

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Fall Sermon Series: "What Does It Mean to Be
Protestant, Reformed, and Presbyterian?"
September 18, 2022
10:00 AM



Order of Worship

** Please stand, as able.
Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in new ways, and we reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Welcome and Greetings –

Prelude

Adagio
(from Partita on Saint Anne)

Paul Manz
(1919-2009)

*** Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) –**

The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

(All) As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** Hymn 210**

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

St. Anne

Call to Confession (Seated) –

Prayer of Confession (In unison) –

O God of Grace, we confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith. We read your Word and, often, find ourselves weighed down with doubt and guilt and do not have the courage to trust in you. Fill our hearts with the assurance of your love, and renew our courage through your Holy Spirit, that we may serve you with joyful abandon...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) –

The Good News is that God forgives us and gives us Christ Jesus to be living water and true bread.

Let us accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life.

Friends: believe the good news of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God

*** *Gloria Patri – Hymn 567***

“Glory to the Father”

John Weaver

*** *Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) –***

Here, where others have been building, we claim the legacy of faith.

We come to take, in our turn, the telling of God’s story, and speak God’s hope and truth.

We come to celebrate the Spirit who draws us together, sojourners in faith, secure in the knowledge that we never travel alone.

The Spirit who turns a stranger into a friend gathers us in worship where we greet each other in the peace we pass from hand to hand. Amen!

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also, with you.

(Greet one another sharing God’s peace now and throughout the week.)

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

Children’s Message – Pastor Peter

(Following the Children’s message, children in third grade and below are invited to depart for Children’s Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) –

Holy God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us the grace to receive your truth in faith and love, so we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory. Amen.

First Reading –

The first lectionary reading is Amos, chapter 8, verses 4-7; p. 807). The wealthy pursue their own interests and trample upon the poor. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and destroy the poor of the land, saying,

“When will the new moon
be over so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath
so that we may offer wheat for sale,
make the ephah smaller, enlarge the shekel,
and deceive with false balances,
in order to buy the needy for silver
and the helpless for sandals,
and sell garbage as grain?”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget what they have done.

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

New Testament Reading –

The second lectionary reading is 1 Timothy, chapter 2, verses 1-7; p. 196. Instructions on prayer; there is one God, and Jesus is our mediator. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

First of all, then, I ask that requests, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made for all people. Pray for kings and everyone who is in authority so that we can live a quiet and peaceful life in complete godliness and dignity. This is right and it pleases God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. There is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the human Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a payment to set all people free. This was a testimony that was given at the right time. I was appointed to be a preacher and apostle of this testimony—I'm telling the truth and I'm not lying! I'm a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 16, verses 1-15; p. 74. The story of a dishonest manager; you cannot serve God and wealth. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.'

"The household manager said to himself, What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses.

"One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.' Then the manager said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'One thousand bushels of wheat.' He said, 'Take your contract and write eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. If you haven't been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? If you haven't been faithful with someone else's property, who will give you your own? No

household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

**Fall Sermon Series – “What Does It Mean to Be Protestant, Reformed, and Presbyterian?”
Sermon 2 “Okay—So What Is the Bible?”**

Pastor Peter

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God’s Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God’s work as we move into God’s week.

*** Hymn 331**

“Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written”

Wylde Green

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer – (Using ‘debts’ & ‘debtors’)

Minute for Mission

Peace & Global Missions

Anne Newman

Invitation to the Offering –

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church in the local and global community. Ushers will collect offertory during offertory music.)

Offertory

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**African-American spiritual
arr. Sam Batt Owens (1928-1998)**

Sanctuary Choir, Deb Gates and David Campbell, soloists

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (Refrain.)*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, And say he died for all. (Refrain.)*

*Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for courage, He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain.)*

*** Doxology 592**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Old Hundredth

(An Usher will bring the Offering Plate forward, returning it to the rear of the Sanctuary.)

*** Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts, and Tithes (In unison) –**

We give you thanks, Holy God, for the gifts and ministries of your people. May this offering given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us fill empty hearts with love and proclaim your name wherever we reach. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

*** Hymn 262**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

National hymn

*** Charge and Benediction –**

The Peace of God, revealed in the Holy Scriptures, go with you this day, reigning within you, and in your families.

God's peace will make a difference in our lives, and in all our relationships.

Walk in confident friendship with Christ, the Word of God, who suffers and rejoices with you.

Christ's presence will transform and strengthen us, wherever our journeys take us this week.

Live by the Spirit, who reveals God's Word, acknowledging God's rule in your hearts and in your actions.

