

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church

NEW? We are glad that you are worshipping with us this Sunday. Feel free to contact us at faith@faithgainesville.org to meet with the pastor or learn about other opportunities to get involved.

Pre-Worship Meditation

"A man was meant to be doubtful about himself, but undoubting about the truth; this has been exactly reversed."

G.K. Chesterton

"The benefits of the gospel are in Christ. They do not exist apart from him. They are ours only in him. They cannot be abstracted from him as if we ourselves could possess them independently of him."
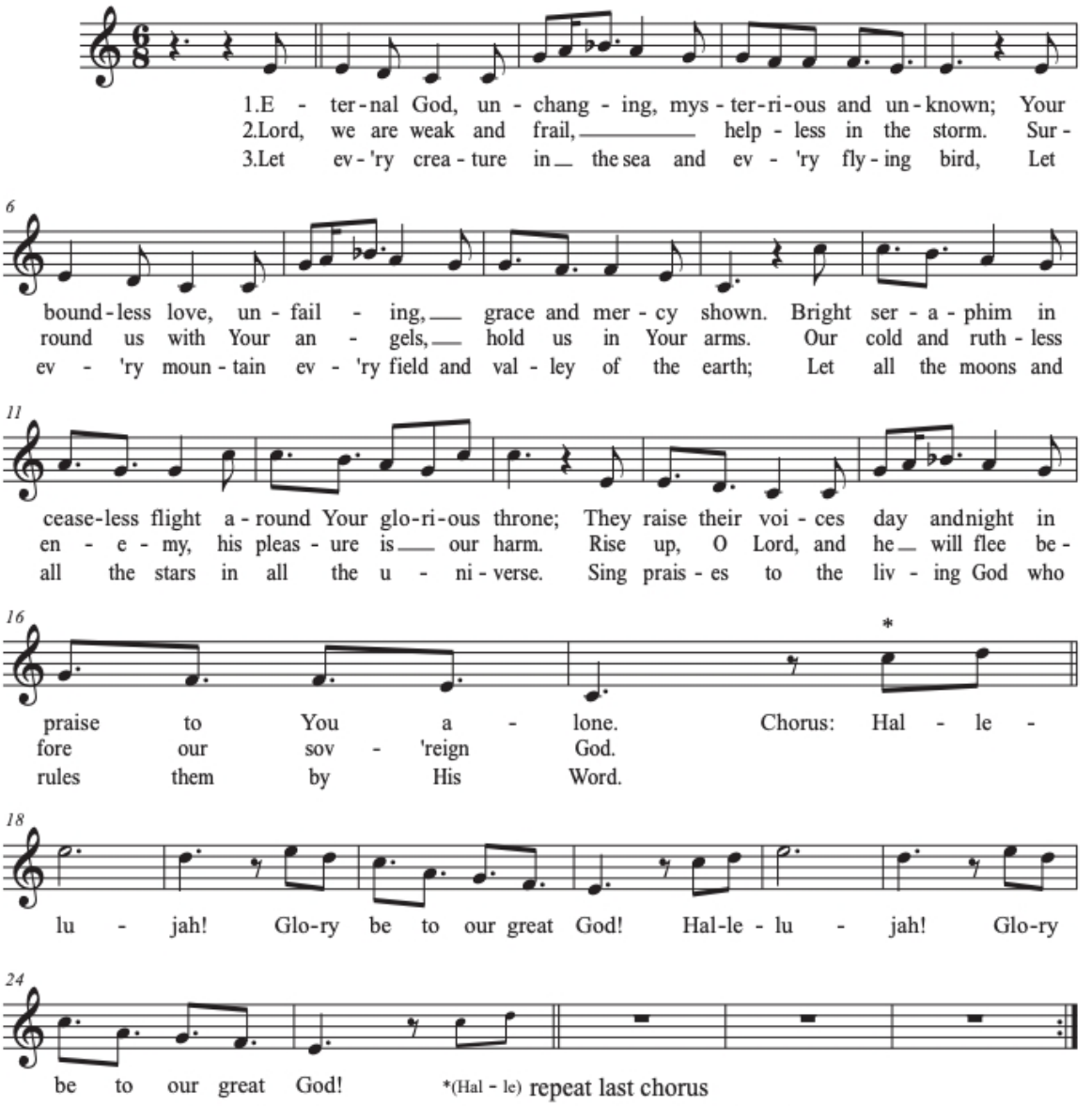
Sinclair B. Ferguson

*Please stand, but feel free to sit when needed.

