



**“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”**

Revelation 5:12

Cantata Sunday
March 17, 2024 10:00 a.m.

We love children in worship, all wiggles and noises included.
Please be seated, silence all devices, and quiet yourself for worship.

♦ Please stand if you are able.

Prelude

Marsha Trelstad & Mary Dailey

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Murray

Sharing the Peace

♦ The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

♦ Call to Worship

Jim Grow

Leader: Almighty God, you are worthy of praise from every mouth,

People: worthy of confession from every tongue, worthy of worship from every creature,

Leader: For your name is glorious in the earth, above and below.

People: For you created the world in your grace, and by your compassion you saved the world.

Leader: To your majesty, O God, singing and praising without ceasing, and saying:

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your praises. Hosanna in the highest.

♦ Hymn 409 (vs 1)

“God Is Here!”

Congregation

Prayer of Illumination

Jim Grow

Scripture: Revelation 5:11-12

Prayer of Confession, In Unison

Jim Grow

(Silent Prayer) How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our garments of darkness into robes of dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, for you are worthy. Amen!

Hymn 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Congregation

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

Sharing of God's Love and Forgiveness

Jim Grow

Leader: Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us. God will comfort and shelter us.

People: No one can snatch us out of the Lord's hand. God's redemption is full. Thanks be to God!

♦ 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.

1. Worthy Is the Lamb!

Worthy is the Lamb! Our King, the great I AM! Worthy is the Lamb of God! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake and sing of Him who died for thee, hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save; His glories now we sing, we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die. Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise! Worthy is the Lamb!

2. Blessed Is the King! Hosanna!

Blessed is the King who comes! Hosanna, hosanna! Lift your voice and sing, "Hosanna, hosanna!" Glory to the King who comes! Hosanna! "Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven, our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice! "Hosanna!"

3. At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

At the Lamb's high feast we sing, "Praise to the Christ, our glorious King!" For He has claimed and cleansed our souls, and by His love we've been made whole. Praise the One who by love divine now shares the cup, the holy wine. His body broken at the feast for the greatest and the least. Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed; by whom the words of life were spoken; by whom our hungry souls are fed. At the Lamb's high feast we sing, the praise and hosannas still echoing: "Praise to our King, the chosen One, holy Son, the Lamb of God."

4. We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned to our own way. Jesus Christ, Holy Lamb, Son of God, the great "I AM." He bears the cross for all who've gone astray. Despised, rejected, with sorrow and agony see Him bear the cross, His heavy load. He was bruised for our transgressions, for our iniquities; see Him as He treads Calvary's lonely road. Oppressed, afflicted, scorned by His very own, yet He utters not a single word. Like a lamb led to slaughter, innocent, forsaken, the holy sacrifice, precious Lord! Behold the Lamb!

5. On the Cross

Behold the holy Lamb of God, on the cross, on the cross! For us He sheds His precious blood, on the cross, on the cross! O hear the suffering cry, "My God, have You forsaken? Why? Draw near and see the humble Savior die on the cross. Behold the mighty deed is done on the cross, on the cross! The battle fought, this is God's Son on the cross, on the cross. To heaven He turns His dying eyes: "Tis finished!" Now the Savior cries. And then He bows His sacred head and dies on the cross. Behold the Lamb of God who came to take our sins away! O wondrous and redeeming love; a debt I cannot repay! Christ bears our sins upon the cross. Behold His arms extended wide on the cross, on the cross! Behold His bleeding hands and side on the cross, on the cross! The sun withholds its rays of light, the darkened skies become as night, the whole earth shakes for Christ is crucified on the cross.

OFFERING - the ushers will come forward

6. Glory to the Risen Lamb!

Hear the gospel news resounding: "Christ has suffered on the tree; streams of mercy are abounding, grace for all is rich and free." Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory to the Risen Lamb! Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM! Grace is flowing like a river from the Savior's wounded side. Still it flows as fresh as ever; all may live, for Christ has died. Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory to the Risen Lamb! Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory to the great I AM! On the cross for our redemption, see Him all His life-blood pour! There He wins our full salvation, dies that we may die no more.

