

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 26, 2023

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Membership of the Prince Family
Baptisms of Eleanor Elise, Olivia June, and Evangeline Amelia Prince

† *Pastor.* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things;

His right hand and His holy arm have gained him the victory.

The LORD has made known His salvation.

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98:1-3



Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & LORD'S PRAYER

**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 have forgiven 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.**

† **Congregational Singing**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty—322-323

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

“For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

“Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matthew 5:43-48



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS
OUR SINS:

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we come to You as a righteous Judge; and as One who is filled with mercy. Be merciful to us, and forgive us for our sins. Forgive us for not trusting in You; for showing our distrust through our impatience with Your timing, Your provision, and Your ways. We sin as we grumble against You. We need Your pardon. Forgive our sinful thoughts, and for being rash in speech. Pardon us for our unkindness and impatience with one another, especially our neighbors, friends, and family. Pardon us these sins. Now, be merciful to us, and according to Your great love, hear our confession and forgive us these sins we now confess to You...

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *I Waited for the LORD* [Psalm 40]—74



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament
Genesis 18:1-15

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
1 Corinthians 8

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 20:27-47

“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Acts 4:23-31

Sermon
The Peculiar Plans of God
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*—insert

‡ The congregation is invited to kneel

† The congregation is invited to stand

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*
As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

† *Pastor:* Christians, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hades.**

**On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.**

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* —286-287

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children

† Benediction & Singing

Bind unto Myself Today (St. Patrick's Breastplate)— 351-352 (verses 8 & 9)

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.	I bind unto myself the name, The strong name of the Trinity, By invocation of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all nature hath creation; Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

New Members — The Prince family will be presented for membership just prior to our service.

Baptism and Reception — Eleanor Elise, Olivia June, and Evangeline Amelia Prince will be baptized at the beginning of our service. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall after our service.

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children — Just before the end of our service next Sunday, we will invite the children (about 12 and younger) forward for a special time of prayer, encouragement, and blessing.

THIS WEEK

Midweek at All Saints

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday evenings for a meal, a time of singing, and Bible study. Please refer to the email sign-up to RSVP for dinner. Contact Pastor Shaw with any questions.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. — Dinner provided by the church

6:15 - 7:00 p.m. — Understanding the Psalms, led by Pastor Jeffery

7:00 - 7:45 p.m. — Learn to Sing Your Part, led by Nathan Whittlesey

Ladies Prayer Meeting — Friday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Email nicole.jeffery@gmail.com for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY

First Sunday of Advent



PLEASE NOTE

Parents, diaper changing facilities can be found in the second floor restrooms and are available for your convenience.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lessons and Carols — Friday, December 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Gloria Sancta — January 3-6, 2024 at Timberline Camp and Conference Center. Registration now open. Gloria Sancta is a retreat for Christian young adults ages 18-28. This year's teaching will be provided by Pastor Randy Booth (Grace Covenant, Nacogdoches, TX), Pastor Rob Hadding (Covenant Presbyterian, Sulphur, LA), Pastor Niell, and Pastor Jeffery. **Register soon at <https://www.gloriasancta.org> while space is still available.**

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN (14 14. 4 7 8)
Stralsund, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, 1665

Joachim Neander, 1680
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -

a - tion; O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
fend thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here

health and sal - va - tion: All ye who hear, Now to His
gent - ly sus - tain - eth: Hast thou not seen How thy de -
dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new What the Al -

tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth.
might - y can do, If with His love He be - friend thee!

ADORATION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

4. Praise to the Lord, Who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord, Who, when dark - ness of sin is a -
 6. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -

made thee, Decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 bound - ing, Who, when the god - less do tri - umph, all
 dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief Hath not He
 vir - tue con - found - ing, Shed - deth His light, Chas - eth the
 prais - es be - fore Him. Let the A - men Sound from His

brought thee re - lief, Spread - ing His wings to o'er-shade thee!
 hor - rors of night, Saints with His mer - cy sur-round - ing.
 peo - ple a - gain, Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The score is divided into five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it."

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

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Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)
Charles Meineke, 1844

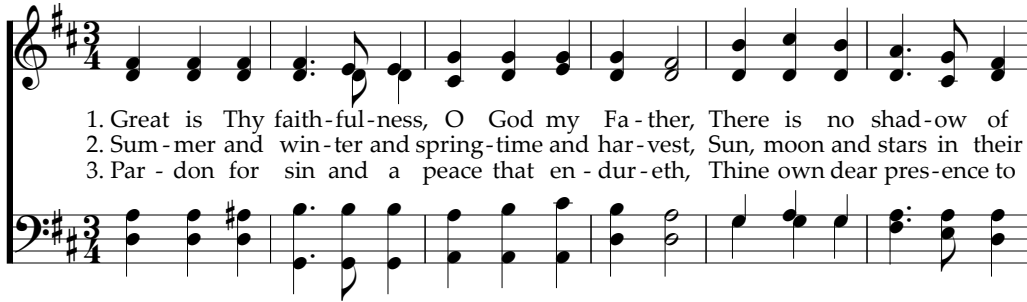
2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

