Worship at Second Presbyterian Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 8, 2026

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.



This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Please visit our website 2ndpreslou.org to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information. If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to visit our website and learn about our life at Second.

With gratitude to God, 2026 moves Second Presbyterian Church one year closer to celebrating our bicentennial milestone. After reflecting on our achievements and evaluating our current mission, we have identified 5 strategic pathways that will help us meet the needs of our congregation in 2030. We invite you to join us on our continued journey to preserve, strengthen, and innovate our community of faith.

Children of God, welcome home!

Bold *type indicates where we share the liturgy together.*

Service for the Lord's Day

11 a.m. TOLLING OF THE HOUR

With the sounds of the Prelude the worship service has begun. You are encouraged to use this time for meditation and reflection prior to your participation in the service.

PRELUDE
8:30 My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Joyce Jones
11 Sun of My Soul arr. Alexander Matthews
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *As the Father Has Loved Me* Bálint Karosi
The Octet *(8:30)*; Sanctuary Choir *(11)*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vss. 1-3* Hyfrydol

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of Truth, by sending your son, Jesus Christ, into the world you revealed to us faithfulness and fidelity. Despite this loving gift, we spread falsehoods and untruths to one another so we can serve our own purposes and exploit division for selfish means. Forgive us of our actions, and for the harm they cause. Inspire us to be people who bear with one another, who live for another, so we can reconcile to each other.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let that peace rule in your hearts.
May it be so! In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

*RESPONSE HYMN 336 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs. 4* Hyfrydol

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

11 a.m. Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward. Following the Peace, children ages 3 through 2nd grade will be dismissed through the side door for activities; 3rd grade through 5th grade may return to their seats.

11a TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 133

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:9-17

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Life Together* Rev. Dr. Chris Currie

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website. You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *When We Love* Elaine Hagenberg

The Octet *(8:30)*; Sanctuary Choir *(11)*

The tow'ring tree spreads his greening canopy, a veil between the soil and sky,
Not in selfish vanity, but the gentle thrush to shade and shelter. So it is with love.
For when we love, simply love, when we love, even as we loved,
Our weary world can be transformed.

The busy thrush builds her nest below, a fortnight's work to weave and set.
Not for herself alone, but her tender brood to shield and cherish. So it is with love.
For when we love, simply love, when we love, even as we loved,
Our weary world can be transformed into the Kingdom of God!

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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.

The Sending

*HYMN 301 *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome), vss. 1,3,4,& 5* TWO OAKS

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *8:30 Orgelstück in C* A. Kehrer
11 Postlude on Lauda Anima Leroy Baumgartner

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

In Worship Today



OUR RENEWAL PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Chris Currie

Chris Currie has served as senior pastor at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church since 2021. He has served pastorates in Shreveport, LA, and Calypso, NC, and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity (2013). Chris is married to Stephanie Smith Currie, a ruling elder in the PC(USA) and a speech language pathologist practicing in the New Orleans Public Schools. Stephanie is also completing a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Sciences through LSU Health. Together Chris and Stephanie have three children: Thomas (21) a junior at Rhodes College in Memphis, Harrison a senior at Ben Franklin High School, and Corinne a junior at Ben Franklin High School.

In addition to serving the St. Charles Avenue congregation, Chris enjoys opportunities to teach and is currently teaching Reformed Theology to the PC(USA) students at Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC. Chris is honored to be invited to Second Presbyterian Church and grateful for the pastoral leadership of Barrett Abernathy and the important ministry of Second Presbyterian in the Louisville community.

ABOUT OUR OPENING HYMN:

The tune HYFRYDOL (which means "tuneful" or "pleasant") was composed by the Welsh composer Roland H. Pritchard in 1830 when he was 19. Pritchard was well known as a "precentor"- a "cantor," or "song leader" in modern day terms. HYFRYDOL was first published in Pritchard's collection of music for children, Cyfaill y Cantorion ("The Singers' Friend"), in 1844. Its best known musical version is with a harmonization by Ralph Vaughan Williams in the English Hymnal of 1906. In Advent, we will sing the other familiar text to this tune: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus," a Charles Wesley poem. Over the next several months, we will be featuring Welsh hymn tunes (we sing MANY of them), in anticipation of our Welsh Hymn & Music Festival, April 23-25, 2027 with Welsh composer to the Royal Family, Paul Mealor.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Judith D. Brown and her son Chip, by Prentice Brown and Allison and Will Duncan.