7. Praise the Living King

O death, where is your victory? O grave, where is your sting? For Christ is risen from the dead! O praise the living King! Come, let me tell you a mystery for we shall be changed triumphantly! We shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye in a flash, in a moment when the trumpet sounds on high! Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth, wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise! Worthy is the Lamb!

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Bill Frear

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 475 (vs 1)	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	Congregation
◆ Benediction		Pastor Murray
Postlude	Marsha Trelstad & Mary Dailey	

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

PARTICIPANTS

Preaching Today	Pastor Jonathan Murray
Director of Worship Arts	Mary Dailey
Accompanist	Marsha Trelstad
Narrators	Bill Frear & Rick Wilson
Music	Chancel Choir
Liturgist	Jim Grow
Trustee	Trey McDowell
Ushers	Nat Opperman & Diane Caby

The flowers this morning are given in honor of the choir by Rick & Tina Wilson

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 Kathy McDaniel

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

Stewards: Connie Strandberg, Cheri Blanchard, Karla Ferguson, Kathy McDaniel



Open Door Women's Circle

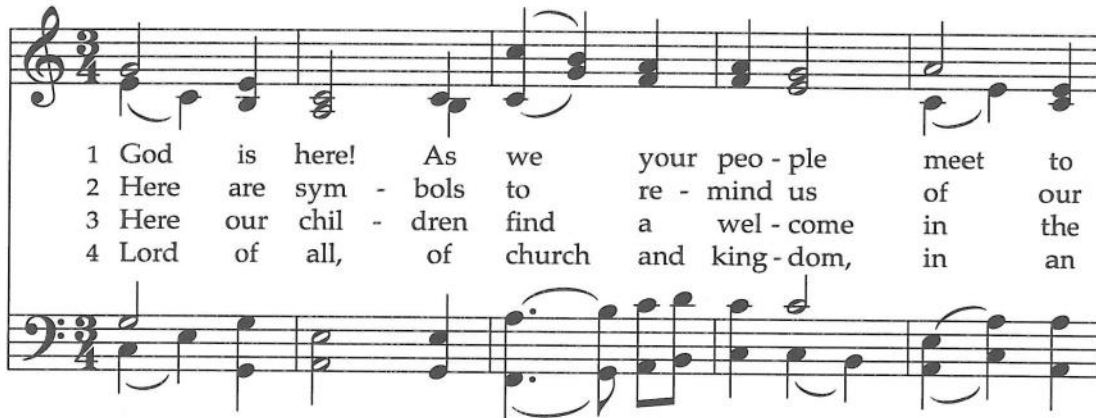
When: Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 10:30 am

Where: 4th Floor

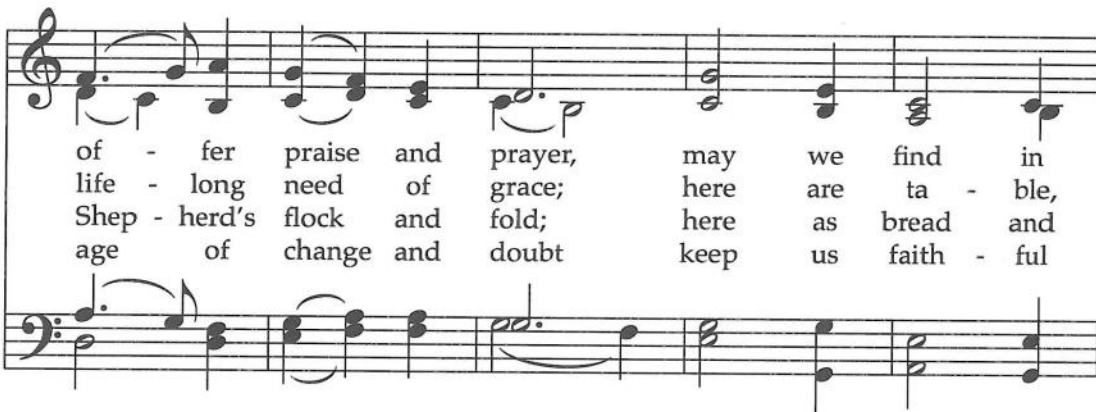
Questions? Call Hedy Lemieux 720-389-4854

All women are invited !

