NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost | November 15, 2026 | 10:00 am

*(*For those who are able, please stand)*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Praeludium" | *Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
You have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made
and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

* **HYMN NO. 612**

"We Praise You, O God" | *KREMSER*

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
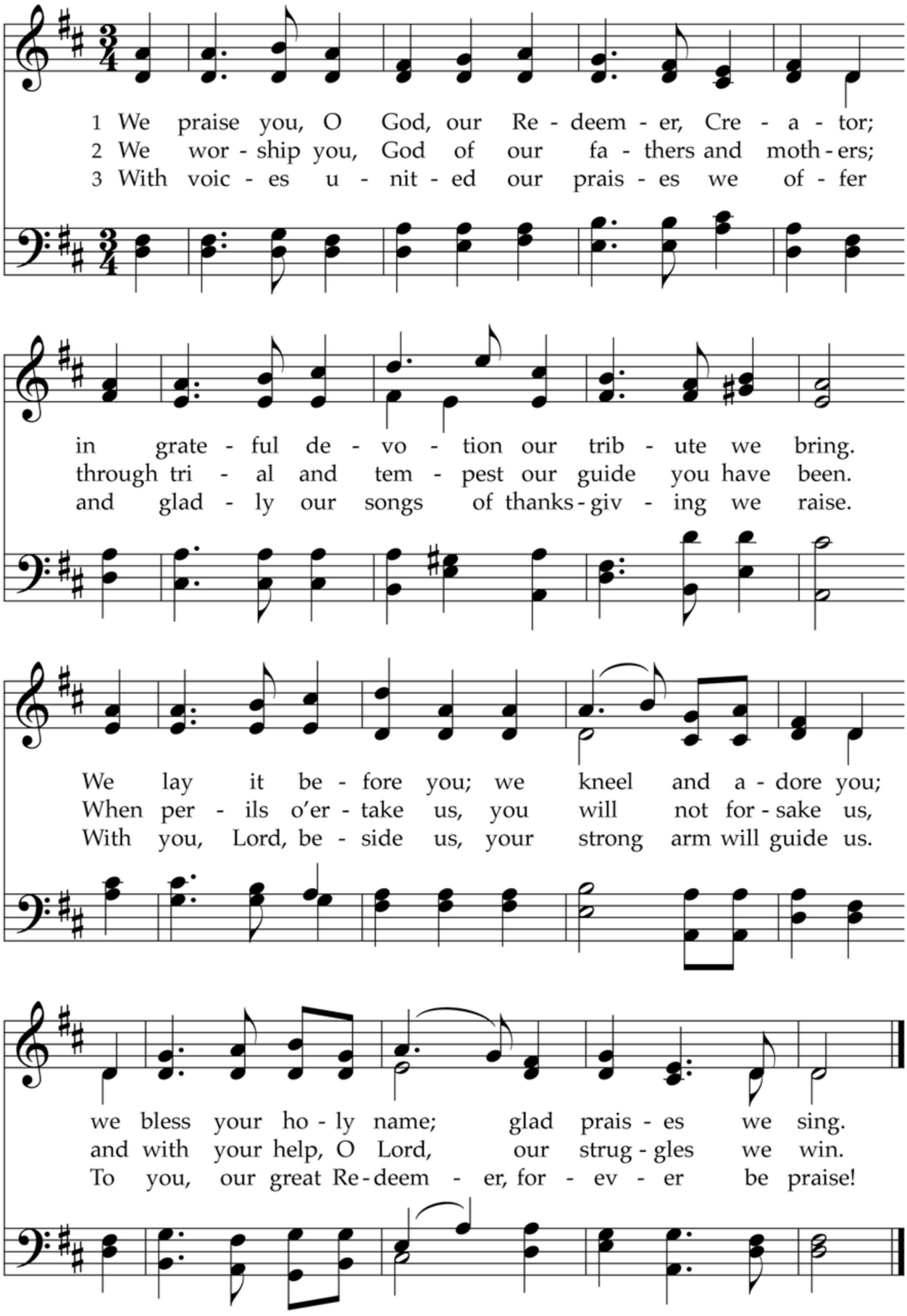
Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or one another.
When we place our sin before you,
it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.
As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,
we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ.

* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **WORD OF GRACE**

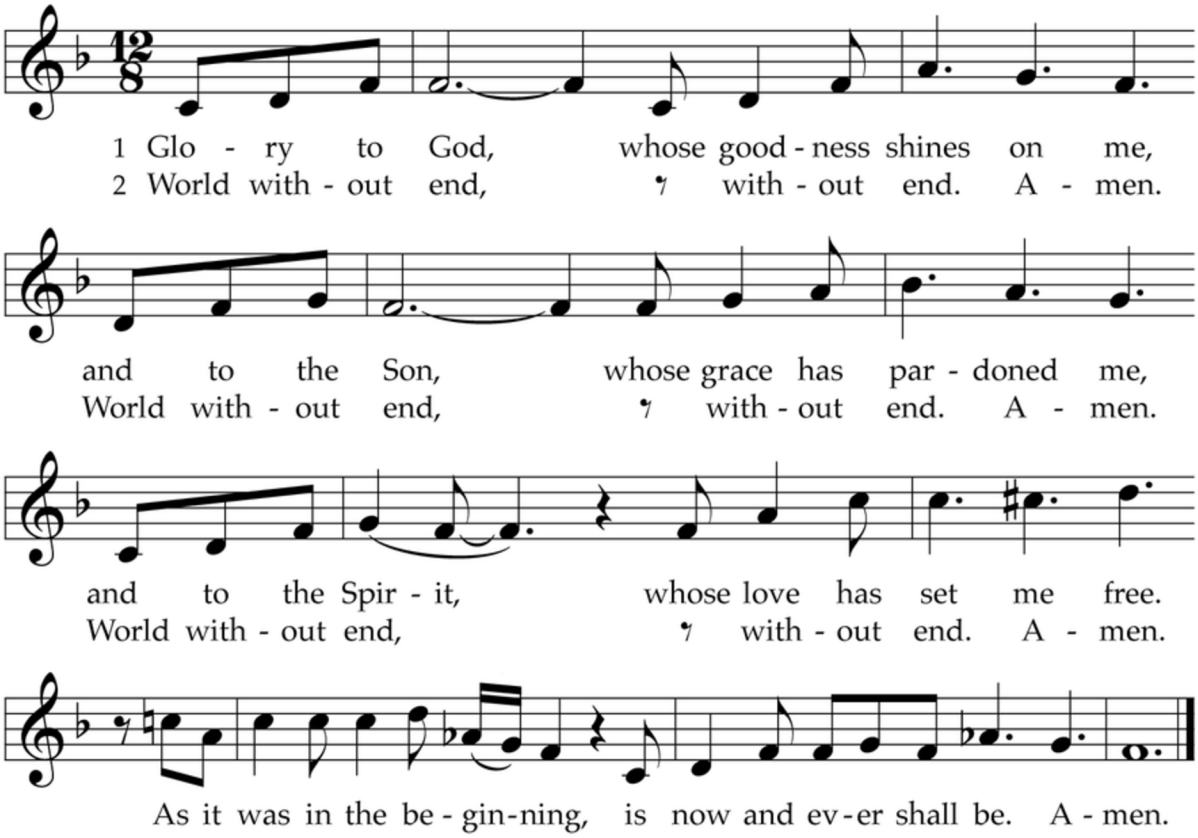
Friends,
when we acknowledge our human limitations
and turn to depend upon our everlasting God,
we grow wise in heart to God's commands.
Our sin is forgiven by the mercy of Christ.
We are freed to love one another.

We Praise You, O God 612



* **RESPONSE**

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" | *GLORY TO GOD. arr. Paul Vasile*



* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International

Following Children's Time, children may stay in the Sanctuary or go to Church School
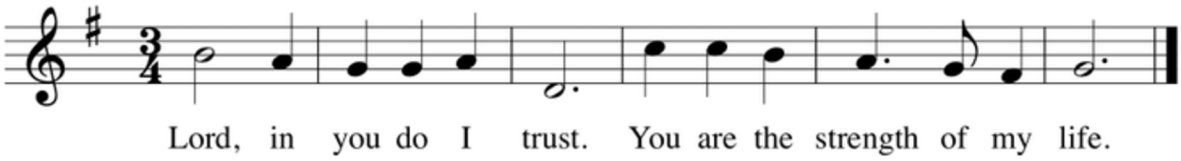
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Send Out Your Light" | *Trad. Taize*

Send out your light, Lord, send your truth to be my guide,
Then let them lead me to the place where you reside.

FIRST LESSON | PSALMS

Psalm 90



SECOND LESSON | GOSPELS

Matthew 25:14-30 | *NT p. 28-29, Spark Bible p. 316*

SERMON

"Matthew 25: It's More Than You Think" | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN NO. 716**

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" | *BEACH SPRING*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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 forgive 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.

