

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2026

*"Men invent means and methods of coming at God's love, they learn rules and set up devices to remind them of that love, and it seems like a world of trouble to bring oneself into the consciousness of God's presence. Yet it might be so simple. Is it not quicker and easier just to do our common business wholly for the love of him?"*

~ Brother Lawrence

TRINITY BELLS

\*OPENING MUSIC

"God of Wonders"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from the day to day busyness of our lives.

**People: We come with cares and worries, joys and celebrations.**

Leader: Let us set it all aside and enter this time of worship.

**People: May our hearts and minds be open to what God might say to us this day.**

Leader: Trusting always in the Spirit to meet us,

**People: let us gather to worship God!**

\*#579 GLORIA PATRI

GATHERING MUSIC

#461 "God Is Here!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF LINDA RUGE

Ruth Hancock

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Eternal God,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

*(now that we have confessed as a congregation, let us confess our own sins in the silence of our hearts)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun. You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be. Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

OFFERING

Offering Hymn #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

\*Doxology

\*Prayer Of Dedication

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Close"

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-9

Psalms 103

SERMON

"Doing God's Work Might Not Be Your Plan"  
Presbyterian Lay Pastor Bruce Walrod

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*SONG OF REFLECTION

"Sons and Daughters"

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

\*SENDING MUSIC

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**Helpful Notes**

- 1) We say "debts" and "debtors" in the Lord's Prayer
- 2) Asterisks (\*) = Please stand as you are able
- 3) Offering –You can give electronically using the QR code found in the 'Stewardship News' section of this bulletin

# Prayers for July 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

## Members of the Congregation:

Mike Waddell, Sue Scott, Steve Pederson & Alan Scott

## Friends of the Congregation:

Missy Nelson (Friend of the Moeller Family),  
Neela Waddell (Mike & Judy's Granddaughter) &  
Mike Kelleher (Abigail's Brother-in-Law)

## Prayer Families:

Aaron Amhof  
Hannah Amhof  
Jacob Amhof  
Rachel Amhof & Sean Bailey (Violet)

## Pray for: (a ministry in our Presbytery; a ministry in Fort Dodge)

First Presbyterian Church, Lakota &  
Calvary Memorial Church of God in Christ

## Stewardship News

THANK YOU to all who faithfully share from their personal Treasure. We are committed to helping others learn and experience the JOY OF GIVING. On 7/5/26, 114 members experienced the JOY OF WORSHIP (88, 12 FB, 14 YT). Total contributions through 7/5/26 are \$246,434.57. The amount needed is \$287,700.06. God has generously given us spiritual and physical provision and blessings in abundance. As we follow God, generous giving is a natural outcome. Please prayerfully consider if it's time to STEP-UP your JOY OF GIVING!



## Thank you to our volunteers today

**Ushers:** Jim, Heather, Josiah & Noah Peck

**Vocals:** Jacob Deuel & Kia Deuel

**Musicians:** Greg Merritt, Jake Merritt & Gabriel Alves

**Bus Driver:** David Cook

**Offering Pick-Up:** Mike Waddell

## Deacon's Breakfast Bags

All are welcome to help the Deacon's pack breakfast bags on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the CLC hallway.

## Deacons Meal

The Deacons have compassion meals for anyone that could benefit from them. If you could use a compassion meal, please contact the office at (515) 576-2091 or a Deacon.

## Bus Drivers and Church Openers

We are looking to add more drivers/openers to our rotation. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Ted Huggins at (515) 571-1061.

## Technology Help

If you need help with technology, Mary can help! She may not have all the answers, but she will gladly work through it with you at church or in your home. Email her at [marya@firstpresfd.org](mailto:marya@firstpresfd.org).

## Stories and Songs of Praise

Our Worship & Music team is excited to announce three upcoming events which we are calling "Stories and Songs of Praise"-summer worship opportunities which will honor our church's original commitment in utilizing the Christian Life Center for a more modern worship experience. We plan to craft the service around the personal testimonies of community members who are making positive impacts in our area-many organizations which we fund with our outreach dollars. We hope you will come and bring others with you! 7pm on JUNE 24 (testimony by Kelli Glasgo of Church of the Damascus Road), JULY 22 (testimony by Chris Walker of Walker's Bike Shop), and AUGUST 26 (testimony by Charles Clayton of AFES)