*Children ages 4 - 2nd grade will be dismissed before the pastoral prayer (see pg. 8).

Our Great God

Mac Powell and Fernando Ortega
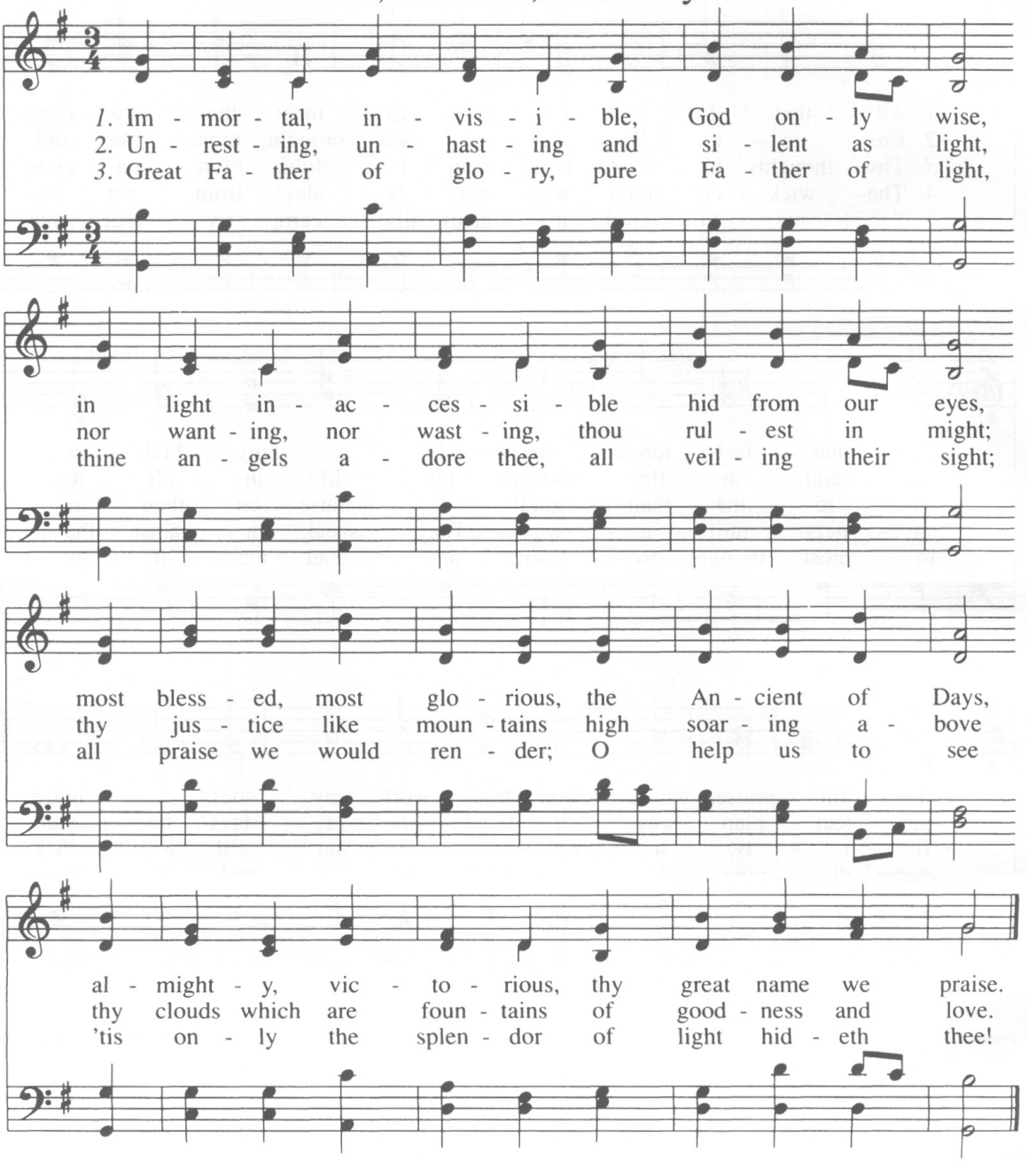


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*GOD'S