We welcome the fires of the Holy Spirit, the refreshing wind of God's surprising grace. Amen.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude

***2. Theme - Our God, Our Help
(from Partita on Saint Anne)***

Paul Manz

Announcements

Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Should you wish for Hearing Devices and/or Large Print Bibles & Hymnals, they are available from an usher. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. A Virtual Fellowship Time is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care** and **Children's Worship (Grades K-3)** during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. We request that if you desire **nursery care** for your child during Sunday worship, please call the **Church Office by Friday noon**, so that the nursery is staffed. **Children's Worship** does not require reserving ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary for Carmel Hall after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; or Melissa MacFarland, Children's Worship leader.

THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Willard F. Rice, Jr. (Dave Rice's brother) by Dave, Christina, Nicole, and Matthew Rice.

A REFLECTION ON THE BIBLE – James Hastings Nichols notes in *Primer for Protestants* (p. 136):

"At the moment, perhaps, the Bible is too little read or preached and consequently the will and activity of God in our immediate crises are most imperfectly discerned. Presently, however, as so often before, the Bible will again be waited on in the listening congregation as the prompting script of God's dialogue with this generation, and presently God's intention will be known and obeyed."

CARMEL'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CHURCH OFFICERS – The Nominating Committee will meet soon to fill upcoming vacancies on Session, the Board of Deacons, Shepherds, Audit Committee members, and non-church officer-members of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to serve or recommend a member to serve, please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or email the Church Office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP "CELEBRATING SABBATH" BEGINS TUESDAY – CPW (Carmel Presbyterian Women) will meet on Tues, Sept. 20th at 7:30 for bible study and fellowship. Our 9-month study is entitled "Celebrating Sabbath" and will focus on exploring the idea of 'accepting God's gift of rest and delight'. Join us in the Women's Fellowship Lounge for lively discussion and light refreshments.

"PRACTICE GENEROSITY" ADULT STUDY GROUP WEDNESDAYS BEGINS SEPT 21st—Pastor Peter will offer an **Adult Group Study** this fall called **"Practice Generosity"** for four weeks on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm on **Zoom**. We will meet Wednesdays (Note date changes): September 21 & 28, and October 5 & 12. **Generosity** is often understood as an act of kindness that involves giving out of one's abundance to others in need. Well, that's a narrow definition! The Carmel group will examine Biblical teachings describing the practice as a little different. **Generosity is simply, and profoundly, love in action.** A **Zoom** link will be emailed each week before the class. Pick up **Practice Generosity—Adult Reflection Guide** in the Church Office!

FALL SERMON SERIES "PROTESTANT, REFORMED, AND PRESBYTERIAN" UNDER WAY – A series of sermons on **"What It Means to Be Protestant, Reformed, and Presbyterian"** is underway. Pastor Peter has selected **six core convictions** of Presbyterians in our "Reformed Tradition" for the Six-Week Series, beginning September 11th, and continuing through October 23rd (with a gap Sunday on **World Communion Sunday**, October 2nd). We'll start with Grace, then think together about the Bible, the sovereignty of God, the priesthood of all believers, the life of the mind, and the worship of the heart. I believe understanding our faith more fully will not only enrich our lives but also give us a deeper meaning with which to enrich the lives of others. Here is the line-up:

- **9.11.22 "Grace—what it means for you!"**
- **9.18.22 "Okay—So What Is the Bible?"**
- **9.25.22 "Is the Sovereignty of God Essential?"**
- **10.02.22 World Communion Sunday (Series break)**
- **10.09.22 "Am I a Priest—the Priesthood of All Believers?"**
- **10.16.22 "Life of the Mind", and**
- **10.23.22 "Worship of the Heart"**

Join in each Sunday to develop a deeper understanding of Jesus as we grow together in faith and discipleship.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MISSIONS – This is the season for the Peace & Global Witness special offering partnering with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Carmel will contribute 25% of our collection to Laurel House to provide safety for women and children escaping violence in their homes. Envelopes are at the end of the pews for your use and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name and/or envelope number with your contribution. While envelopes may be placed

in the plate each Sunday, the special offering will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022.

CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) FOR GRADES 3-8 IS UNDERWAY! – Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) has begun and welcomes all kids in Grades 3-8. It meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 in Carmel Hall. Fun, fellowship, and growing together as a group guides the group and leaders. **CYM leaders** Joyce, Katey, Melissa, and Jed look forward to seeing you.