OFFERING

(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Achieved is the Glorious Work" (from *The Creation*) | *Franz J. Haydn (1732-1809)*

Achieved is the glorious work, our song let be the praise of God.
Glory to His name forever. He sole on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah.
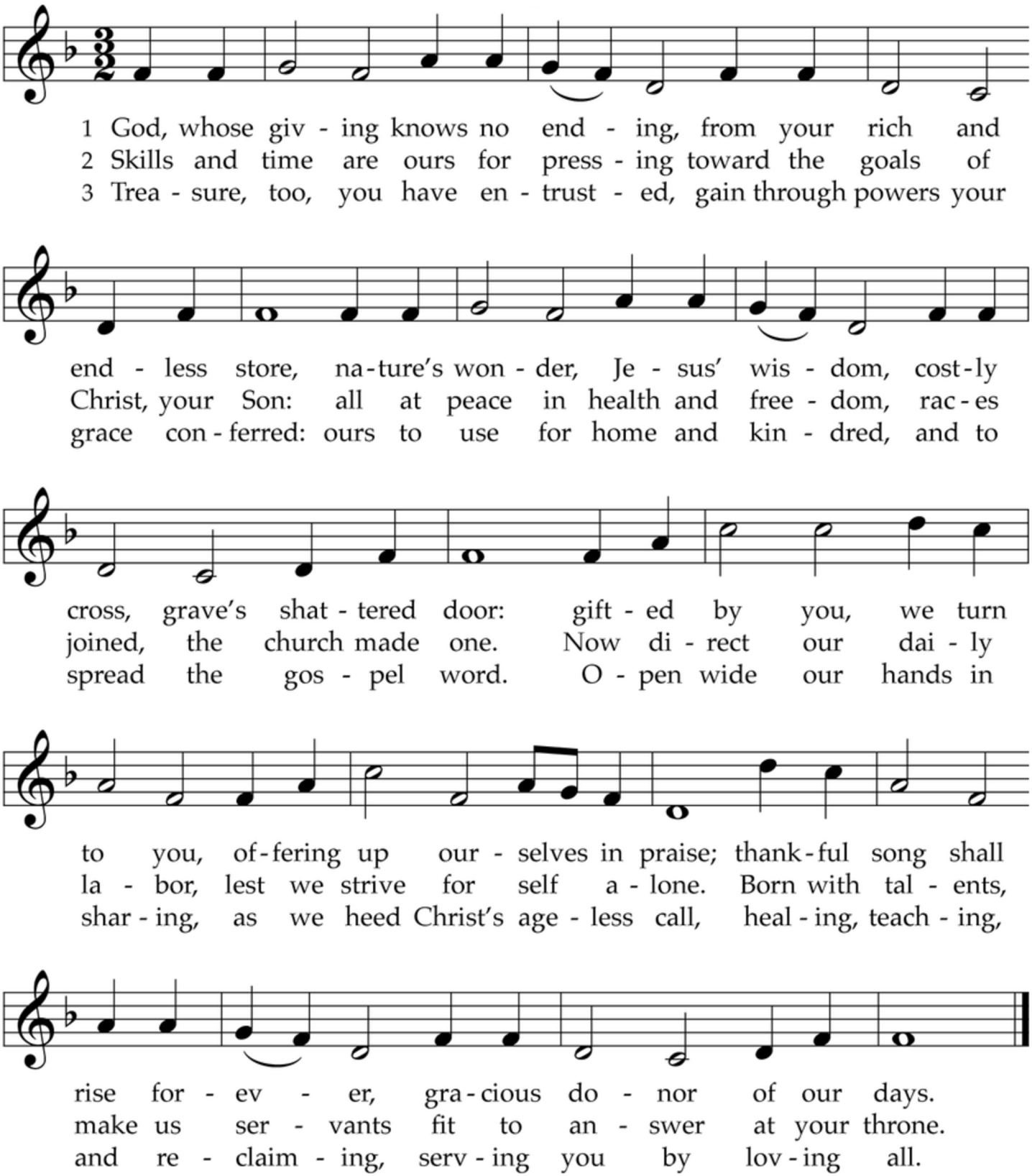
* **DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN NO. 741**