USHERS

8:30 Crystal Kannapell

11 Emily Lawrence, Sandy Bailey, Jane Roth, Patrice Paton, Kay Reis, Sarah Middleton

GREETERS *(11)*

Sunny Seale, Cheryl Cooper, Pam Bennett, Delise Bilharz

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Chris Currie, guest preacher; Rev. Barrett Abernethy & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists; Jane Roth *(11),* lay readers

The Octet *(8:30)*; The Sanctuary Choir *(11)*; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu, organist

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Video Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Joe Helm and family on the death of his wife, Louise "Sissy" Wile Helm, 10/26/26.

Emily, Rob, Ella, Johnny, and Zach Burrice on the death of Emily's mother, Christabel Rocap, 10/25/26.

Lindsey, John, Madeline, John Jr., and Mary Hollis Hundley and families on the death of Lindsey's father, Delmar Meadows, 10/23/26.

Ed (& Carrie) Rankin and Ann (& Ken) Fleming, her granddaughters, Katherine (& Lee) Cotton and Caroline Fleming, and her niece, Edie Wells, on the death of Ed and Ann's mother, Martha Rankin, 10/17/26.

Stuart, Jennifer, Anabelle, Beau, and Elise Ferguson and family on the death of Stuart's mother, Barbara Ferguson, 10/15/26.

Jeannette Pardue and family on the death of Tom Pardue, 10/12/26.

Angela, Patrick, Hayden, Graham, & Zac Duffy and family on the death of Angela's mother, Judy Milby, 10/8/26.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

Nov. 7 & 8 - Rev. Dr. Chris Currie, Pastor of St. Charles Pres in New Orleans

2026 Renewal Speaker:

Sat., Nov. 7 - Workshop, 9:30a - 12p

Sun., Nov. 8: 8:30a Worship; 9:45a - Adult Sunday School; 11a - Worship

Nov. 11, 5:45 p.m. - In the End Series - Chapel
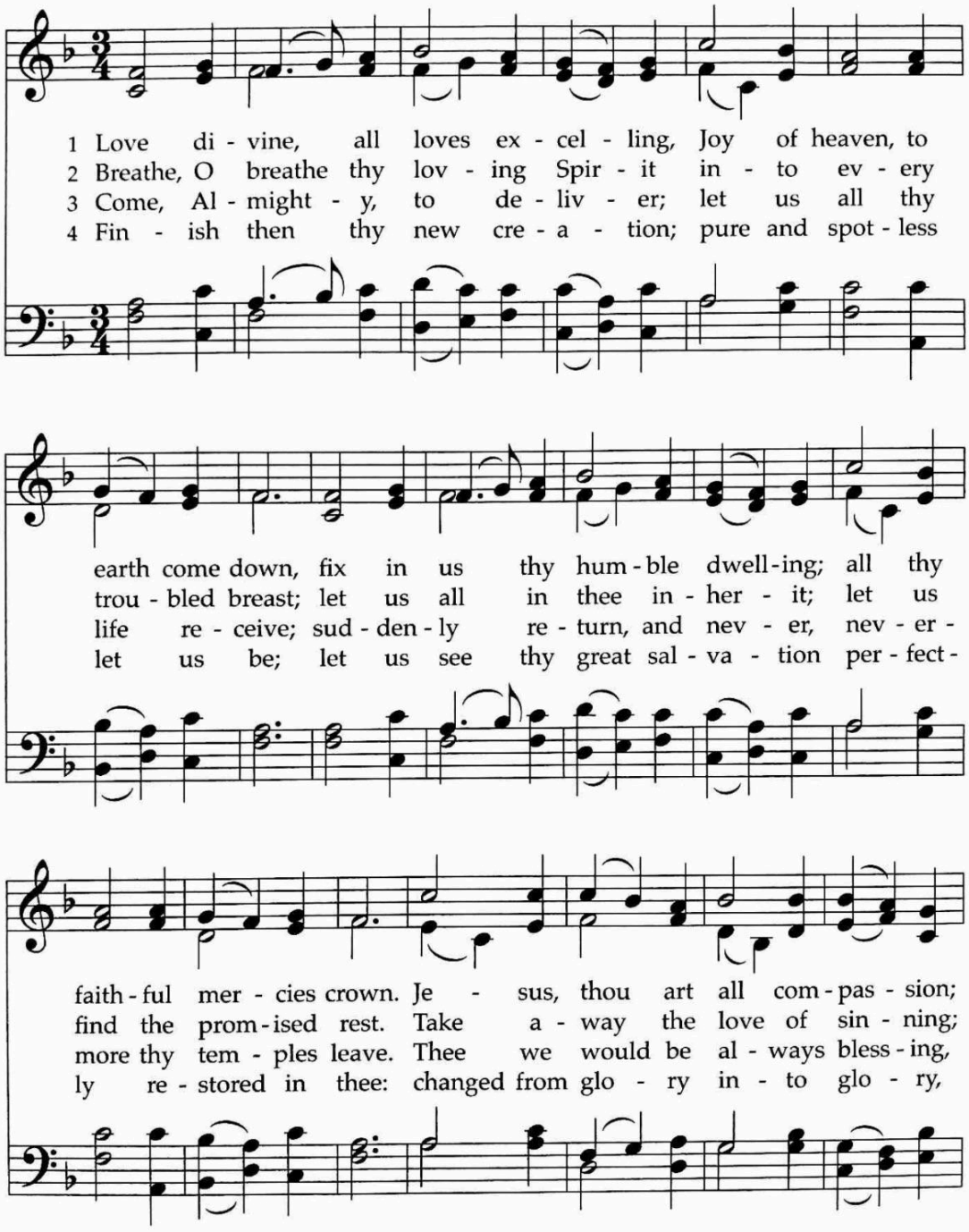
Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. - Concert Series - World-Renowned TENEBRAE - Sanctuary