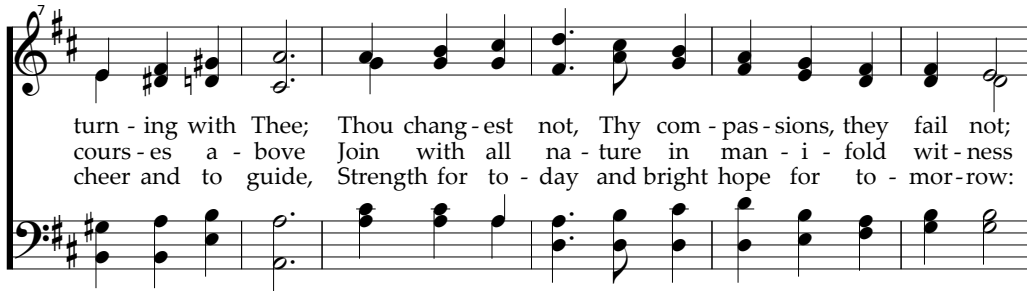
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

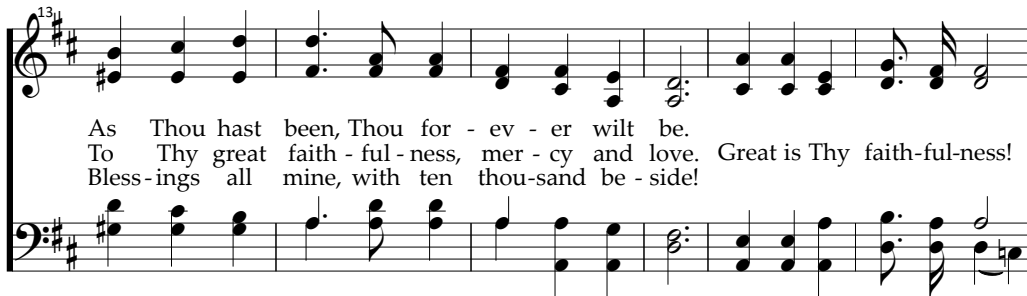
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



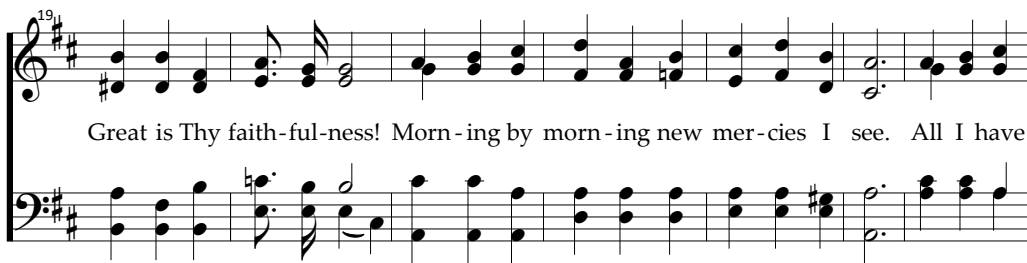
1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, There is no shad-ow of
2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon and stars in their
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, Thine own dear pres-ence to



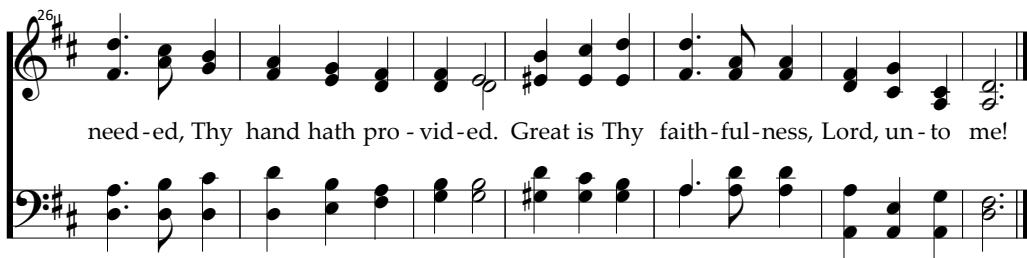
turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com - pas-sions, they fail not;
cours-es a - bove Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
cheer and to guide, Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor-row:



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see. All I have



need-ed, Thy hand hath pro - vid-ed. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

SAGINA (L.M.D.)
Thomas Campbell, 1825

Charles Wesley, 1738; alt.

1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: Who can ex -
3. *He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove— So free, so*
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His
plore His strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
in - fi - nite His grace! Hum - bled Him - self— so great His
sin and na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
all in Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
tries To sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy
love! And bled for all His cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell
Head, And clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap -

ADORATION

love! How can it be That Thou, my Lord, shouldst
 all! Let earth a - dore, Let an - gel minds in -
all, im - mense and free; For, O my God, it
 off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 proach th'e - ter - nal throne, And claim the crown, through

die for me?
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
found out me.
 fol - lowed Thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

be That Thou, my Lord, shouldst die for me?
 can it be That Thou, my Lord,