"Guide My Feet" | *GUIDE MY FEET*

* **BLESSING AND CHARGE**

May God, whose coming we eagerly await,
keep you fervent in faith,
steadfast in hope,
and constant in love.
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be among you and remain with you always.
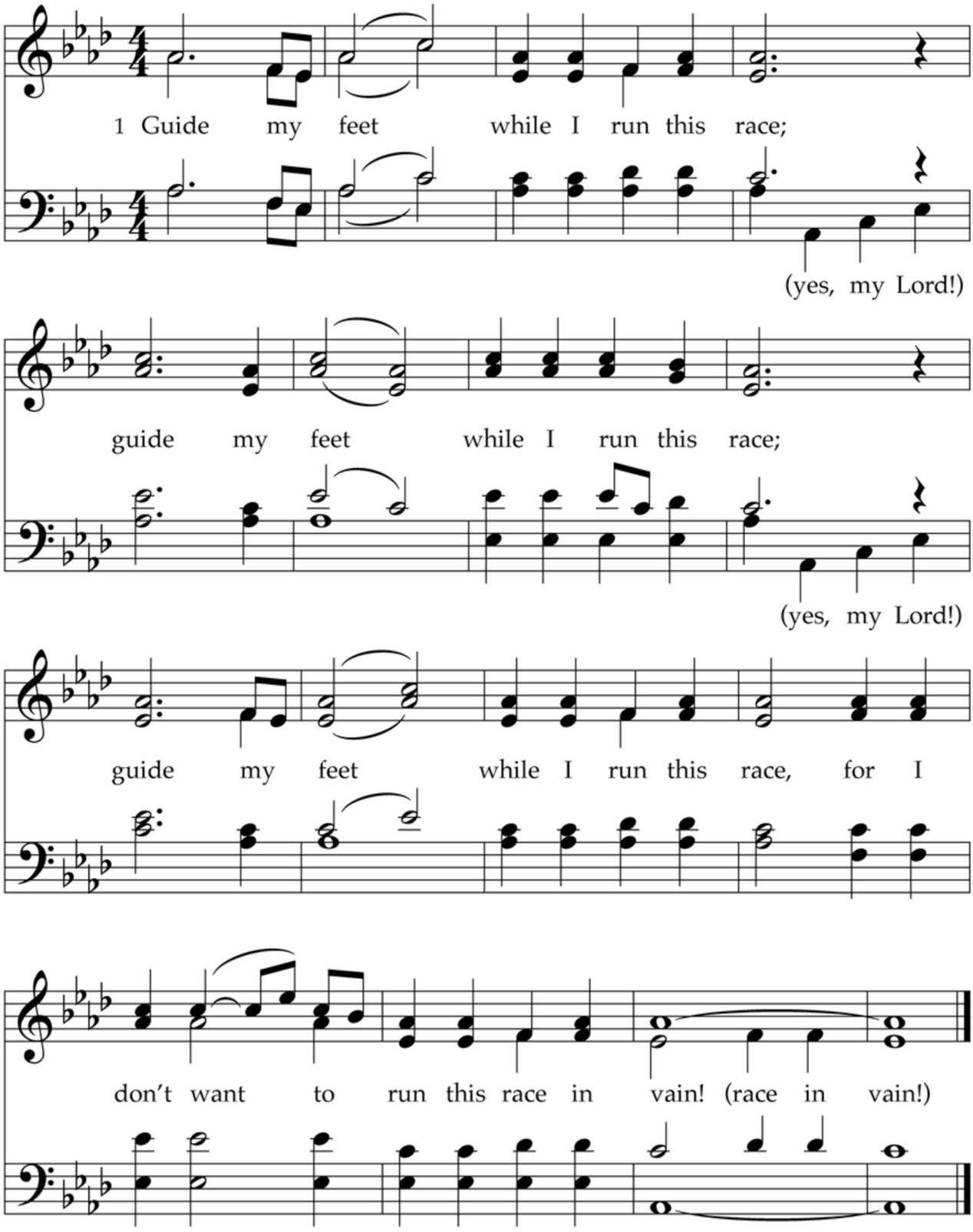
Alleluia.