Nov. 15, 12:00 p.m. - Friendsgiving Dinner - More info in Seconds to Go

Nov. 29, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. - The First Sunday of Advent "Light of the Nations, Come"

Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. - Family Advent Worship, Dinner, & Workshop - Chapel & Great Hall
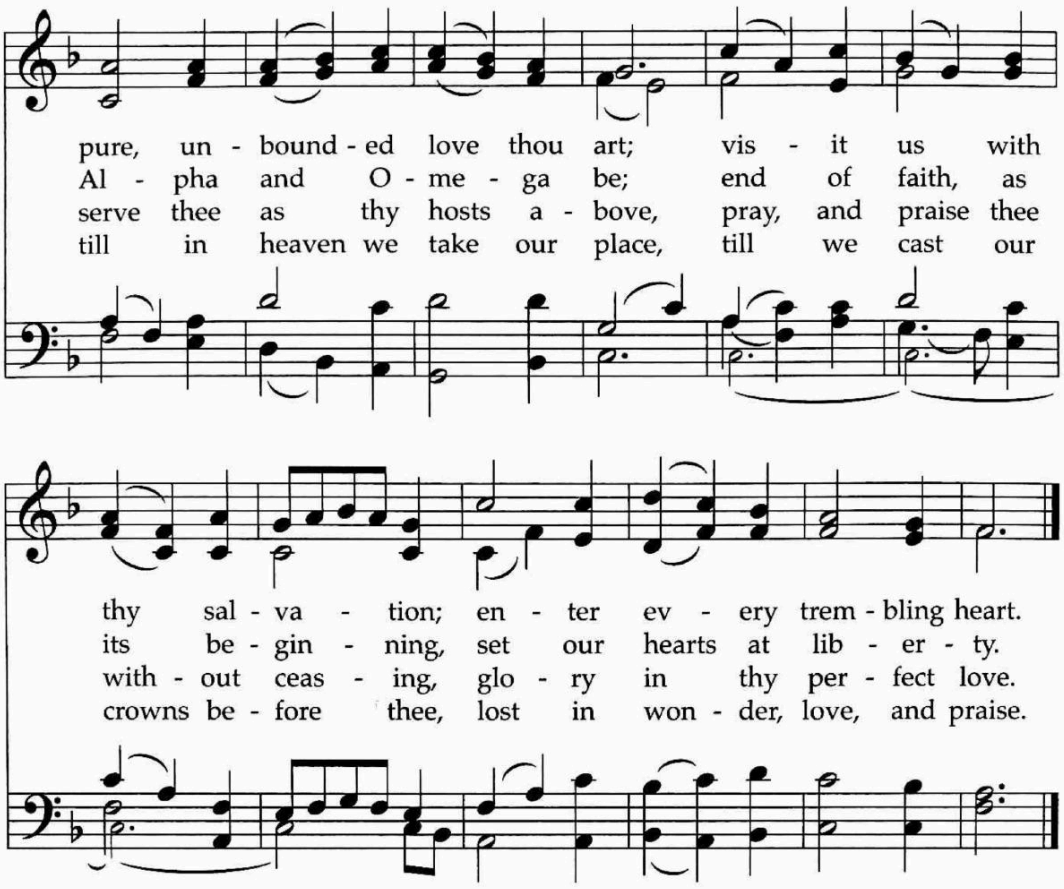
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

