



First Presbyterian Church of Littleton

For God so loved the world that he gave
his one and only Son, that whoever
believes in him shall not perish but have
eternal life. For God did not send his Son
into the world to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.

- John 3:16-17 -



Order of Worship

January 28, 2024

Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.

◆ **Please stand as you are able.**

Prelude

Marsha Trelstad

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Murray

◆ Sharing the Peace

◆ Call to Worship

Jeff Colwell

Leader: Friends of God, believe this—God loved the world, God loves the world, and nothing can separate us from God’s love, not in our past, not now, and not in the future.

People: May the truth of this great love story, shine through our worship today, and renew our call to follow Jesus in all we think, say and do.

Leader: So come, with your tiredness, your frustrations and your discouragements; come with your doubts, your fears, and your longings.

People: We come to discover, yet again, how Jesus reveals God’s love and mercy.

Leader: Friends of God, let us worship!

◆ Hymn 627 (2 times)

“I Love You, Lord”

Congregation

Prayer for Illumination

Jeff Colwell

Scripture: Romans 8:12-17 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession, In Unison

Jeff Colwell

(silent prayer) **Gracious God, in response to the prodding of your Spirit, we confess, that we are in deep need of forgiveness and correction. We have sinned against you by greedily exploiting and wantonly diminishing your creation, and doing so at high risk to our children and grandchildren. We have sinned against you by withholding food and care and hope from those whom you love. We have sinned against you by ignoring your mandate to speak up for our faith, in spite of God’s promise to empower our witness. Forgive us; recreate us; sustain and strengthen us. Amen.**

Hymn 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Congregation

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: ...Believe the Good News; God's forgiveness is full!

People: **Alleluia and Amen.**

Children are invited to come forward during the singing of 'Glory to be to the Father'

♦ Hymn 581 "Glory Be to the Father" Congregation

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Children's Sermon & Prayer Pastor Winslow

Ministry of Music "In This Very Room" Chancel Choir

♦ Scripture: John 3:1-17 (NRSV) Pastor Murray

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: God is still speaking.

Message "The End of the Story"

Hymn 482 "Baptized in Water" Congregation

Offering Pastor Murray

Offertory Hymn 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Congregation

♦ Hymn 606 Congregation

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

♦ Apostles' Creed Congregation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer Pastor Winslow

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.

◆ Hymn 821 (vs.1 & 4)	“How Can I Keep from Singing”	Congregation
◆ Benediction		Pastor Murray
Postlude		Marsha Trelstad

Please place your prayer requests in the offering plate or in the box provided in Chandler Hall.

PARTICIPANTS

Preaching Today	Rev. Jonathan Murray
Pastor of Christian Discipleship	Pastor Blakeley Winslow
Music	Chancel Choir
Liturgist	Jeff Colwell
Trustee	Maggie Ashworth
Ushers	Connie Strandberg, Dick & Cathy Graves
The flowers today are given by Dick & Cathy Graves. Wishing everyone a wonderful year!	

Staff Directory

For Contact information call the church office. 303-798-1389

- ⇒ Pastor Jonathan Murray, Minister of Sacrament and Word
- ⇒ Pastor Blakeley Winslow, Pastor of Christian Discipleship
- ⇒ Mary Dailey, Director of Worship Arts
- ⇒ Karen Meersman, Director of Handbells & Children/Youth Music
- ⇒ Elinor Packard, Office Administrator
- ⇒ Joan Lund, Financial Secretary
- ⇒ Tracy Eidson, Child Care

Leadership

Elders: Trey McDowell-Clerk of Session, Maggie Ashworth, Jan Hole, David LeMay, Don Meersman, Rick Wilson, Sue Chandler and Beth Opperman
Presbytery Commissioners: Rick Wilson and Kath McDaniel

Deacons: Joy Carreño, Becky Gibson, Cheryl Baughman, Kathy Frear, Julie Johnston, Jess Karet, Jennie Staritzky and Deb Graham

I Love You, Lord

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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

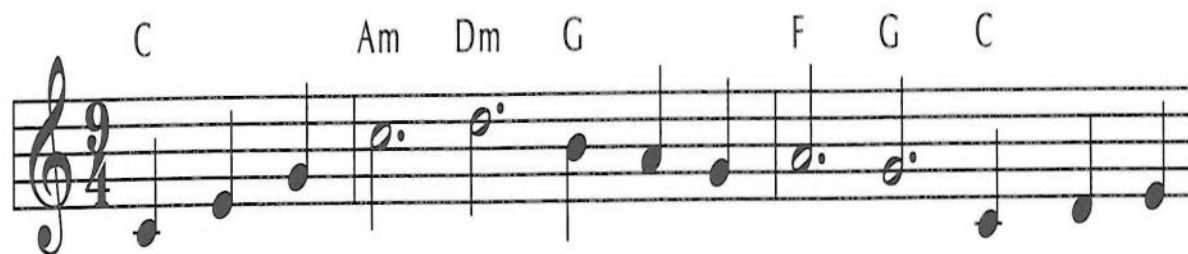
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

This simple song of adoration provides a significant blend of individual and communal considerations, for although the text is written in the voice of one person, the music involves multiple voices singing in harmony. The resulting experience seems more shared than solitary.