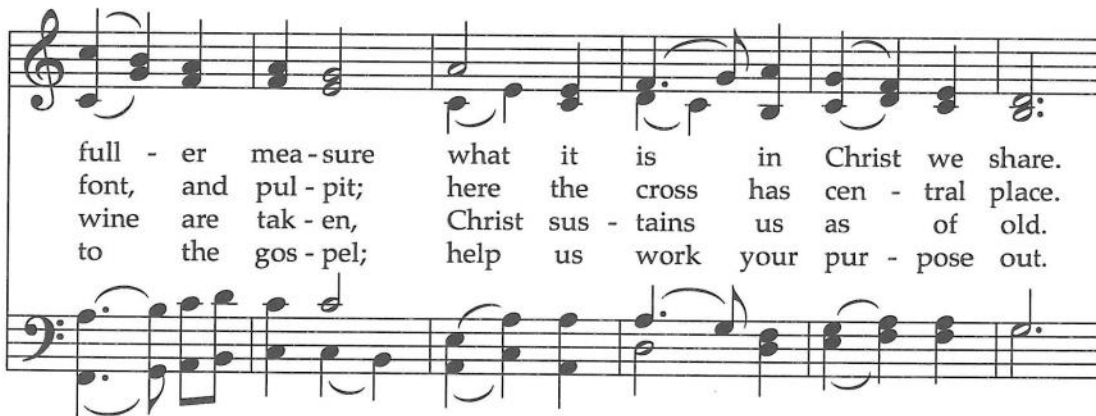
God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988

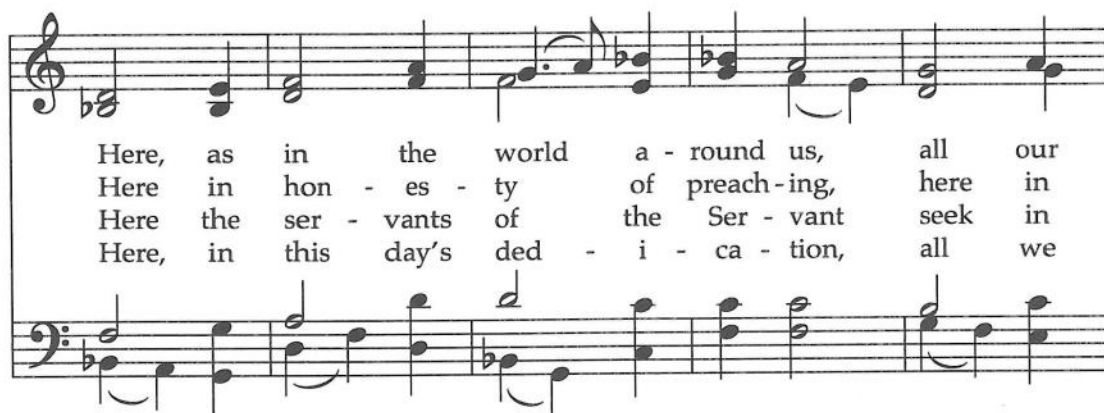
MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