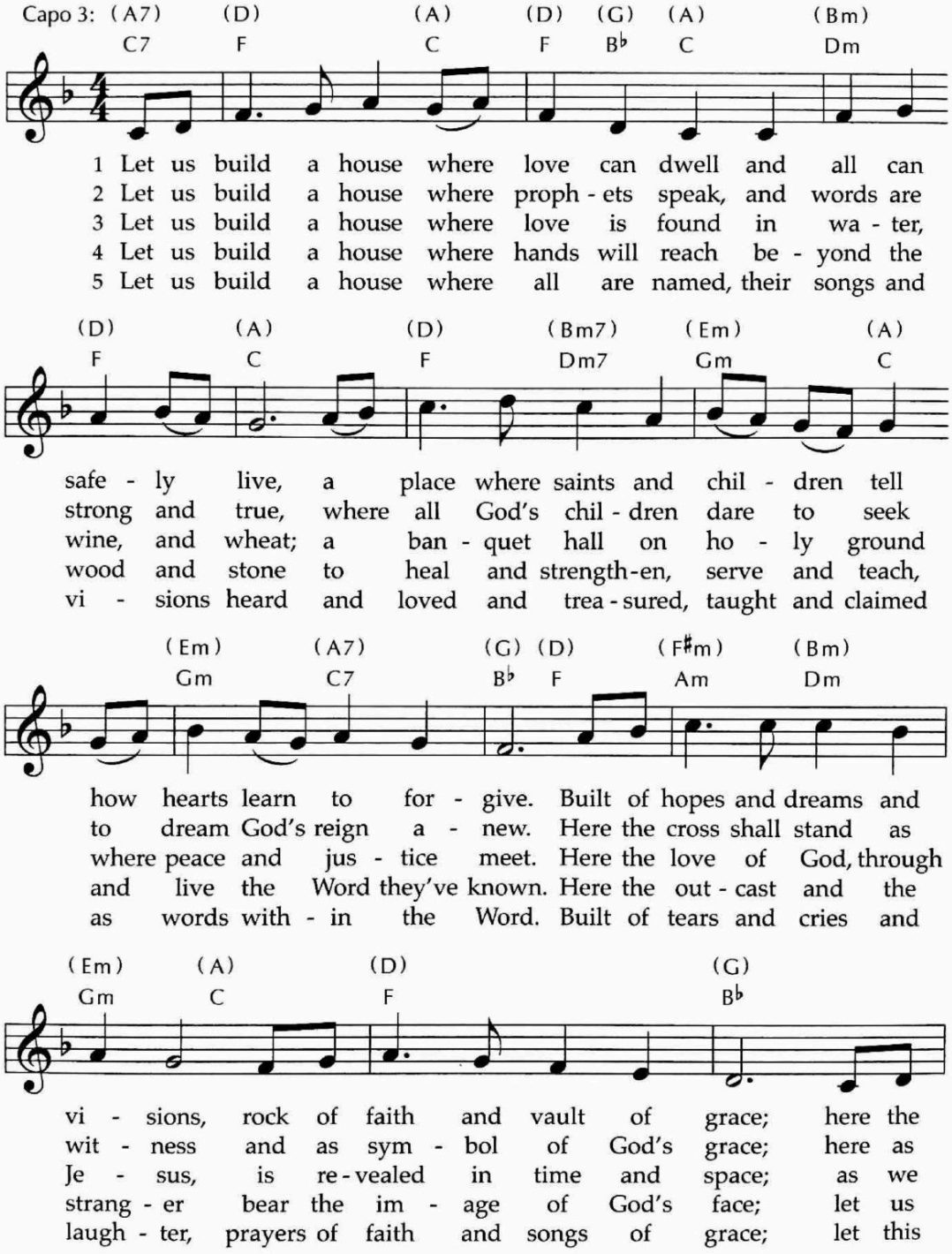
TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D


pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

301 Let Us Build a House

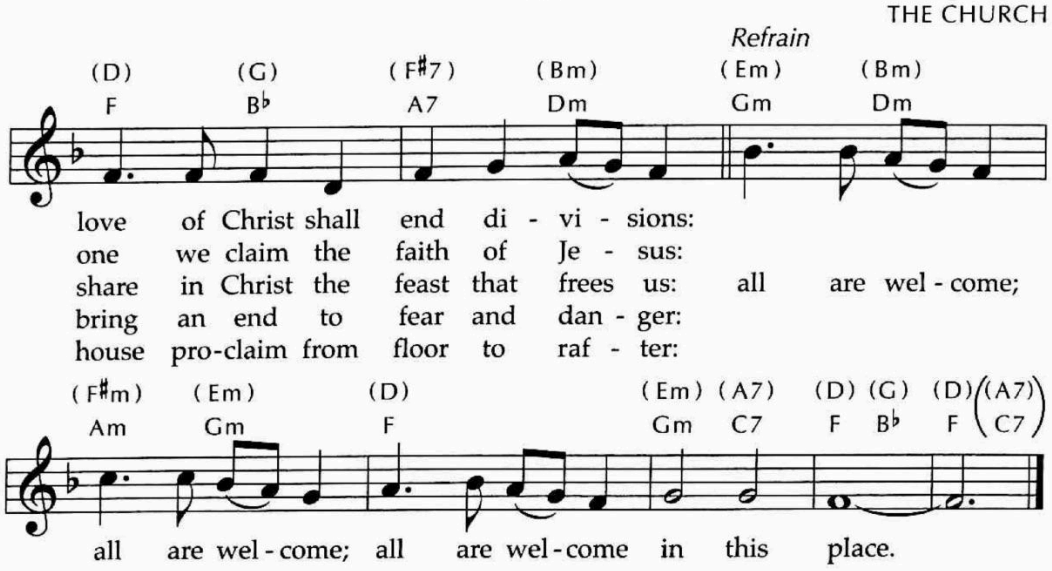
All Are Welcome



Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshiping community.

TEXT and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994
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TWO OAKS
9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain


Refrain
(D) F
(G) B♭
(F♯7) A7
(Bm) Dm
(Em) Gm
(Bm) Dm
love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:
(F♯m) Am
(Em) Gm
(D) F
(Em) Gm
(A7) C7
(D) F
(G) B♭
(D) F
(A7) C7
all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026	*Class of 2027*	*Class of 2028*
Vacant	Ann Bowling	Caroline Dicken
Marilyn Duke	John Cunningham	Mary Clay Edinger
Liz Ratliff Evans	Angela Duffy	Priss Hovious
Lindsey Hundley	Stephanie Fellon	Crystal Kannapell
Lucy Kosse	Larry Jones	Henry Kelsey
Deb Vetter	Justin Powers	Alexandra Ortiz
Whitney Watt	Kyle Wiggins	Larry Sloan

Youth Elders: Scott Davis & Lillian Powers

Clerk: Chip Snyder

Deacons

Class of 2026	*Class of 2027*	*Class of 2028*
John Davis	Kelly Bryant	Cheeky Bahe
Nathan Dicken	Tim Clark	Mac Barr
Glen Hume	Kitty deVoogd	Lee Best
Sissy Judy	Jim Haynes	Terry Cissell
Susan McDowell	Patrice Paton	Sara Gilford
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Kristi Smith	Sunny Seale	John Williams

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