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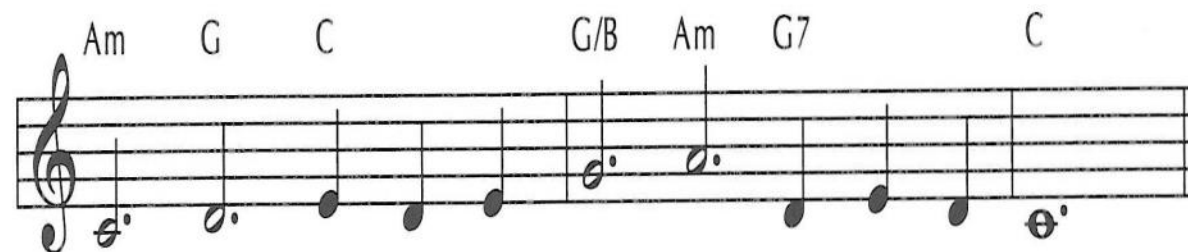
Baptized in Water



- 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


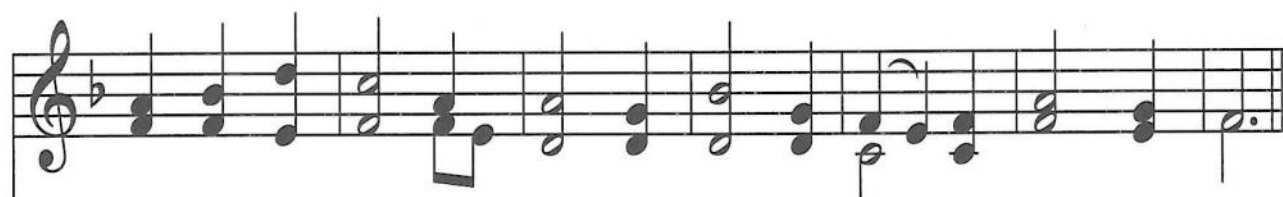


prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

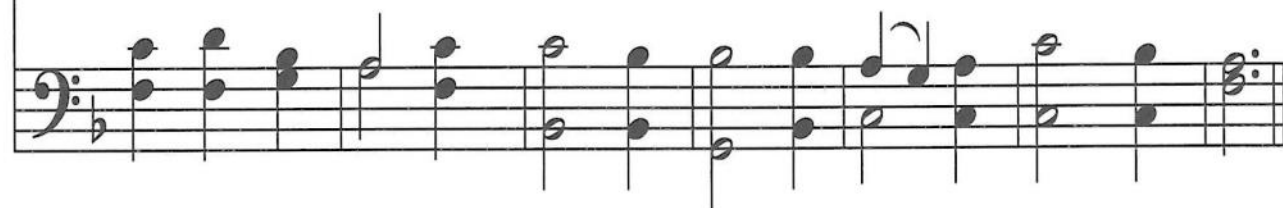
Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