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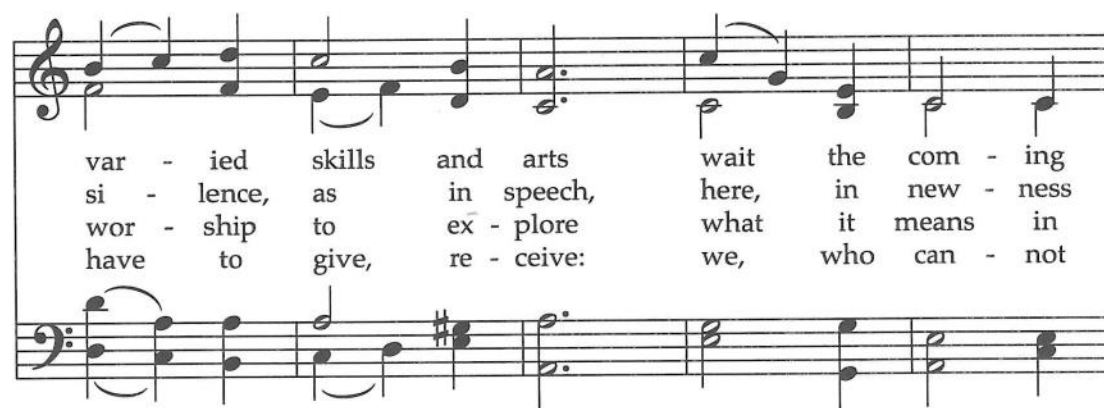
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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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GATHERING



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Books are available
in the office. \$12

Lent 2024

February 14 – March 30

The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This eight chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as who should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today.

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE

A LENTEN STUDY

Cynthia M. Campbell
and Christine Coy Fohr

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY KEVIN BURNS

DATE	FOCUS	SCRIPTURE	PREACHER
March 24 (Palm)	<i>Hospitality & Discipleship</i>	John 12:1-8	Pastor Jonathan
Thursday, March 28	<i>A Meal of Memories</i>	Matthew 26:17-30	Pastor Jonathan
Friday, March 29 (NOON)	<i>Never Forsaken</i>	Matthew 27:45-54	Pastor Blakeley

You are invited to read along with us through Lent; there are 25 books available for purchase in the office at the cost of \$12/each.

TUESDAY night Women's Bible Study

When: Tuesday evenings, 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.

An 8-session DVD study from RightNow Media and has a book that follows along.
Contact Sue Chandler (mesue35@aol.com) or Janice Fagan (JLFagan69@gmail.com)

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

March 26, 2024

Doors Do Not Open Until 6:00

Where – First Presbyterian Church
1609 W Littleton Blvd.

**MENU: Ham, Baked Potatoes, Brown Sugar Cinnamon Carrots, Fruit
Salad and handheld desserts**



Questions- (303) 798-1389

<http://littletonpresbyterian.org/dinner>

All Are Welcome!



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

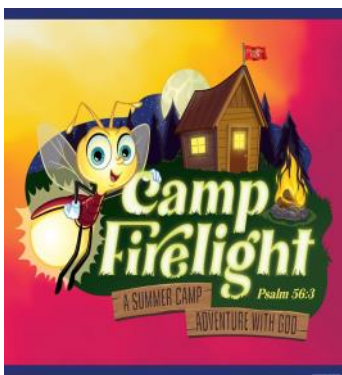
Adult & Children's Sunday School

Arrive at 8:45 am for a light breakfast!
Classes start at 9:00am

Adults will be using "Meeting Jesus at the Table" for discussion. Books are now available in the office. \$12—make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

Children's class will be held in the Sunday School room on the Windermere level.

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.



Hey Parents & Grandparents... Mark Your Calendars

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it!

Camp Firelight: A Summer Adventure With God
Wednesday, May 29 - June 1
9:00am to Noon



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Lent, Holy Week & Easter

March 17: Lenten Cantata 10am

March 24 Palm Sunday -Worship, 10am

March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship, 7pm

March 29: Good Friday Worship, Noon

March 31: Easter Sunday Worship 8 & 10am

Pancake Breakfast at 9am



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