

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Presbyterian Church
Tallahassee, Florida
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Ringling of the Zimbelstern

Voluntary

Beach Spring

The Sacred Harp

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Call to Worship

Through desolation and weeping, through bitterness and fear,
through anguish and suffering, through destruction and violence,
this we will remember:

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.**

So we will not despair, we will keep hope alive.

The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in God.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; take delight in the Lord,

Commit your way to the Lord; trust God, who will act.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 706

Commit Your Way to God the Lord
(Psalm 37)

GUILSBOROUGH

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that the seed of faith within us is small.

Hope is often absent. Love is frequently inconvenient.

Our sin keeps us from responding to you.

**Tend to us in mercy, so that we may grow in the ways of faith, hope, and love,
after the example of Jesus Christ.**

*Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*Sung Response (Hymn 583)

Gloria, Gloria

GLORIA (Taizé)

Sung once in unison, twice in canon (A = North, B = South)

Canon (A) (B)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print**.

* The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING

Prayer for Illumination

Melanie Meyer

Hebrew Scripture

Lamentations 1:1–6, 3:19–26

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1–14

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Gospel

Luke 17:5–10

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Sermon

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)

Page 34 in the Hymnal

Prayers of the People

God our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

... in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

Call to Offering

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Anthem

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

*Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth,
Lord of justice, Lord of mercy,
Walk beside us down the years
till we see you in your glory.*

*Striving to attain the heights,
turning in a new direction,
Entering a lonely place,
welcoming a friend or stranger.
(Refrain)*

*Silver is of passing worth,
gold is not of constant value,
Jewels sparkle for a while,
what you long for is not lasting.
(Refrain)*

*Rulers govern under me
with my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love;
those who seek me find their answer.
(Refrain)*

*God the Father and the Son,
Holy Spirit coeternal,
Glory, glory be ascribed to you,
now and to the end of age.
(Refrain)*

Refrain:

*I am here, I am with you.
I have called: do you hear me?
I am here, I am here, I am with you.*

*Presentation Hymn 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

*Prayer of Dedication

SEALING

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Creator. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... *So we sing with all our ancestors in faith and with all the angels and all the planets:*

Sanctus — Hymn 552

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... *we acknowledge the great mystery of our faith:*

Memorial Acclamation — Hymn 553

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... *So that one day your world may hunger no more for food or love.*

Amen — Hymn 554

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The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kindom 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 kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 517

Here, O Lord, We See You

MORECAMBE

Hymn 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

*Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

*Blessing and Charge

The Lord bless and keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore. **Alleluia!**

Proclaim the message, be persistent in prayer, do the work of the gospel,
and carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Voluntary

Restoration

Southern Harmony

IN WORSHIP TODAY

“Kingdom” or “Kindom” in the Lord's Prayer? Kingdoms were the dominant community structure when our Scriptures were written. Some find it meaningful to think about other Biblical metaphors to convey the ethos of care and genuine kin-ships about which Jesus taught and preached. Please pray as you choose.

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations — We offer prayers for healing for Grier Hodges-Willis, Sabrina Wright, Wayne Friedemann, Martha Kutter, Joyce Crawford, Bev Breedlove, Tara Reynolds, Sandra Sherrard, and Martha Snowden. **We offer prayers for strength and mercy** for Zella Cook (mother of Lisa Cook), Evanna (sister of Wayne Friedemann), Patricia McCoy Delancey, and Thaddeus Gillon. **We pray for the staff and volunteers** of Second Harvest of the Big Bend as well as those of all our mission partners. **We pray for victims of gun violence** in our community and our country. **We pray for the Presbyterian Reformed Church** in Cuba, Pastor Izett Samá Hernández, and Pastor Alison Infante. **We pray for peace** in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, and around the world. **We also pray for those in military service**, including Brian Guisao, Ross Yeilding, David DelRossi, and Owen Elzie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children are welcome in this service as full members of God's family. Parents and children are invited to use whatever is useful in the basket by the door to the Narthex. Childcare for children under the age of kindergarten is in the Education Building. Please note that during worship the Education Building is locked. Please enter through the breezeway door.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each ground floor aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large Print Versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

Visitors: We are glad you are here this morning! If you have questions about our congregation or membership, please let us know by using the friendship registers or speaking to one of the greeters so we can connect you with the right people. We welcome new members after worship on the second Sunday of each month.

CHECK-IN



Let us know you came
to Worship today!



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Commit Your Way to God the Lord 706

(Psalm 37)



1 Com - mit your way to God the Lord: your cause will
 2 Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not
 3 Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful
 4 Com - mit your way to God the Lord; to peace and



shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's
 fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger,
 know their help is sure; to heav - en, all our
 truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be



ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.
 turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
 needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
 your re - ward; God's prom - is - es, your heart's de - sire.

John Calvin summarized Psalm 37 by saying, "It enjoins us to confide in the providence of God." This compact paraphrase maintains that perspective by drawing mainly on the psalm's promises and assurances rather than on its descriptions of the activities of the wicked.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever-'. The third staff concludes the melody with lyrics 'more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.' Chord symbols are placed above the notes: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G on the first staff; D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7 on the second staff; and G, C, Am7, G, Am7, D, G on the third staff.

G C Am7 Dsus D G

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all

D Am7 Dsus D Am7 D G Am7

people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever -


G C Am7 G Am7 D G

more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Holy, Holy, Holy


552

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) B \flat C (D) F




1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) C (D/F \sharp) F/A (F \sharp m) Am (G) B \flat (A) C (Bm) Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Dsus) Fsus (D) F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

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MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)


F C F B \flat C F C F/A Am



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)

B \flat C Dm B \flat F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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Amen

Capo 3: (G) (A) (Bm)
B \flat C Dm

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B \flat F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1995

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Here, O Our Lord, We See You 517

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

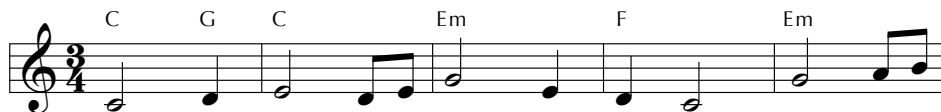
Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

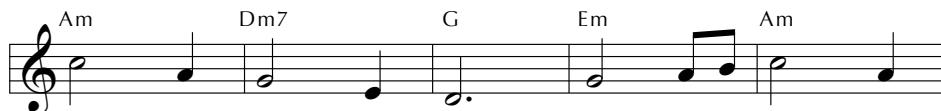
and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

TEXT: Erik Routley, 1966

MUSIC: *The United States Sacred Harmony*, 1799; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

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CHARLESTOWN

8.7.8.7

817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.