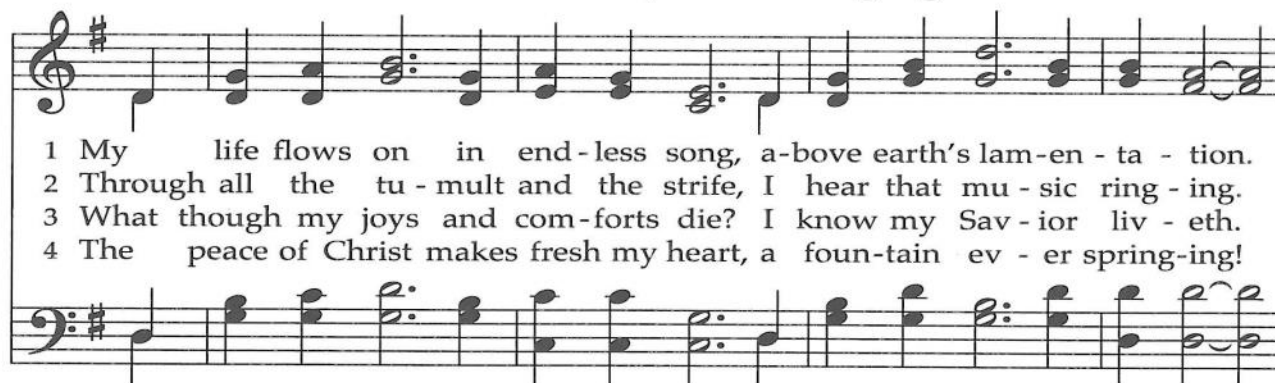


In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

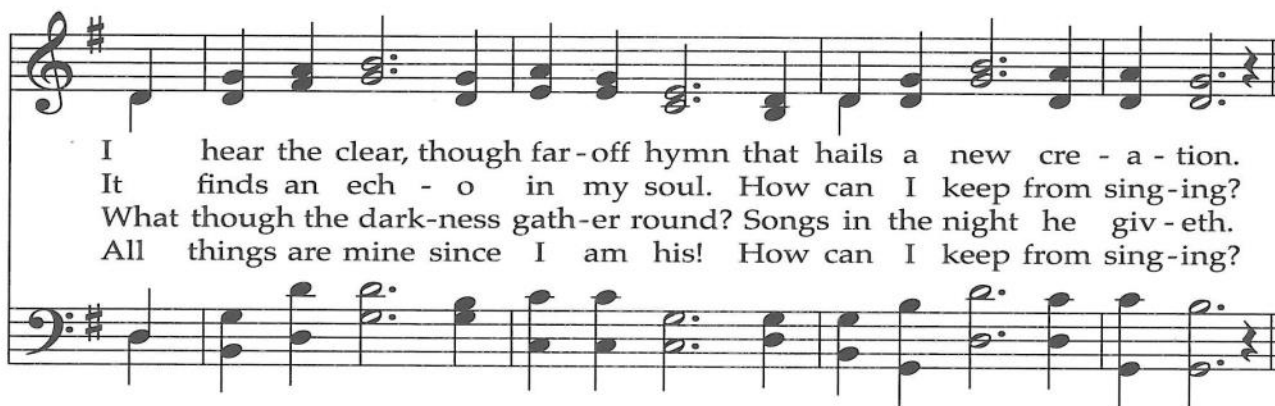
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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

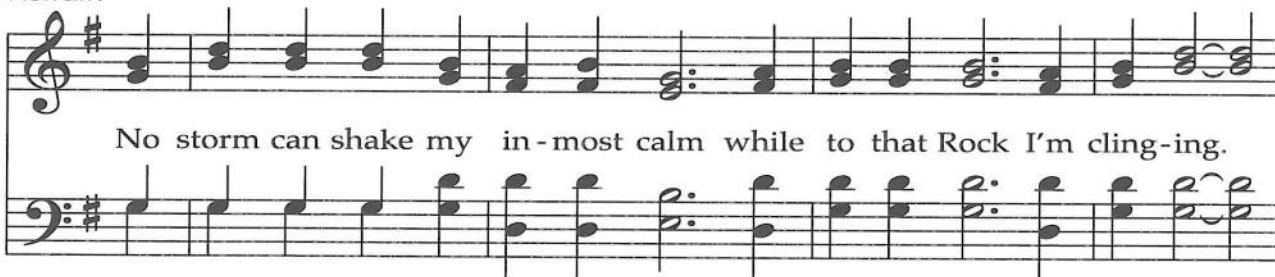


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

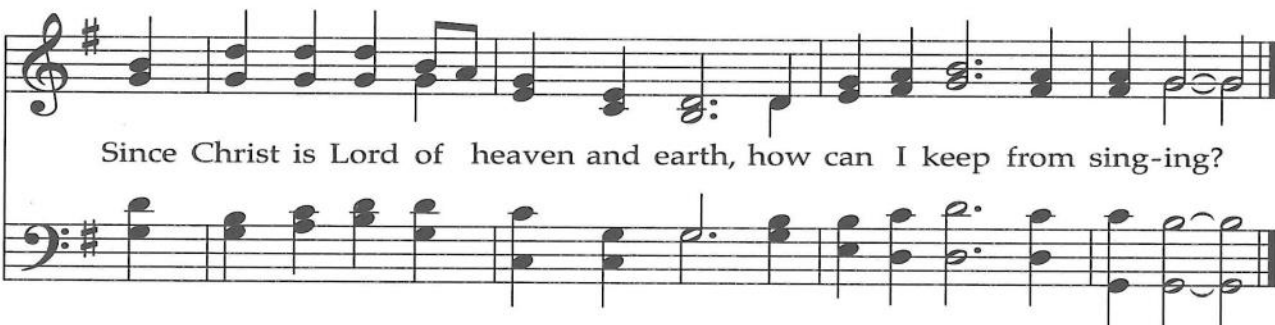


I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.



Praise God Through Flowers!