MUSIC NOTES FROM CARMEL'S BALCONY – Please hold the date for a new year of church choirs. A new season of singing and ringing starts in September. Please hold the following dates and times for our rehearsals:

- **Children's Choir**, for anyone in Grades K-2, meets Wednesdays, from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- **Junior Choir**, for anyone in Grades 3-8, meets Wednesdays, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- **Youth Choir**, for anyone in Grades 9-12, meets Sundays, from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- **Sanctuary Choir**, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, meets Thursdays, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- **Handbell Choir**, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, will begin on Monday, September 19, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

For questions about any of the choirs please contact **Abby Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music**. September is a great time of year to try it out.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE INVITES YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS – *First*: Congregational Life invites you to the first night of **SOUP GROUP!** Join in the fun on **Friday, October 14th**, 6:30-8 in Carmel Hall. This fun Fellowship time will offer an opportunity to busy your hands and fill your heart. We will be working together on care projects and 'caretaking' of each other. This monthly event is designed to provide the time and space for just being together with a wonderful bonus—helping others. Congregational Life will provide a simple meal and simple tasks that can support organizations with 'mission in mind.' We continue the emphasis on mission by providing to-go soup and salad and would like to organize delivery to folks who can't join us but could use a warm meal once in a while. What to bring? A willing heart, an empty belly, and all of your ideas to help make sure this new Soup Group is a hit! Please contact Melissa Deacon(mdeacon782@comcast.net) to let us know you're coming.

And, *second*, we hope you can join us Sunday, October 23rd for a **Fall-Themed Brunch** immediately following the service. Keeping it simple, we'll take coffee hour up a notch and celebrate the changing seasons. Please contact Melissa Deacon (mdeacon782@comcast.net) to let us know you're coming.

SPREAD THE WORD – CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN CLASSES – The **Carmel Nursery School** began Fall school classes for the school year. There are still some openings for this year's **Registration**. If you have a neighbor or see a family who might need nursery school, share our information with them. We offer affordable classes for ages 2 years 7 months to age 5 during school hours are 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Our **website** can be found on the www.presbycarmel.org page and we can be found on **Facebook** at **Carmel Nursery School**.

"CHRIST IS CALLING" FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES PROJECT FOR UKRAINE – Our CHRIST IS CALLING ministry for Ukraine continues with medical supplies only being accepted by the Ukrainian Education and Cultural Center in Jenkintown. Monetary donations are also accepted by the Center as well as Presbyterian Disaster

Assistance. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ellen Thomas or Janet Simon. Thank you for your support of this mission opportunity.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CPC—CONTACT PASTOR PETER – Have you thought about making Carmel your church home? Interested in learning more about what membership at CPC involves? We are planning to schedule our next adult membership class and would love to be in conversation with you about how you can take the next step toward membership. We do not have a date set but would appreciate you letting us know your interest by emailing office@presbycarmel.org or contacting Pastor Peter.

WONDER “WHAT’S GOING ON?” CHECK OUT CARMEL’S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone, and Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist: liturgist, ushers, greeters, and host for coffee hour. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign up online here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

WELCOME TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVE STREAMING ON SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>

Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

“Virtual Fellowship Time” may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

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Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

David Rice, Liturgist

Deb Gates and David Campbell, Soloists

Greeter/Ushers

Beth Cherry and Margie White, Shepherds

Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member

Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, Dave Rice and Kerri Strike-Stahler, Live-Streaming Operators

David Rice, Coffee Fellowship Host: Carmel Hall (11:00 AM)

