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Followers of Christ, called to serve our community
and be an actively-engaging light to the world.

We live into our faith, inspired by our worship, encouraged by our fellowship, empowered by our studies. As a Matthew 25 Congregation, we answer the call to provide food and shelter to those in need. As a More Light Presbyterians Congregation, we provide a safe and affirming worshiping community for LGBTQIA+ persons, celebrating the uniqueness and dignity of each person as they seek a home for their faith and confidence in the promises of God for them.

November 10, 2024
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Day by Day

Todd Kendall

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to Rev. Susan. Restrooms & changing table are at the end of the hall to the left. Thank you for being with us!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

When the poor ones who have nothing

(GTG #762, vs. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Congregation: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Congregation: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Congregation: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Anne Smart

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mark H. Landfried

Make us to be those, O God, who, living in your image and following in your way, become your agents for breaking the chain of violence in our world. So fill us with your love that the darkness of hate may be driven out by the light of your life as we have known it through the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us turn to God in honesty and humility, ready to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive our systemic sins, the way we build and support and collaborate with oppression. Open our eyes to the injustice of wealth inequality. Open our hearts to righting our societal wrongs. Forgive our excuses, our apathy, our votes cast only for our benefit, or that of our nation's. Help us follow Christ in prioritizing the poor and vulnerable. Help us build your beloved community where all belong, and all may flourish. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHORAL RESPONSE *When our joy fills our cup to overflowing*

(GTG #762, vs. 3)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

"The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN NO. 581

**Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!
Amen, amen**

PEACE

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal
 Ringing on the farther shore,
 As I near those swollen waters
 With their deep and solemn roar.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah,
 Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah,
 Glory to the great I AM!*

*And my soul, tho' stain'd with sorrow,
 Fading as the light of day,
 Passes swiftly o'er those waters,
 to the city far away.*

*Souls have crossed before me saintly,
 to that land of perfect rest;
 And I hear them singing faintly
 In the mansions of the blest.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT
 PSALM
 NEW TESTAMENT
 GOSPEL

1 Kings 17:8-16
 Psalm 127
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44

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SERMON

*HYMN 693

Though I May Speak

Reverend Susan Balfour

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Henry

INVITATION TO OFFERING



Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR Code in your bulletin or visit our website at fpcmilledgeville.org.



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OFFERTORY

O God, You are My God

Healey Willan

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 734

Hope of the World

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Go in Peace. AMEN!

CHORAL BENEDICTION *When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance*

(GTG #762, vs. 4)

POSTLUDE

O Come and Sing Unto the Lord

Healey Willan

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Administrative Assistant, Lois Callender, on occasion of her birthday and in gratitude for her ministry.

Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott, provided by *Presbyterian Outlook*.



LIMITED MOBILITY

Helen Danuser

CHURCH FAMILY:

Wesley Applebury, cancer recurrence and treatment, attending seminary in Atlanta, **Columbia Theological Seminary, D. Wesley Applebury, Box 289, 701 S. Columbia Dr., Decatur, GA 30030**

Jack Bivens, ongoing health concerns- at Autumn Lane in Gray, GA

Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns

Ellen Thompson, waiting on double hip replacement

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues

Mark Archer, Sunda Coleman's brother-in-law, hip replacement, recovering at home

Michael Bledsoe, Mary Lucik's grandson, multiple health concerns

Nick Carruthers, Sunda Coleman's great nephew, recovering from car accident in hospital

Blake Connolly, Mary Lucik's great grandson, ongoing health concerns

Taylor Croghan, Craig Callender's niece, EDS diagnosis

Susan Eilers, Mary Lucik's friend, cancer

Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer

Marshall Hodgman, Donna Gautier's son, recovering from heart surgery at home

Alonzo Kelley, Craig Callender's father, Stage 4 Melanoma

Velma Kelley, Craig Callender's grandmother, ongoing health concerns

Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns

Donald Lucik, Mary Lucik's son, recovering from back surgery

Charles Morgan, Jenifer Flory's father, in rehab center following surgery

Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues- at Carlyle House in Macon

Paul Orman, Barbra Orman's husband, ongoing health concerns

Ambriea Pearson, Sunda Coleman's granddaughter, ongoing health concerns

Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, recovering at home; dialysis

