

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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Welcome & Announcements

Wes Strebeck, *Senior Pastor*

* Greeting

* Call to Worship – Psalm 89:1-2

Sherrill Babb, *elder*

*I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known
your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."*

* Prayer of Invocation

* God Is for Us

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night;
We will walk the valley, with you by our side.
You will go before us, you will lead the way;
We have found a refuge, only you can save.

*(Refrain): Sing with joy now; our God is for us,
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress.
Raise your voice now, no love is greater;
Who can stand against us if our God is for us?*

Even when I stumble, even when I fall;
Even when I turn back, still your love is sure.
You will not abandon, you will not forsake;

You will cheer me onward with never ending grace. *(Refrain)*

Neither height nor depth can separate us, Hell and death will not defeat us.

He who gave his Son to free us, holds me in his love. *(Repeat)*

(Refrain 2x)

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* congregation standing (as able)

Silent Confession of Sin

Confession of Sin – Psalm 51:1-6

All: O Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

* The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food so heav'nly feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

*(Refrain): Sing praise for the love that knows no end,
To Christ who died for sin.
For he will all your wrongs forgive;
The King of Love my Shepherd is.*

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy Spirit grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure cup o'er-floweth! *(Refrain)*

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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Small Talk

Wes Strebeck

*Children ages 3 years old – 5th grade are invited to join the speaker on the Sanctuary steps.
They also have the option of participating in Children's Worship (downstairs following the small talk).
Volunteers are at the back of the sanctuary to escort the children downstairs.*

Children will remain in Room 8 (sanctuary lower level) until picked up promptly by parents.

Pastoral Prayer

Sherrill Babb

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

You may give online via ardenpres.org or the QR code on back page.

Musical Offertory

Sanctuary Choir Women

What Wondrous Love Is This
American Folk Hymn, arr. L. Eugene Oldham (2022)

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!*

Sermon

God is...Love
Romans 8:31-39
Pew Bible p. 944

Wes Strebeck

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Arden Presbyterian Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, who are seeking to forsake their sin, and who are members in good standing of congregations that proclaim this gospel.

The bread is free of gluten, dairy, nut, and soy.

Distribution Hymn (bread)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (No. 457)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it – prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Closing Hymn

** The Doxology (No. 731)*

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.

* Benediction and Dismissal



WEEKLY EMAIL

Scan this QR Code to subscribe to our weekly email.
The email comes each Friday and highlights pertinent information about our church and ministries.

This week's prayer requests, missions moment, and announcements are available at the welcome center and in the weekly email.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING DATES

Monday Women's Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)
Tuesday Women's Bible Study (9:30 a.m.)
Zoom Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday Women's Zoom prayer time (10:00 a.m.)
APC Midweek: Dinner (5:45 p.m.) and Activities (6:30 p.m.)
Thursday Men's Prayer & Bible Study (8:00 a.m.)
Hands of Faith (11:00 a.m.)

See weekly email or announcement sheet for details!

OUR VISION

As a family called by God's grace and led by God's Word, we seek to welcome all people as part of God's kingdom work, both locally and globally, by prayerfully extending the praises of Christ to our neighbors and communities.

Children's Sunday School Classes | 9:30 – 10:20 a.m.
Student & Adult Sunday School Classes | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service | 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend our weekly worship service,
you may watch our live stream at ardenpres.org/live-webcast

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ONLINE GIVING

Financial Update as of 10/31/24; Weekly Offering 10/27/24: \$43,901

	October Giving	YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Diff.
General Fund	\$84,758	\$787,726	\$808,707	(-\$20,980)
Mercy Fund	\$2,992	\$18,334	\$18,212	\$122
Faith Promise	\$11,312	\$145,085	** \$199,328	(-\$54,243)
Building	\$2,381	\$21,631	\$12,931	\$8,014

** Expenses include a Session-approved non-budgeted \$25,000 gift to five missionary units out of our 2023 Faith Giving surplus. All other expenses have been budgeted for 2024.



Following Christ, proclaiming his praises,
and engaging our community with his grace.

November 3, 2024
10:45 a.m.

Welcome to Arden Presbyterian Church! We hope your time in worship with us is a blessing to you. For all first-time guests, we have a gift for you at our Welcome Center located in the Lobby. Please drop by and see us!

Options for children during worship:

- Children of all ages are welcome to remain with their parents in worship. We have bags with activities as you enter the Sanctuary. The activities may be taken home.
- Children may also participate in Children's Worship following Small Talk.
- Nursery is available for birth through age 4.

Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the lobby welcome center.

The Balcony is available for those who are immunocompromised or for those who have heightened health concerns. Masks are available at the balcony entrance for those who would like one.

Learn more about our church family by visiting the Welcome Center in the lobby or our website: ardenpres.org

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