CALL TO WORSHIP *Matthew 11:28–30*

Leader: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*CALLING ON GOD AND PRAISING HIM
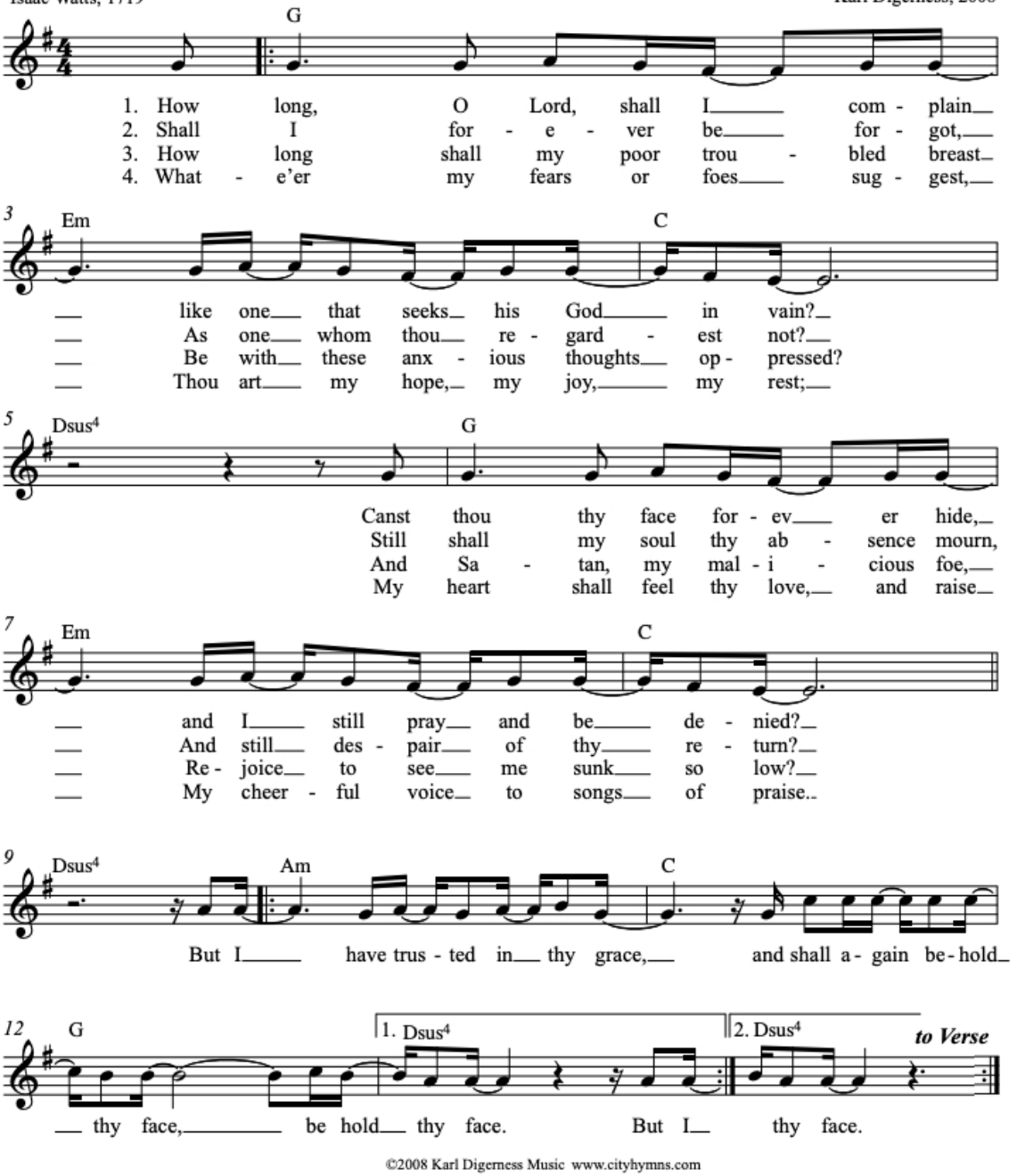
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