Shaylee Pearson, Sunda's great-granddaughter, ongoing health concerns

Runette Pounds, Sunda Coleman's mother, ongoing health concerns

Gloria Roberts, Bill Werts' cousin, recovering from a traumatic fall

Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis

Windy Spaide, Craig Callender's sister, ongoing health concerns

Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards son-in-law, ongoing health concerns

Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments

Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care

Wayne Woodard, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

IN ASSISTED LIVING

George and Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549

Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Nancy Holbrook, The Dublin Place, 504 Fire Tower Rd, Dublin GA 31021

Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place

Runette Pounds, Oaks at Lake Wildwood, Rm 109, 6191 Peake Rd, Macon, GA 31220

Suzy Smith, Savannah Court 1061 Willow Run Rd., Unit 4, Greensboro GA 30642

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: November 10- November 17

Today	9:30	Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Worship
	12:00	Youth Group
	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship
	3:00	AC Listening Session
	5:00	PW Bible Study
Monday	Veteran's Day	
	6:30	PFLAG
	7:00	MSG
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	11:00	PW Bible Study
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	6:30	Pot Luck and Bible Study
	6:30	The Bridge UMC Women Bible Study
Thursday	2:00	FPC Book Club
Sunday	9:30	Sunday School
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	1:00	The Bridge UMC Worship



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Offerings in October	\$13,222.00
Anticipated October expenses:	\$17,147.00
(Monthly expenditures may exceed anticipated amounts)	



We're a
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Join us for worship in-person, online at Facebook Live or on the radio at 102.3 WKZR radio every week.

Sunday: 9:30AM **Zoom Sunday School Class**, we are studying *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann*
www.Zoom.com, Meeting ID: 852 8172 1781
Passcode: 085809

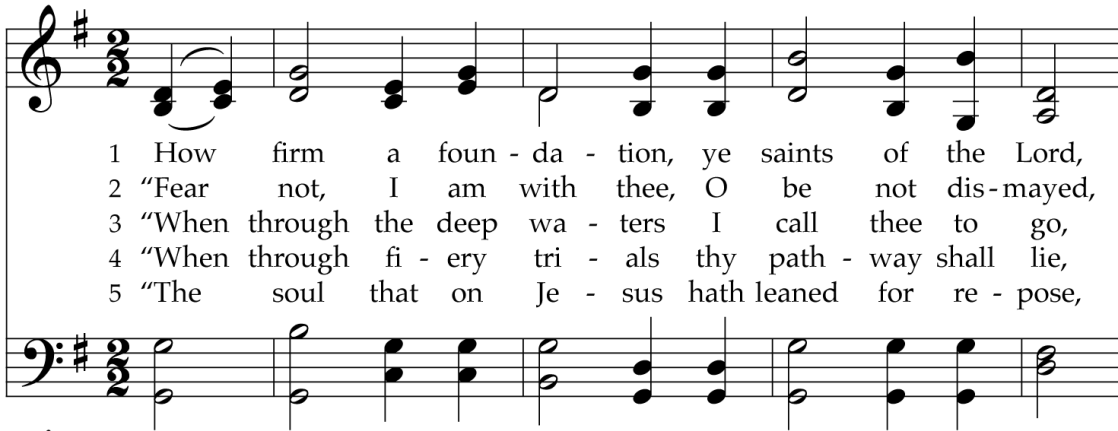
Fellowship Sunday School Class, studying *Living the Resurrection* by Eugene H. Peterson, meeting in the Parlor Room

10:15AM **Children's Sunday School Class**, singing, crafts and stories, meeting in the Craft Room Upstairs

Wednesday: 6:30PM **Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study**, studying Letters to the Romans, meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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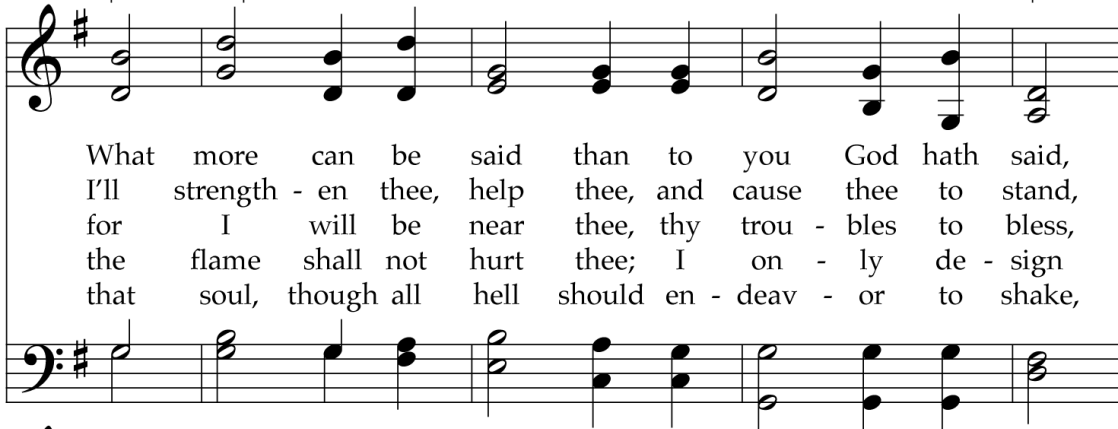
How Firm a Foundation