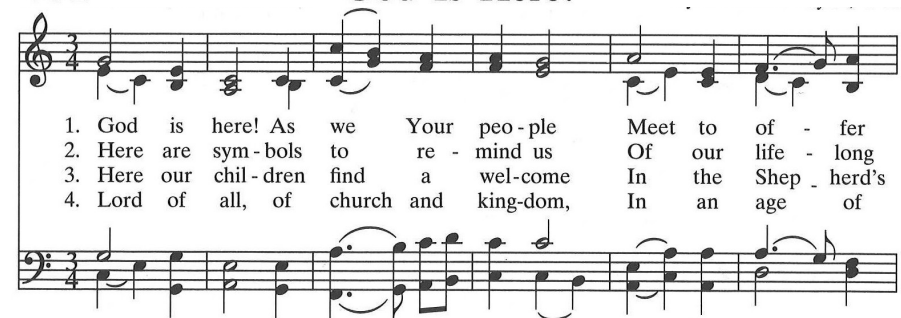


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A/V Specialist, Kristal Torres  
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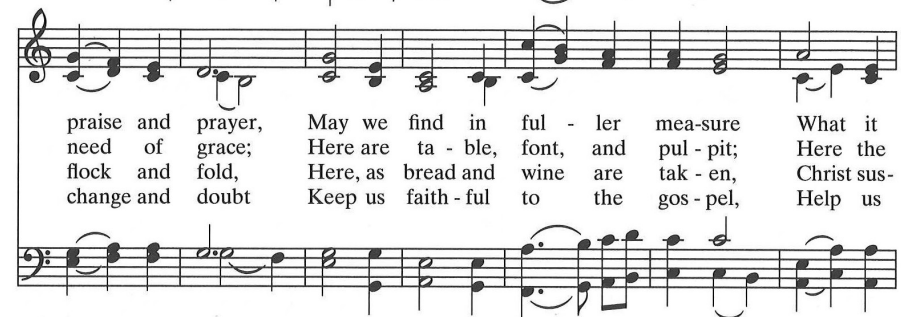
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**YouTube:** FPC Fort Dodge



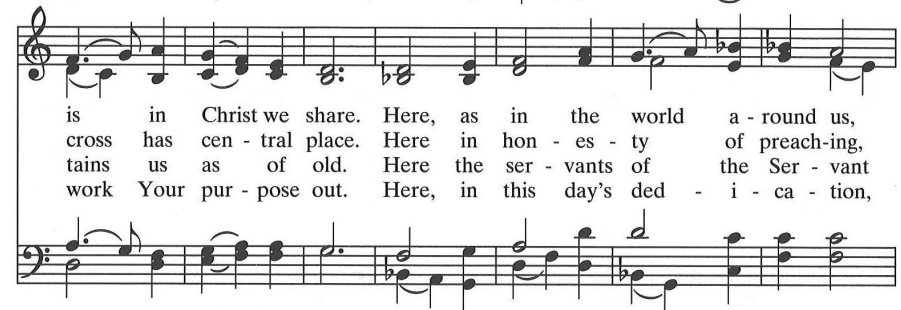
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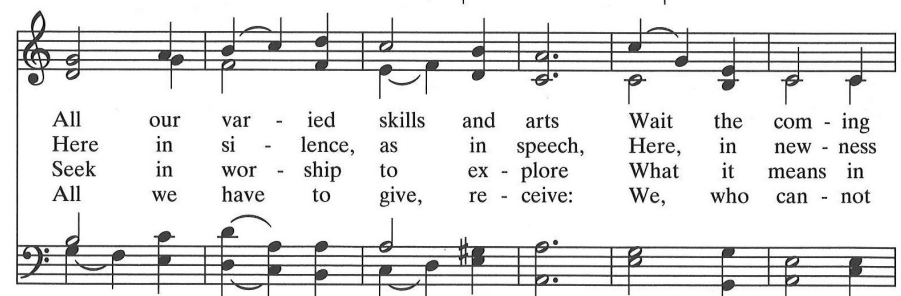
1. God is here! As we Your peo-ple Meet to of - fer  
2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us Of our life - long  
3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come In the Shep - herd's  
4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, In an age of



praise and prayer, May we find in ful - ler mea-sure What it  
need of grace; Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit; Here the  
flock and fold, Here, as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus -  
change and doubt Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel, Help us



is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a - round us,  
cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of preach-ing,  
tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant  
work Your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion,

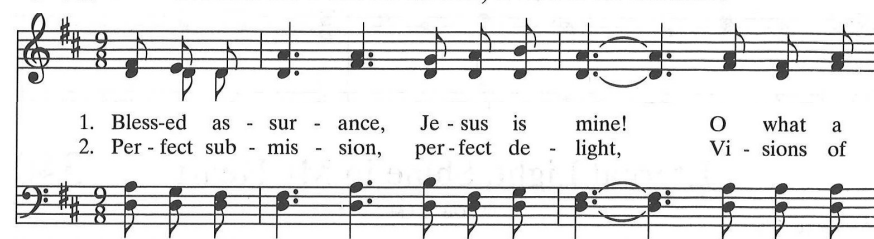


All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the com - ing  
Here in si - lence, as in speech, Here, in new - ness  
Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it means in  
All we have to give, re - ceive: We, who can - not

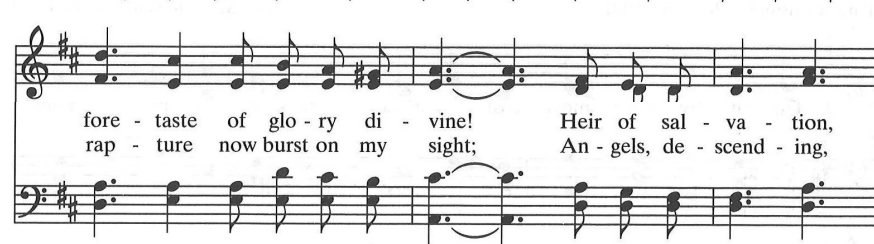


of the Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.  
live with - out You, We a - dore You! We be - lieve!

