



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 11, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise

traditional Hebrew melody; arr. L. Larson

Revelation 1:8: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

"The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of Love!
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed; we bow before your holy name, forever blest."
(by D. Judah; paraphrased by T. Olivers, 1770; public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co. 2019)

Welcome and Announcements

Allen Exner

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always!

P: Again we say, Rejoice!

L: For this is the day that the Lord has made.

P: God is near.

L: God is listening.

P: God is in and around and through all things, and all people, and all places.

L: God is with us; God is for us.

P: Let us rejoice and worship God!

****Hymn – 309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Creator God,

We have distorted your image in us. We have disrupted your intention for us. We have fallen short –

Putting our faith in false gods: money, political parties, status, image –

Rather than living in confidence that you are the only God we need.

You are the One who is with us, and for us, no matter what.

Forgive us, Lord.

Have patience when we stray from you;

As a mother hen folds her young under her wings, As a shepherd keeps watch over his flock,

Pull us back to you.

Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

****Response – insert**

Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises
(sing once; using 2nd ending)

Moment with Children

Lindsey Kim

Word in Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness by T. Chisholm (1923); arr. Laura Yawney
Laura Yawney, oboe solo

Psalm 89: 1-2: *I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.*

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth; thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great . . ." (public domain)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Philippians 4:1-9
Exodus 32:1-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Kate Foster Connors

****Hymn - 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. L. Shackley

Psalm 31:3: *Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.*

"Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care; in Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are."
(words by D. Thrupp, 1836; music by W. Bradbury, 1859; public domain)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2019)

****Doxology - 609**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

****Hymn –741**

Guide My Feet

****Benediction**

Postlude

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Indian Folk Melody; arr. M. Hayes

John 12:26: *Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be.
My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

"I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus
no turning back, no turning back. The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me,
the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back."
(words: anonymous; tune: Assam; based on a publication by worshipsong.com)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2013)

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Welcome, Rev. Kate Foster Connors!

In Pastor Scott's absence today, we welcome The Rev. Kate Foster Connors. A graduate of Wesleyan University and Columbia Theological Seminary, Kate served churches in Memphis, TN and Baltimore before becoming the Founding Director of The Center: Mission Outside the Box. (The Center is an initiative of the Presbytery of Baltimore that equips churches to engage with their local communities in partnership-based mission.) Kate has two daughters, one a first-year student at UNC-Chapel Hill, and the other a junior in high school. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, gardening and live music.

Virtual Fellowship Hour Today

Please join us for another virtual fellowship hour today following worship. We will be playing Bible Bingo!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85724329952?pwd=VzJ0YlA2UDNTUDhLaFpTaIpQRm1tdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 2432 9952

Passcode: 044582

The fellowship committee plans to host these virtual fellowship hours every other Sunday. We hope you will join us!

309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

THE CHURCH

work of build-ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

Let There Be Glory And Honor And Praises

Words and Music by
James Greenelsh and Elizabeth Greenelsh

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CHORUS

N.C. G G/B C Am⁷ C/D G



Let there be glo - ry and hon - or and prais - es; Glo - ry and

6 Em⁷ A⁹ D^{sus} D G G/B C Am⁷(b5)



hon - or to Je - sus. Glo - ry and hon - or, _____

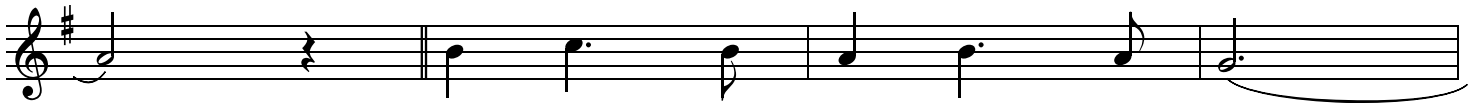
13 G/D C/D G/D 1.
Am/D Bm/D D⁷ G C/D N.C. 2.
Am/D Bm/D D^{#o7} Em



glo - ry and hon - or to Him. Let there be hon - or to Him. _____

ENDING

19 A G/D C/D G/D Am/D Bm/D D^{#o7} Em



— Glo - ry and hon - or to Him. _____

23 A G/D C/D G/D Am/D Bm/D D⁷ C G/B Am⁷ G



— Glo - ry and hon - or to Him. _____

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

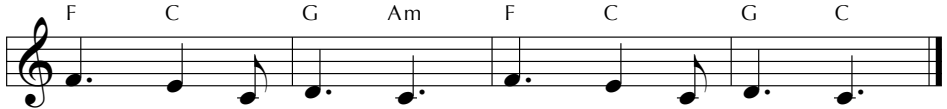
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

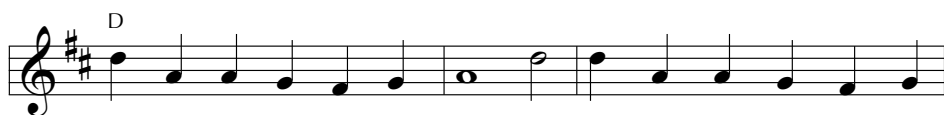
609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



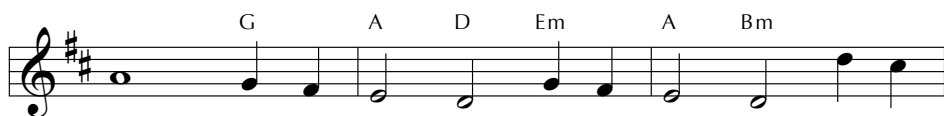
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures



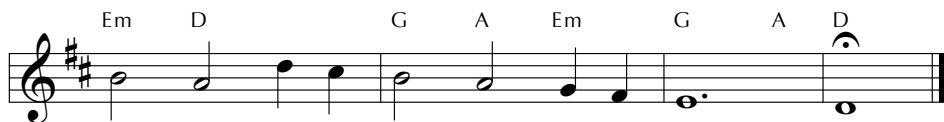
high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise



God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit



one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia



luia, alleluia, alleluia!

Guide My Feet

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1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.