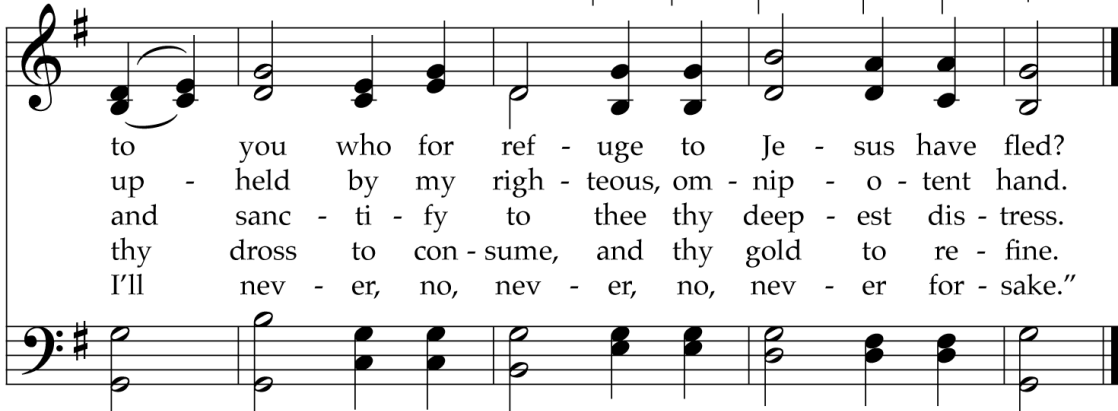
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,



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,



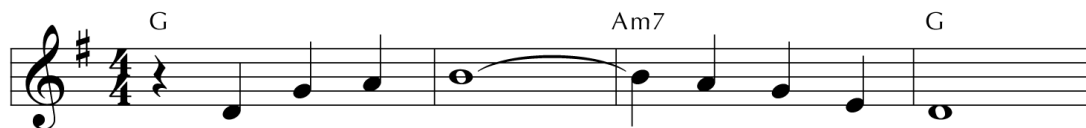
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

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.

Though I May Speak

The Gift of Love

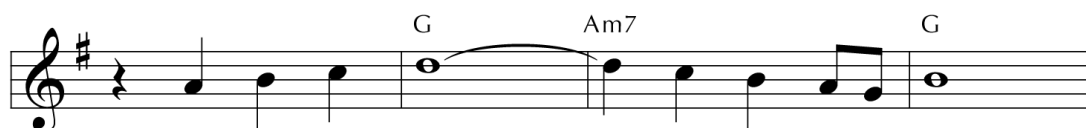
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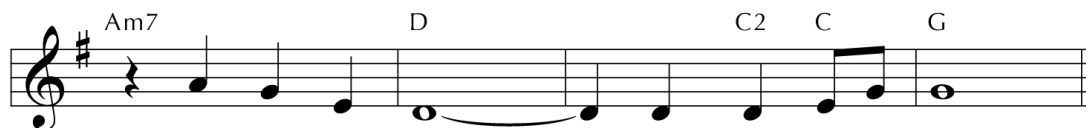
1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

Hope of the World

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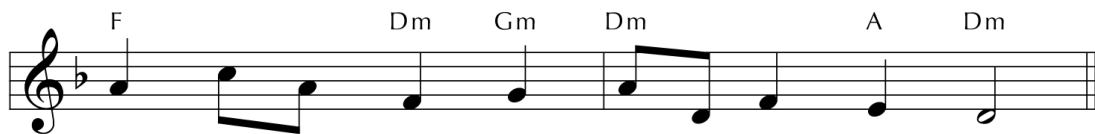
1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."