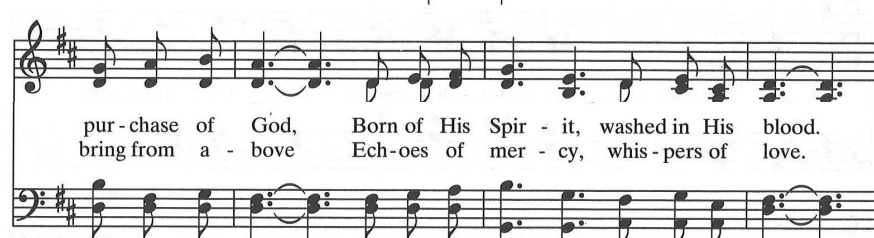
## Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



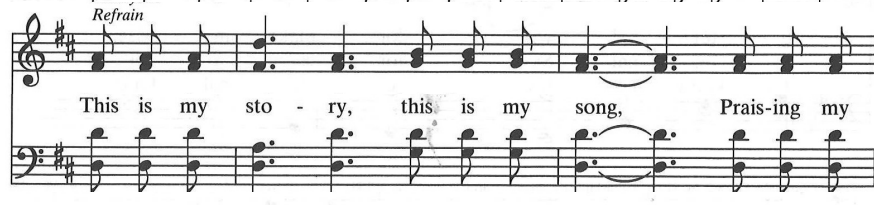
1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of



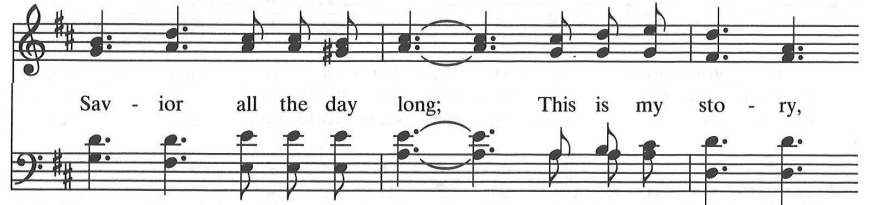
fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels, de - scend - ing,



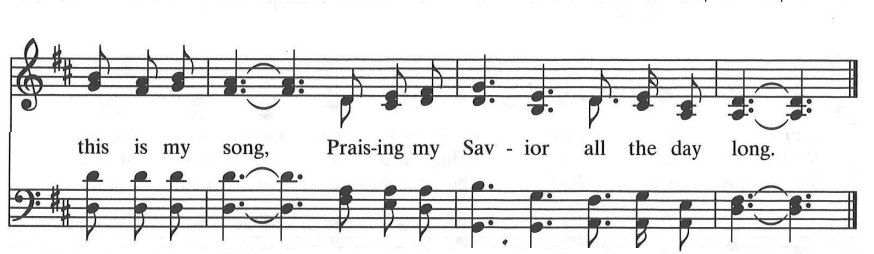
pur - chase of God, Born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.  
bring from a - bove Ech-oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.



*Refrain*  
This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my



Sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry,



this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His  
love.  
*Refrain*

### Close

In the arms of the Father  
There is love like no other  
He who formed all things  
Offers love to me

Where You go we will follow  
Through the dark through the narrow  
And in all we do  
We are bound to You

I want to be close to You  
I want to be close to You  
There's nothing in this world  
That compares to all You are

We are found in Your presence  
Seeking You in Your fullness  
Give us eyes to see  
You are all we need

My sole devotion my only focus to worship You  
My life surrendered my heart abandoned  
For more of You  
**(REPEAT)**

### God of Wonders

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
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Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

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## **Sons and Daughters**

Before He spoke creation  
The God of Heaven knew our names  
Formed in His reflection  
We are His glory on display

And His heart is good  
He is always kind  
With a cross He proved  
He is on my side

We are the sons we are the daughters of God  
No matter where we go  
We're close to the Father's heart  
And though we stumble He will not let us fall  
We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own  
We are the sons we are the daughters of God

His love He lavished on us  
And called us children of the King  
And in His loving kindness  
He chose the lowly and the weak

When the lies speak louder than the truth  
Remind me I belong to You  
When I can't see past the dark of night  
Remind me You're always by my side  
(You're by my side)

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