

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music

Miroir

Ad Wammes

Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Concerns of the Congregation

Celebrating our Worship Ministry

Mike Millhaem, Worship Elder

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

*Opening Hymn #40

To God be the Glory

Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves
and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

*Invocation

*Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have seen your mighty acts for us and have forgotten to give thanks. You have blessed us with salvation and we have forgotten to share our testimony. You have granted us eternal life in heaven and we have forgotten to place our thoughts in the heavenlies. You have blessed us with a fellowship of beloved fellowship of the saints in Christ and we are quick to forget the value you have placed on us your church. Forgive us we pray. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16,17

One: *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. This is our Good News.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri #575

Glory Be to the Father

Celebrating Our Witness

Jamie Jewell, Witness Elder

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

Offertory

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Kirkpatrick/Stead

Evelina Konaniah, Piano

Text: See hymnal page 312

***Doxology #572**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

At this time toddlers are invited to go to Junior Church. There is no Children's Church today.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:16-4:1

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Pew Bible pg. 682 Large Print Bible pg. 1499

One: This is God's Word for God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Facing the Heat

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Communion Anthem

Bread of Life from Heaven

Heinrich Isaac

Covenant Choir

Arr. Hal Hopson.

We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the serving of communion, church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.

The Invitation

The Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Communion

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

The Prayer of Blessing

***Apostles Creed**

All: 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.

***Hymn #481 vs. 1 & 2**

So Send I You

***Benediction**

We invite all of you to continue our celebration to God as we worship through our Annual Meeting of the Congregation. Those who may not be members are invited to share in our joy as we thank God, although only members are able to vote.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

Covenant-First's mission is to praise the Father, proclaim the Son and submit to the perfecting power of the Holy Spirit.

**Covenant First Presbyterian Church
Annual Meeting of the Congregation 2022
March 6, 2022**

Celebrating 232 Years of Ministry in Our City

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Call to Order

Hymn #481 vs. 3 & 4

So Send I You

Prayer

Celebration of Deacon's Ministries

Barbara Lambing, Deacon

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

Celebration of God's Financial Provisions

Genita Heidenreich, Church Administrator

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

Celebration of Administrative Ministry

Bill Forsstrom, Administrative Elder

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

Celebration of Our Leadership

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

Bill Forsstrom, Chair of Nominating

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

Celebration of Incoming Elders and Deacons

Election of Elders

Three year terms, Class of 2025

Alex Balz

Rod Crousey

Rick Hopkins

All three are being nominated for a second term

Election of Deacons

Three year term, Class of 2025

Jennifer Maxwell

Nancy Smith

Election of Nominating Committee Members

One year term, Class of 2023

Bob Goering – third, one-year term

Randy Page – third, one-year term

Marjeane Sallada – first, one-year term

Marney Weis – third, one-year term

Celebration of Our Future — Pastoral Search

Rev. Dr. Robert C. Anderson

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. — Isaiah 25:1

Adjournment

*Hymn 207 vs. 1 & 4

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Prayer of Benediction (Unison)

**God of our coming and going, God of our past, our present, and our future,
we have met, we have celebrated, we have remembered.**

We also have visioned, shared hopes, dreamed dreams.

**And now we go out into the world in which we do most of our living
and our ministering.**

As we go out, remind us that we do not go alone.

As we go out, remind us that we go with a mission.

As we go out, fill us with love, hope, and peace to share with the world.

**May our lives and our ministry be signs of your love and promises
and possibility for the world. Amen.**

40 To God Be the Glory

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Psa. 29:2

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11 11 11 11 Ref.

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

William H. Doane, 1875



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be - liev - er the
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re - joic - ing thro'



gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the
prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from
Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be Our won - der, our



Refrain



Life - gate that all may go in.
Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His
trans - port, when Je - sus we see.



voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the



Fa - ther thro' Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.



481 So Send I You

As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. John 20:21

TORONTO 11 10 11 10 Ref.

John W. Peterson, 1954

E. Margaret Clarkson, 1937

1. So send I you to la - bor un - re - ward - ed, To serve un -
2. So send I you to bind the bruised and bro - ken, O'er wand - ring
3. So send I you to lone - li - ness and long - ing, With heart a -
4. So send I you to leave your life's am - bi - tion, To die to
5. So send I you to hearts made hard by ha - tred, To eyes made

paid, un - loved, un - sought, un - known, To bear re - buke, to suf - fer
souls to work, to weep, to wake, To bear the bur - dens of a
hung - ring for the loved and known, For - sak - ing home and kin - dred,
dear de - sire, self - will re - sign, To la - bor long, and love where
blind be - cause they will not see, To spend, though it be blood, to

scorn and scoff - ing— So send I you to toil for Me a - lone.
world a - wea - ry— So send I you to suf - fer for My sake.
friend and dear one— So send I you to know My love a - lone.
men re - vile you— So send I you to lose your life in Mine.
spend and spare not— So send I you to taste of Cal - va - ry.

Refrain (following the final stanza)

“As the Fa - ther hath sent me, So send I you.”

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LIFE IN CHRIST

207 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

For ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS S.M.
Johann G. Nageli, 1773-1836
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear;
4. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - ward pain;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And oft - en for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain. A - men.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Sunday, March 6

9 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship with Communion and Annual Meeting
11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

Wednesday, March 9

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study
12:15 PM — Mars Hill Fourth Grade Tour

Saturday, March 12

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Sunday, March 13 — Daylight Savings Time Begins

9 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship
11:30 AM — Fellowship T

Monday, March 14

6:30 PM — Session

Wednesday, March 16

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, March 20

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Looking Ahead — March 13

This week is our first week of Lent, a time we set aside to prepare our spiritual lives for remembering the events of Jesus' life during Holy Week. It is a 40 Day period of time - 40 being a biblical number that represents a time of testing or trial. Our sermon series during the next several weeks will be, "Facing the Heat," confronting life's temptations and tests. Jesus' temptation in the wilderness will be our guide each week. We will also have a study guide available for use in the week following so that you can dig a little deeper. And remember - tests are not a "bad" thing. When we face the heat of life's trials and temptations, we are made stronger and purer as a result. See Romans 5:4-5: “. . . we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”