How Long, O Lord

Isaac Watts, 1719

Karl Digerness, 2008



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CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious Father, we confess that we have loved your gifts more than you, the Giver; sought comfort in our sin rather than refuge in your grace; and clung to what offends your holiness rather than to the One who sets us free. We have treasured what is fleeting over what is eternal, pursued what cannot satisfy, and found solace in what grieves your Spirit. Forgive us, Lord, for our faithlessness, our ingratitude, and our rebellion against your goodness. We are grieved not only by the emptiness of our sin, but by the ways we have dishonored you, spurned your love, and despised your holiness. Turn our hearts again to you. We plead not our own worthiness, but the perfect merits of Jesus Christ: his righteousness for our unrighteousness, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, and his life for our death. In his name we pray. Amen.

A time of silent confession

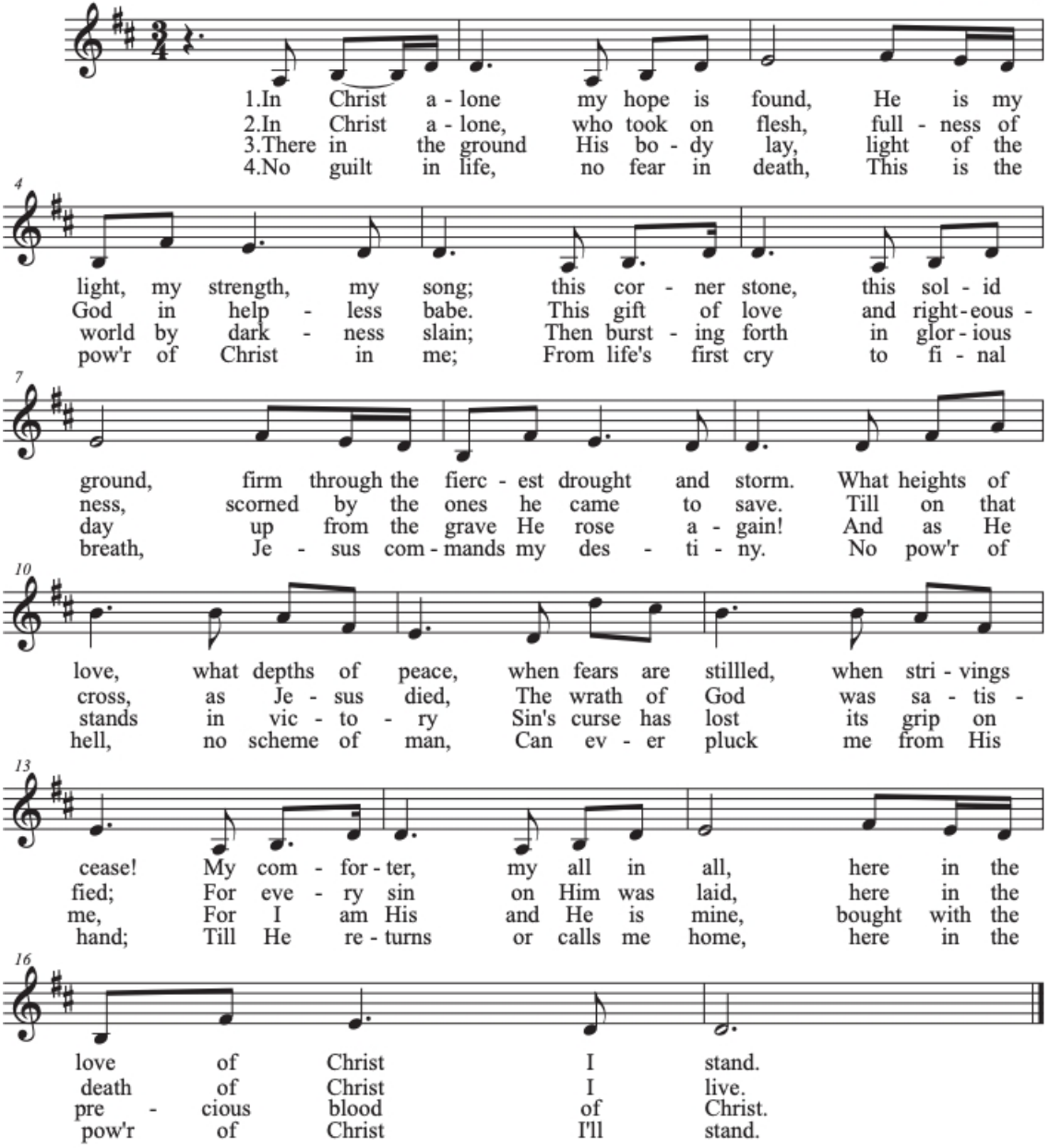
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty



