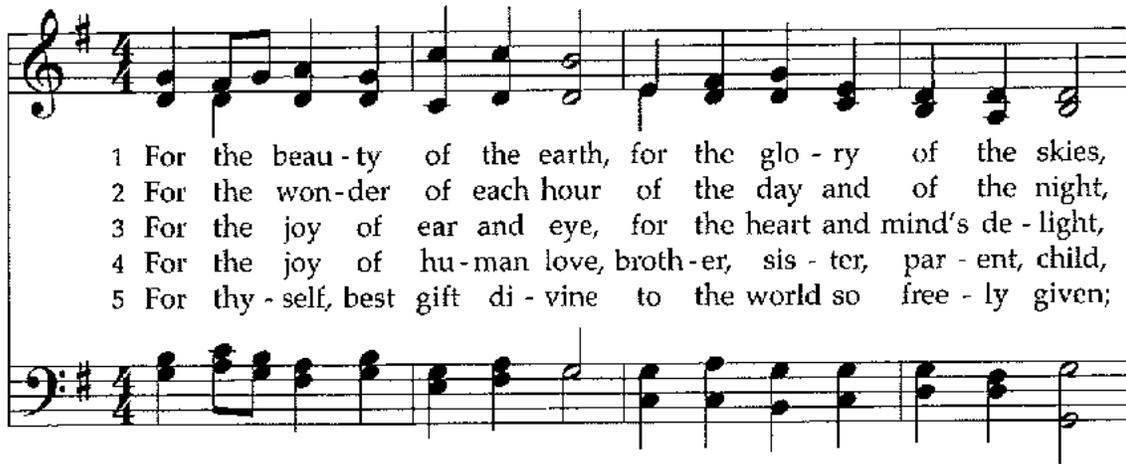
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS

Attention White Memorial high school seniors and returning college students! If you would like to apply for one of the college scholarships offered by White Memorial Presbyterian Church Foundation, please complete the College Scholarship Application Form. The online applications must be completed by Friday, April 24, 2026. If you have questions, please email Lindsay at Scholarships@whitememorial.org.

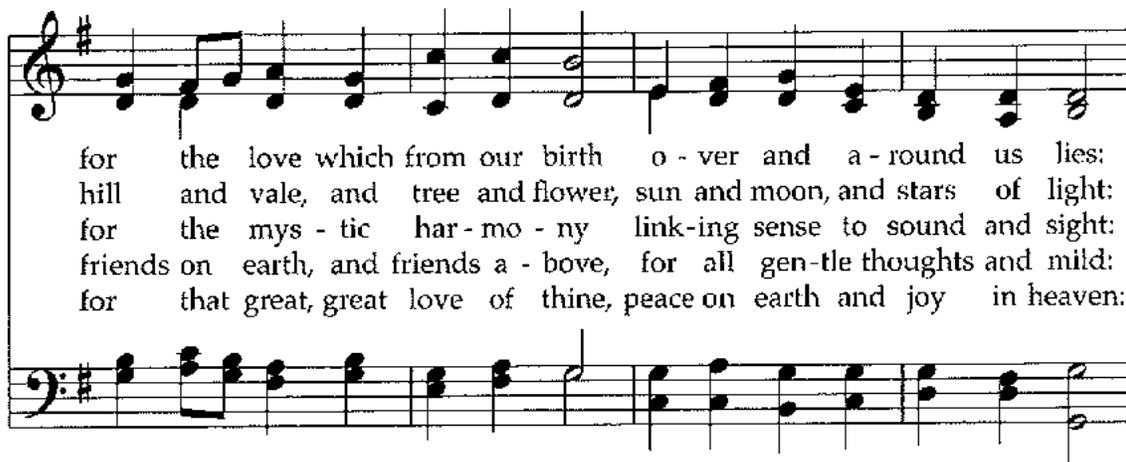
IT IS WELL WHEN WE INVEST IN OUR YOUTH!

The youth staff isn't hosting a dinner this year. No tickets, no tables, just a simple invitation. If you believe in investing in the faith of the next generation, [would you consider making a gift?](#) Thank you.

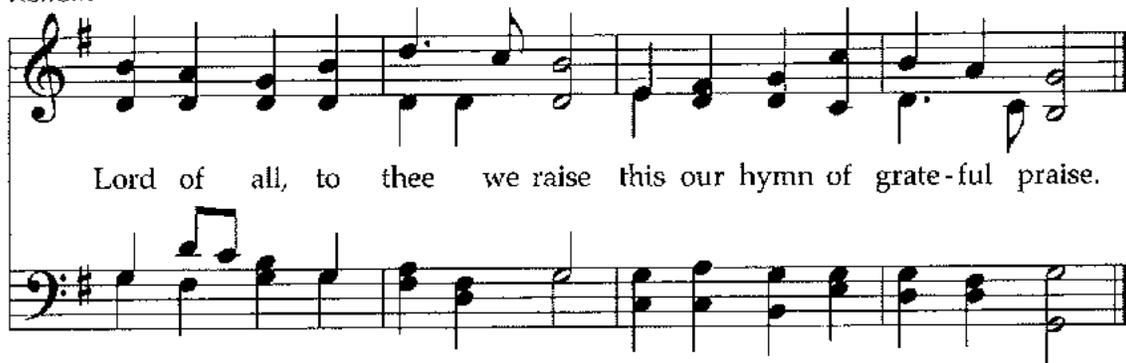
For the Beauty of the Earth 14



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, eighth notes, and a triplet of eighth notes in the second system.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1986

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

Irregular

Lord, Prepare Me

701

Sanctuary

Musical notation for the song "Lord, Prepare Me" in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: A7, D, A, G, Em7, D, A, A7, D, A, G, A7, D. The lyrics are: Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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SANCTUARY

Irregular

Christ Be Beside Me

702

Musical notation for the song "Christ Be Beside Me" in G major, 2/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. Chords are indicated above the staff: C, Am, Dm, G, Dm, G, C, Em, Am, Em, F, G, C, Am, F, C, Am, G, C, G, Am, G7, C. The lyrics are: 1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be - round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part. sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life. see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BUNESSAN

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