Christ has given us the glorious treasure of eternal life.
Let us enjoy and share this abundance with everyone we meet.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Prière" (*Prayer*) | *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

Guide My Feet 741



2 Hold my hand …
3 Stand by me …
4 I'm your child …
5 Search my heart …
6 Guide my feet …

IN WORSHIP

Some of our worshippers may recognize the tune of our opening hymn, No. 612, "We Praise You, O God," as the Thanksgiving hymn "We Gather Together." The author, Julia Cory (1882-1963), at the age of 19, was approached by J. Archer Gibson, organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York, to write a new text for "We Gather Together." Gibson was hoping to use an alternate text to the traditional Thanksgiving hymn, which he felt was too militaristic. That particular hymn text is a celebration of the Netherlands' freedom from the Spanish after a century of oppression and occupation. "We Praise You, O God" combines present and past to give hope for the future. In stanza 1, we utter our praise and adoration. We praise God for God's protection throughout our lives in stanza 2 ("through trial and tempest our guide you have been"). And in stanza 3, we go forward with God's guiding hand - "With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us." About a year after Cory wrote this text, she was approached to write a stanza for Christmas, which she did:

"Thy love thou didst show us, thine only Son sending,
Who came as a babe and whose bed was a stall.
His blest life he gave us and then died to save us;
We praise Thee, O Lord, for thy gift to us all."

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*
Brian Shivers | *Pastor*
Marko Petričić | *Organ*
Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ & Katie Ray | *Cantors*
Chancel Choir

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2027 Slate of Officers

Members are invited to join us following today's worship for a brief Congregational Meeting to vote on our slate of officers for 2027

Elders

Abby Auer
Lucy Boyd
Cy Donnelly
Melodie Sarver
Clint Winkler

Molly Auer
(*1-year Elder*)

Foundation Board

Kristin Keltner
Loui Lord Nelson
Rob Rothrock

Deacon
(*3-year Terms*)

Jon Boyd
Melynda Frazer
Amber Gilman
Mary Holtgrave
Kathleen Hull
Nancy Jarrell
Francois Lutumika
Helene Lutumika
Joanna Morse
Max Ruegger
Claire South

Lucy Mann
(*1-year Deacon*)

2-year Terms to Fill Resignations

Frank Sauer
Teresa Sherow
Marcia Young

Events and Announcements

Sound & Spirit: John Allegar, Organ | Today | 4:00 pm
Join us today as we welcome John Allegar, who will present "Transformation through Repetition," a free concert highlighting the power of patterns and their transformations in music.

Adult Ed: GenderNexus and Gender Diversity | November 18 | 6:00 pm
Join us as we welcome GenderNexus Executive Director Emma Vosicky, J.D., MAT, who will share her insights, lessons, and wisdom on intersectionality, freedom, and respect. Pre-register for dinner by scanning the QR code!

Pokagon 2027 | Register by November 20
Join us for our annual retreat at the Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, January 22-24! Learn more and register by November 20th by scanning the QR code or visiting our events page. Spots are limited, so reserve yours today!

Electronics Recycling | November 21 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Free up space in your home for the holidays by bringing your unneeded electronics and papers (including sensitive documents) to NPC, where RecycleForce will dispose of them! Learn more by scanning the QR code.

Holiday Grief Seminar | November 22 | 11:15 am - 12:45 pm
Holidays can be difficult when we are dealing with various forms of grief. This seminar, led by Northminster member Joanna Morse, is a support group that offers connection. You are not in this alone. We are here for each other.

Drumstick Dash Volunteers Needed | November 26 | 8:00 - 11:00 am
Every year, NPC is a warming station/rest stop for the Drumstick Dash! We need volunteers to greet, direct runners to restrooms, and serve hot chocolate. Call or email the church office to volunteer!

November Mission Collection: Shampoo & Deodorant
The Mission Team is collecting 300 shampoos and 600 deodorants for our partner, Westminster Neighborhood Services, and the Christmas baskets program. Please consider a donation in the brown bins in The Gathering Place!

2027 Annual Appeal: "Your Light Shines"
Our 2027 Annual Appeal campaign, Your Light Shines, is underway, and all are invited to participate in the campaign! Discover how by scanning the QR code or by visiting our website.

More information on these events and others can be found on our website at northminster.chuch/events

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Director of Children's Ministry

Timothy Foster
Director of Communications

Denise Harrington
Director of Senior Ministries

Emma Moore
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Krista Wright
Spiritual Wholeness and Wellness Coordinator

Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ
Family Engagement Coordinator

Kym Stone
Bookkeeper

Steve Williams
Finance Administrator

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Salima Lutumika
Custodian

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Matthew 25
As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians
As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

Parenting and Sensory Rooms
Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms.
The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available! The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube.
Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

Children in Worship
We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! A "Prayground" is located in the front of the Sanctuary. There are red worship bags available with activities that can completed in the pews, and rocking chairs on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school options available.

Prayer Lists
The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit northminster.church/prayer

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