



# Grace First

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Together – Worshipping, Witnessing, Working*



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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Holy Communion

June 6, 2021

## **Welcome and Announcements**

As you prepare for worship today you are invited to light a candle in your worship space or gaze upon the Christ candle in the Sanctuary to center yourself for the worship of God.

### **Prelude**

*Schoenster Herr Jesu*

arr. Cathy Moglebust

"Meditation on "Beautiful Savior"

Sanctuary Handbells

### **\*Call to Worship (Responsive)**

**Claire Varnon**

We gather as one congregation among many to worship and praise our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Let us join our hearts with Christians around the world.**

From the dedication of each believer, the church ministers, to people of every race and nation.

**Let us join our hearts in service.**


We give thanks for each act of compassion, wherever and whenever the love of Christ is shared.

**Let us join our hearts in thanks and praise to the Lord.**

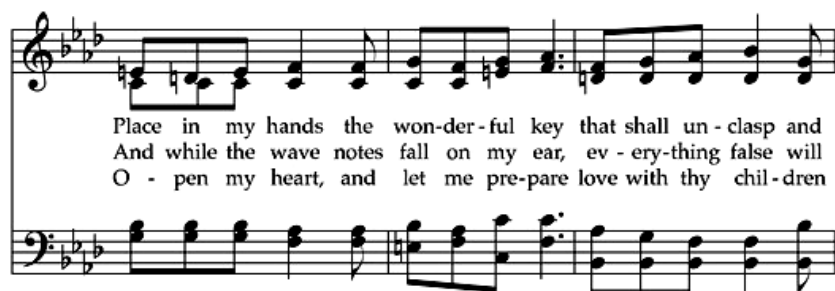
### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

God, we have gathered because we know that for us to be strong in the body of Christ and not lured by the world, we need strength. We know that when we gather in this place, we find Christ in our midst and feel the indwelling of his spirit. We come to worship, and be filled, and know that you are with us during our time of worship. Amen.

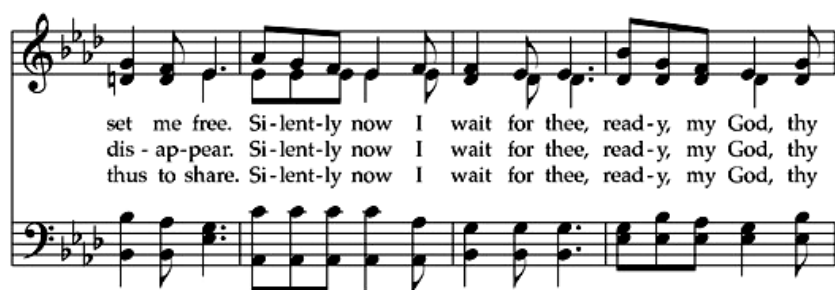
# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

## **Children's Moment**

Following Children's Moment, children ages 3—grade 5 who would like to participate in Children's Worship may leave the sanctuary with this week's teachers. If your child does not wish to participate in Children's Worship they are welcome to stay here! Following today's service, you may pick up your child in room 6.

**Today's Teachers are: Nancy Deison & Katy Smith**

## **Call to Confession**

All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but by the grace of God, we are redeemed. Let us join in one voice in the prayer of confession followed by our own time of silent confession.

## **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God, we confess that too often we forget that you are the Lord. We rely on our own power rather than on your grace. We act as if the growth of your kingdom depends on us, forgetting that you supply the increase. Renew our minds that we may have proper perspective about ourselves as heirs of your kingdom.**

## **Silent Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see everything has become new. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Holy God, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak. Open our ears that we may hear, our eyes that we may see and our hearts that we may understand your word for us today. Amen.

## **First Reading**

**Psalm 130**

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

## **Music Ministry**

Allen Pote

“Come to the Table”

Sanctuary Choir

Come, to the table and bring your joy,  
bring all your gladness and come to the table.

Eat the bread, drink the wine, come,  
rejoice in the Lord.

Bring all your sorrow, bring all your pain,  
bring all the heartaches you bear.

Bring who you are and hope to become,  
come, to the table to share.

Come to the table, remember Christ,  
remember His love when you come to the table.

Come in faith, come to serve,  
come rejoice in the Lord.

Share the bread, share the wine,  
share in the risen Lord.