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+At this time children in K4 through 2nd grade are dismissed for Children's Church.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalm 2*

PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM AND OUR NEEDS Jim Brady

SERMON *The Reason for Godly Disobedience* Kevin Nelson

SERMON PASSAGE *Acts 4:1-31*

4 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees
came upon them, [2] greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the
resurrection from the dead. [3] And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was
already evening. [4] But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came
to about five thousand.

[5] On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, [6] with Annas the high
priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. [7] And when they
had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" [8] Then Peter,
filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, [9] if we are being examined today
concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, [10] let it be
known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you
crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. [11] This Jesus is the
stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. [12] And there is salvation in
no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

[13] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common
men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. [14] But seeing the man who
was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. [15] But when they had commanded
them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, [16] saying, "What shall we do with these men?
For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and
we cannot deny it. [17] But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to
speak no more to anyone in this name." [18] So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at
all in the name of Jesus. [19] But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to
listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, [20] for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and
heard." [21] And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them,
because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. [22] For the man on whom this sign
of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

[23] When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders
had said to them. [24] And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign
Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, [25] who through the mouth
of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

"'Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
26 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed'—

27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Takeaway: It is false and unbiblical to think that godliness will result in a peaceful and respectable life. Faithfulness to the gospel will often bring us into conflict even with those in honorable positions of authority. It is worth enduring this opposition for Christ's sake because there is no other hope for the world. Why are people offended at the claim that there is salvation in no other name than Jesus? Whose opinion of you do you often value more than God's?

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What is the good news of this passage? How does it bring hope to our brokenness and struggles?
- What are we led to believe from this passage? What doctrines, convictions, beliefs are strengthened from this passage?
- When and where do you struggle the most with the issue(s) this sermon raised?
- If you were to incorporate the teaching from this sermon and its related Scriptures into your own life, how would your life be different next week? next year?

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayer for Those Seeking Belief

Dear God, I can recognize that I am flawed and that this world is broken. It is clear that we need more than what this world can provide. My guilt and shame are too real to ignore and too powerful to deny. Your word promises a new life in Christ and hope in the face of despair. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see. Help me to trust the preached Word I have heard, the sacraments I now see, and the church family I experience, all of which affirm the reality of faith. Lord, I want to believe, please help my unbelief. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children Seeking Assurance

Heavenly Father, help me to understand my sin and need for my Savior so that I can put all of my faith in Christ and not in myself. Help me remember my baptism as a sign that I belong here in this church family and that your promises are for me. Help me understand the sermon I just heard and teach me how the sacrament I now see points me to Christ. In Jesus Name, Amen.