PSALM 90:1-5

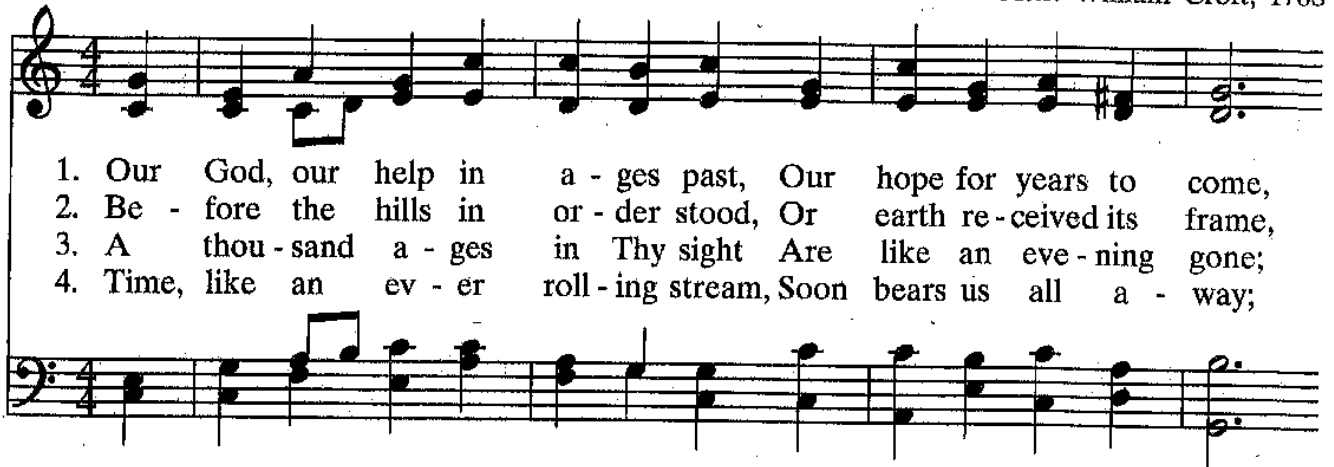
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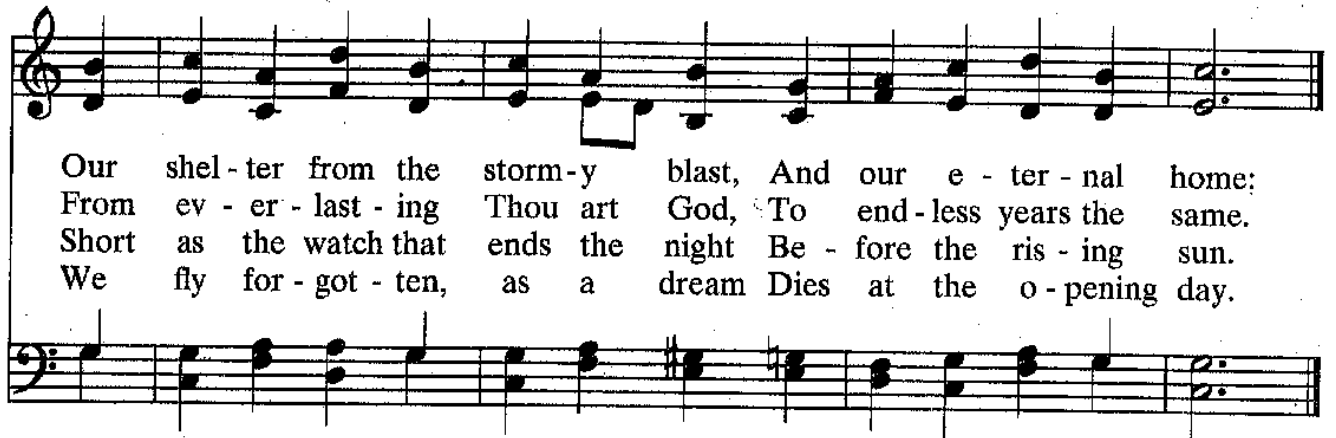
ST. ANNE CM

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

567

John Weaver, 1978

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

f
Ped.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top line is a vocal line in treble clef, 3/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The right hand features a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand plays a steady bass line. A piano dynamic marking 'f' and a 'Ped.' (pedal) instruction are present.

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Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The vocal line continues with a melodic phrase. The piano accompaniment continues with similar rhythmic patterns. There are two asterisks above the vocal line, one at the beginning and one above the word 'beginning'.

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The vocal line concludes with the words 'A - men. A - men. A - men.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support, ending with a final chord. The system concludes with a double bar line.

*May be sung as a canon.

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331 Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written

WYLDE GREEN 8.7.8.7.4.7

R. T. Brooks, 1954; alt.

Peter Cutts, 1966


1. Thanks to God whose word was writ - ten In the Bi - ble's
 2. Thanks to God whose word is pub - lished In the tongues of
 3. Thanks to God whose Word In - car - nate Heights and depths of
 4. Thanks to God whose Word is an - swered By the Spir - it's


sa - cred page, Rec - ord of the rev - e - la - tion
 ev - ery race. See its glo - ry un - di - min - ished
 life did share. Deeds and words and death and ris - ing,
 voice with - in. Here we drink of joy un - mea - sured,

Show - ing God to ev - ery age. God has spo - ken:
 By the change of time or place. God has spo - ken:
 Grace in hu - man form de - clare. God has spo - ken:
 Life re - deemed from death and sin. God is speak - ing:

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God for the living Word." The score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is on a single treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "Praise God for the liv - ing Word." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

Luke 4:16-20 

=96-104
LIFE IN CHRIST

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

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.

* Or "God."


GOD

262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10



Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

George William Warren, 1892





*Trumpets may
be played
with each stanza*


1. God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.