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday worship please check out the Flower Sign-up chart that is available in the Chandler Hall or call 303.798-1389, extension 1. You can order them to be delivered, buy them from your local grocery store or bring them from your garden! It's a great way to celebrate God and a special occasion or to remember a loved one.

Would You Like to Participate in Worship?

- **Sign up to Serve as the Liturgist.** You will be sent a copy of the bulletin when you sign up, that will let you know the Scripture(s) you will read, and other places in the order of worship where you will participate. Practice is encouraged!
- **Join the Choir!** The more voices the better! Contact Mary Dailey to learn about practice times and other important information.
- **Usher:** Sign up on the large blue chart in Chandler Hall. Greet visitors and say "hello" to your church family. Spread the warmth and hospitality of the wonderful congregation through your smile and welcome.

Afternoon Book Club

Love to read? Join the Afternoon Book Club
Group Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 1:00 pm

Here's what we are reading next to discuss on these dates (1:00 pm Ayers' Parlor):

- February 8: Lessons in Chemistry- by Bonnie Garmus
- March 14: Walden - by Henry David Thoreau

Adult and Children's Sunday School



Watch for the Sunday School survey that is coming soon. Pastors Jonathan and Blakeley are interested in hearing your suggestions for Sunday class topics.

The Nursery is available on Sundays during worship.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting-February 18. Reports must be submitted to Elinor in the church office no later than Thursday, February 1. Please submit the reports as a WORD document if at all possible. Include photos or clip art separately as a jpg file. Remember to make them short and sweet—no longer than 1 page.

TUESDAY night Women's Bible Study

Our evening Shabby Sheep bible study is changing back to Tuesday evenings with a new study starting February 13, 2024

When: Tuesday evenings, starting Feb. 13, 2024, 7pm for 8-10 weeks

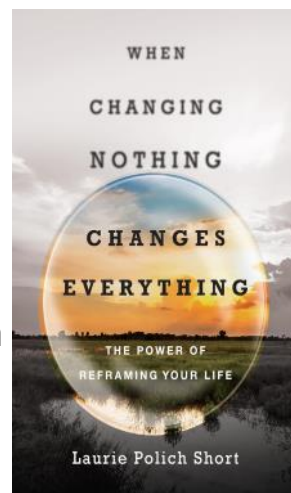
If you are a Community Dinner helper and want to participate in this bible study, we can work around those once a month Tuesdays.

Where: Shabby Sheep room - 4th floor

What: "When Changing Nothing Changes Everything" by Laurie Polich Short.

This is an 8-session DVD study from RightNow Media and has a book that follows along. You can choose to just join us Tuesday evenings to watch and discuss the DVD sessions or you can read the book or do both. Reading the book is totally optional.

Contact Sue Chandler (mesue35@aol.com) or Janice Fagan (JLFagan69@gmail.com) if you are interested.



Shabby Sheep Update!

The daytime Shabby Sheep Bible Study is starting up again. We will be studying "Unshakable Hope" which is a series on the Right Now app. We will be starting Wednesday Jan. 17 at 10:00 in the Shabby Sheep room. We welcome any and all women of our church to join us. You can come any Wednesday at 10:00 and we'd love to have you.

Any questions please contact Loretta at 303 549-7185 or Betsy at 303-908-5193.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER
LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6:00 – 7:00 PM

January 30, 2024

Doors Do Not Open Until 6:00

Where – First Presbyterian Church
1609 W Littleton Blvd.

Spaghetti with meatballs and sausage, Italian Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Seasonal fruit and handheld desserts



Questions- (303) 798-1389

<http://littletonpresbyterian.org/dinner>

All Are Welcome!

Dates to Remember

- ★ Thursday, February 1, 2024: Deadline for Annual Reports.
- ★ Wednesday, February 14: Ashes to Go drive through in parking lot—Noon to 1pm
- ★ Wednesday, February 24: Ash Wednesday Worship— 6:00pm Pastor Jonathan preaching
- ★ Sunday, February 18, 2024: Annual Congregational Meeting.



Join in the fellowship and study

2 studies that alternate **every other Monday** between a morning study and an evening study.
Morning Study 7:00am * Evening Study 6:30 pm
Contact Scott Chandler for morning information.
scott@franklincourtpartners.com or 303-888-0132

New Members Class: Interested in Membership or in learning more about First Presbyterian Church? A class will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 pm in Ayers Parlor (across the hall from the Sanctuary). Call Dee Getzinger or the church office for more information.

Memorial Service: A memorial service for **Eileen Witt** will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 2, 2024, A reception will follow in Ficklin Hall.

Memorial Service: The memorial service for **Caroline Roark** will be held on Friday, March 1, 2024 at 1:00pm. A reception will follow.

Memorial Service: The memorial service for **Marian Becker** is being planned. We will announce the details as soon as possible.



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