GIVING HIS TITHES AND OFFERINGS (scan QR to give online)

+During the collection children will return from Children's Church.

***** *Doxology* (Trinity Hymnal #731) Ken, Old Hundredth

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.

Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic† Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
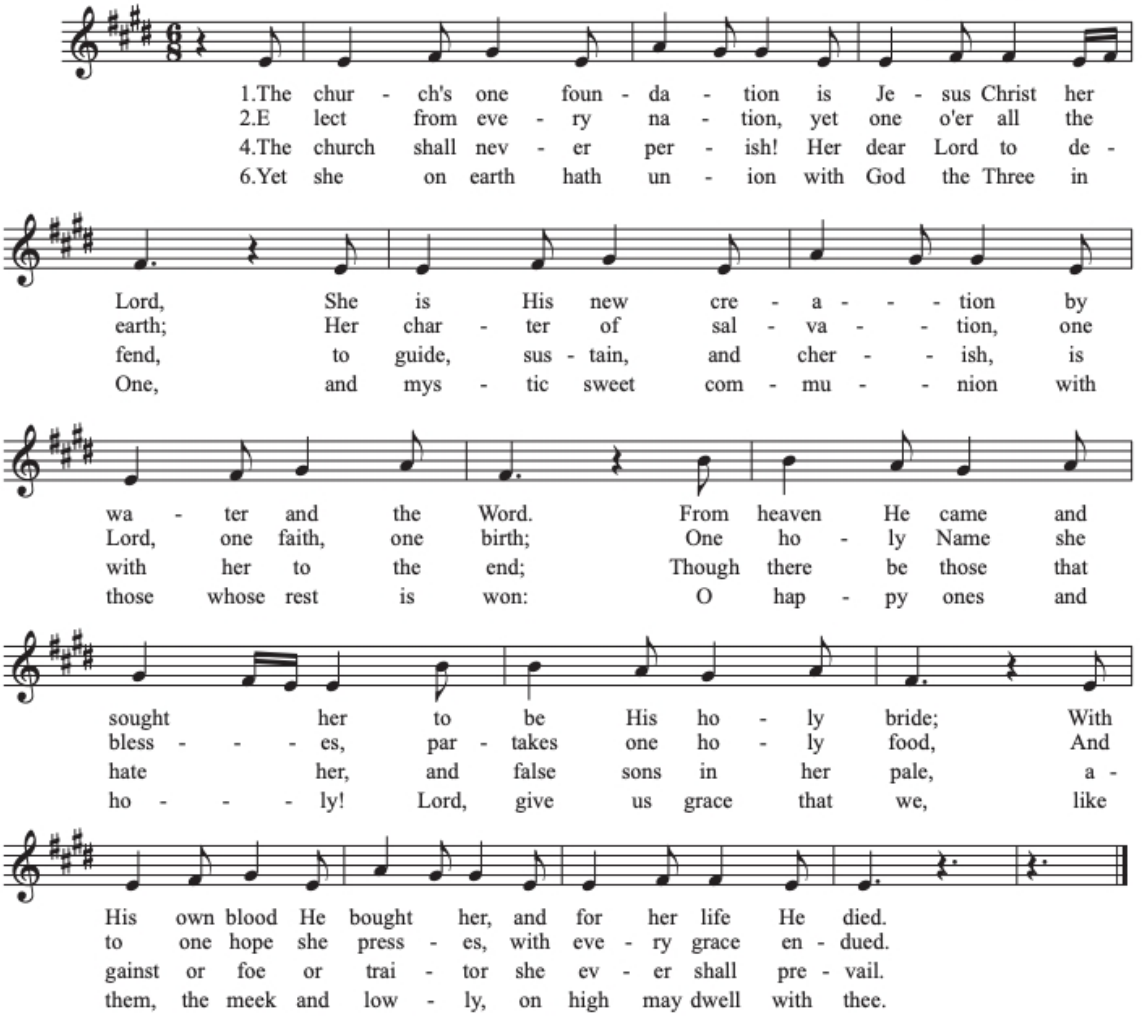
†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

We serve wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the outer rim for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine.