Share as a family, one in community,  
one in the name of the Lord.

Come to the table to follow Christ forgiven and free,  
you must come to the table. Come in faith,  
come in love, come, rejoice in the Lord.

## **Second Reading**

**Mark 3:20-35**

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God**

## **Sermon**

**The Rev. David Slyter**

# The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The church's one foundation is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth,  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.

TEXT: Samuel John Stone, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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## **\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

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.

## **PW Presentation of Bible**

Virginia Welsh

**[Call to Stewardship](#)** (click here to be directed to our online giving)

All we have comes from God and we are called to offer back a portion of all we have to God. With grateful and giving hearts, let us receive this morning's offerings of time, talents, and monies.

## **Offertory**

arr. Charles Callahan

"Prelude on Pleading Savior"

## **Congregational Response** Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*

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.

## **Offertory Prayer**

Lord of all gracious gifts, accept our offerings as a portion of ourselves that they may be used for your divine glory. Bless each gift and giver as we continue to serve those in our family of God. Amen.

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## Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.

MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

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## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Communion Anthem

Carlton R. Young

"In the Singing"  
Sanctuary Choir

In the singing, in the silence,  
in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking,  
in the Presence at this table.

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace:  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

In the question, in the answer,  
in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing,  
in the circle of Your people.

### Benediction (Responsive)

May God's love bless you and keep you safe,  
may God's face shine on you in love and  
affection.

**We go in peace to love and serve.**

### The Peace of Christ (Responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you**

### Postlude

Francois Couperin

"Fugue on the "Kyrie"

**Today's Liturgy has been adapted from:**

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, June 6**

8:30 AM	Sanctuary Handbell Warm-up
9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Warm-up
10:40 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
1:00 PM	Men's Bible Study, Parlor
5:00 PM	Youth Group at GFPC

### **Holy Communion**

### **Monday, June 7**

6:30 PM	Troop 76, Great Hall
6:30 PM	Pack 76, North Hall Classrooms

### **Tuesday, June 8**

5:00 PM	Sanctuary Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	<a href="#"><u>SJM Guest Speaker Pepa Paniagua</u></a>

### **Wednesday, June 9**

7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
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### **Thursday, June 10**

1:00 PM	In-Touch Ministry, Library
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### **Saturday, June 12**

1:00 PM	Graveside Service for Bel Wise
2:00 PM	Gathering in remembrance of Bel Wise at GFPC in the Great Hall.

### **Sunday, June 13**

9:00 AM	Sunday School Classes
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Warm-up
10:40 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
11:45 AM	<a href="#"><u>Corporate Meeting</u></a>
12:00 PM	Christian Ed, Library
1:00 PM	Women's Bible Study, Location TBA
	No Youth Group

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Remembering Bel Wise**—Bel passed away on Saturday, May 29. There will be a Graveside service at Hiner Cemetery on Saturday, June 12 at 1pm, followed by a gathering of folks in the Great Hall to remember and tell stories of Bel.

**Star Word Prompt for June**—Now that we're halfway through, revisit the initial thoughts, impressions, and prayers you first had with your star word. How have they changed? How have you grown?

**Stewardship**—If you would like to contribute financially to the ministries of Grace First, you may do so by placing your offering in the designated box in the Narthex as you leave the Sanctuary, or by visiting this link:

<https://gracefirstpc.churchcenter.com/giving>

**VBS**—Time to sign the kiddos up for [GFPC VBS 2021!](#) There are many ways you can help with VBS. One way is to help provide snacks. Stop by the kitchen and grab a sticky note with snack items listed that we will need for the week of vbs. For other ways you can help, contact Pastor David or Leslie Goeldner.

**PW Bible presentation**—Today the Presbyterian Women will be presenting a bible to a newly married couple, member Ashley Garcia and her spouse, Billy Weigart.

**Corporate Meeting**—The Trustees and Session have called a GFPC Corporate Meeting following worship service on Sunday, June 13, 2021, for the purpose of approving new Bylaws for the Corporation. [Sign-up here](#) if you will attend virtually.

**Pastor Vacation Time**—Pastor Ashley will be taking vacation from May 28 thru June 12. During this time if you have needs for pastoral care, please contact Pastor David.

**PYP Men's Bible Study**—Join the PYP Men of Grace First TODAY at 1pm in the Parlor for Bible Study.