

SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION AND THANKSGIVING

Betty Christine Davis Miller

December 17, 1926–January 2, 2026

First Presbyterian Church

Tallahassee, Florida

January 17, 2026, 11:00 AM



GATHERING

Voluntary

Adante, from Trumpet Concerto in E-flat, H.7E/I

Franz Joseph Haydn

Call to Worship

Rev. Mark Thomas

We brought nothing into the World and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Sentences from Scripture

Hymn 144

v.1&4

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

Sentences from Scripture

*Prayer (adapted from Psalm 90)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and worlds, from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Thou turneth mortals back to dust.

A thousand years in thy sight are but yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Thou dost sweep us away; we are like a dream, like grass, which is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed: in the evening it fades and withers. The years of our life are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength, fourscore; they are soon gone and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Satisfy us in the morning with thy steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let thy work be manifest to thy servants, and thy glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish thou the work of our hands, upon us, yea the work of our hands establish thou it.

*Confession

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts.

We admit our need for your healing and forgiveness.

We have not lived as your grateful children, or fulfilled your best hopes for us.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;

open us to a future in which we can be changed;

and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*An asterisk invites you to rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold**.

THE WORD

Old Testament Scripture	Isaiah 40:31	
Epistle	Ephesians 5:8–9	
Gospel	Luke 10:25–28	
Sermon/Remarks about Betty		
*Hymn 105 v.1&4	People, Look East	BESANÇON
Reading	Pied Beauty	Gerald Manely Hopkins
Anthem	The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)	John Rutter
Remarks		Steve Theg
Reading	“Circle Down”	By Betty Miller
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.**

COMMENDATION

Prayer

Leader: Live together in peace, caution the careless, encourage the fainthearted, support the weak and be patient with everyone.

People: See to it that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but always make it your job to do good to one another and to all people.

Leader: Be joyful, pray continually; be thankful in all circumstances, for this is what God wants from you in your life. Pray for each other, brothers and sisters. Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, and whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in Jesus, do; and the God of Peace will be with you.

Choral Response	A Gaelic Blessing	John Rutter
<i>Deep peace of the running wave to you Deep peace of the flowing air to you Deep peace of the quiet earth to you Deep peace of the shining stars to you Deep peace of the gentle night to you</i>	<i>Moon and stars pour their healing light on you Deep peace of Christ, Of Christ the light of the world to you Deep peace of Christ to you</i>	

Reading	On the Day I Die	Rumi
*Charge		

*Hymn 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

*Benediction

Voluntary

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

J.S. BACH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reception: Betty's church family welcomes you to a reception in the Westminster Room following the service. Please feel free to enter without forming a line, greeting the family as the opportunity arises.

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.

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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This Is What You Shall Do

by Walt Whitman

This is what you shall do:
Love the earth and sun and the animals,
Despise riches, give alms to everyone that asks,
Stand up for the stupid and crazy,
Devote your income and labors to others,
Hate tyrants, argue not concerning God,
Have patience and indulgence toward the people

...
And your very flesh shall be a great poem

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

In the Bleak Midwinter

144



1 In the bleak mid-winter, frost - y wind made moan;
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there;
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim thronged the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him: give my heart.



Though this text describes winter weather in England rather than in Palestine, the poet is using familiar surroundings as a means of making the Nativity more immediate and personal. The tune name honors a Gloucestershire village near the composer's birthplace in Cheltenham.

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People, Look East

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east:

Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Love, the Bird, is on the way.

Love, the Star, is on the way.

Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east:

(Love is on the way.)



Morning Has Broken

664

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012

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