The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone
Music by Brian Moss



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*BENEDICTION *2 John 3*

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

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GETTING CONNECTED

HIGHLIGHTS

Faith Youth Group will meet back to back weeks in November due to Thanksgiving. We will be meeting TODAY and 11/15 from 4pm-6:30.

Church-wide Workday—Saturday, Nov. 14 at 9am. Come enjoy a morning of fellowship as we roll up our sleeves and work side by side to beautify and care for our church! It's a wonderful opportunity to serve together, strengthen friendships, and help make our church a welcoming place for all. We hope you'll join us!

College Watch Party—Saturday, Nov. 14. College students are invited to come cheer on the Gators during their away game at the Duncan's. Come on over an hour before game time for dinner. Food and snacks provided. Contact Luke Fuson for details. Address: 14515 NW 41st Ave Newberry, FL 32669

Thanksgiving Dinner—Sunday evening, November 22. Join us for an evening of wonderful food and fellowship as we celebrate what God has done in our lives the past year. THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE TURKEY, STUFFING, and GRAVY. *Please sign up for other side dishes or desserts*; note that we have invited some RUFi students to come and learn about American Thanksgiving so we do need a few vegetarian side dishes. Scan the QR to bring a dish.

Class at Christian Study Center led by Pastor Kevin— Pastor Kevin is leading a 5-week class on Bible Interpretation which began Thursday, October 15 at 12:50pm. Christians today suffer from a crisis of meaning. Subjective interpretations dominate our study of God's word, leading to skepticism about an objective truth in the Bible. This five-week class will explore principles for understanding God's intended meaning.

Women's Christmas Party: Saturday, December 5, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Shields. We hope you will plan to attend, for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! An invitation will be sent out soon, but please **save the date!**

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Church is available for ages K4 through 2nd grade. Children will be dismissed after the song following the "Assurance of Forgiveness" and will return after the sermon.
Sunday School: All Classes 9am.
Community Groups:

- **Westside**—meets Sunday, Jeremiah Kumpf - jeremiahkumpf@gmail.com
- **Central**—meets Tuesdays, Joe Shields - joe@faithgainesville.org
- **High Springs/Alachua**—meets Thursdays, Max Isastia - massimoisastia@yahoo.com
- **Southwest**—meets Wednesday, Jim Brady - jimbrady@bellsouth.net
- **Tioga/Newberry**—meets Tuesdays, Jeremy Scheer - jeremylscheer@gmail.com

Faith Youth Ministry: Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays 4-6:30pm
College Students, Join the Groupme to Get Update Scan the QR code to get updates for ways you can connect in Faith's College Ministry.

GradPro: A graduate student and young professionals community that meets two Saturdays a month at 10 AM for brunch, fellowship, prayer, and to study scripture together. For more information, join our WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code. To learn more, please contact Jeremiah Kumpf: (jeremiah@faithgainesville.org).

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, November 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Teaching Center. Childcare is provided. We are using the book In View of God's Mercies, a study of the Gospel in the book of Romans, by Courtney Doctor. If you need information on how to purchase a study book, please contact Christie Nelson.

The Women's Newsletter with current information is available on the church website (You can also receive information by joining our Women's Ministry WhatsApp group chat. Scan the QR code to join**.**

Gainesville Community Ministries: drop off nonperishable goods in the basket in the foyer.

Having Trouble Hearing Our Service?
See a greeter prior to worship to borrow a hearing device.

Giving and Attendance				
Last Week's Giving	Last Week's Budget	Fiscal YTD Giving	Fiscal YTD Budget	Last Week's Attendance
$13,128.06	**$11,991**	**$97,574**	**$107,918**	**168**

Prayer Requests & Faith Friday Emails

Our office sends weekly emails with prayer requests, updates, and announcements regarding everything going on in the life of our church. If you would like to be added to either of these email lists, check out our websites "Get Connected" page or scan the QR Code. —->>

Need Help?

Mercy Application

Scan this Code

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