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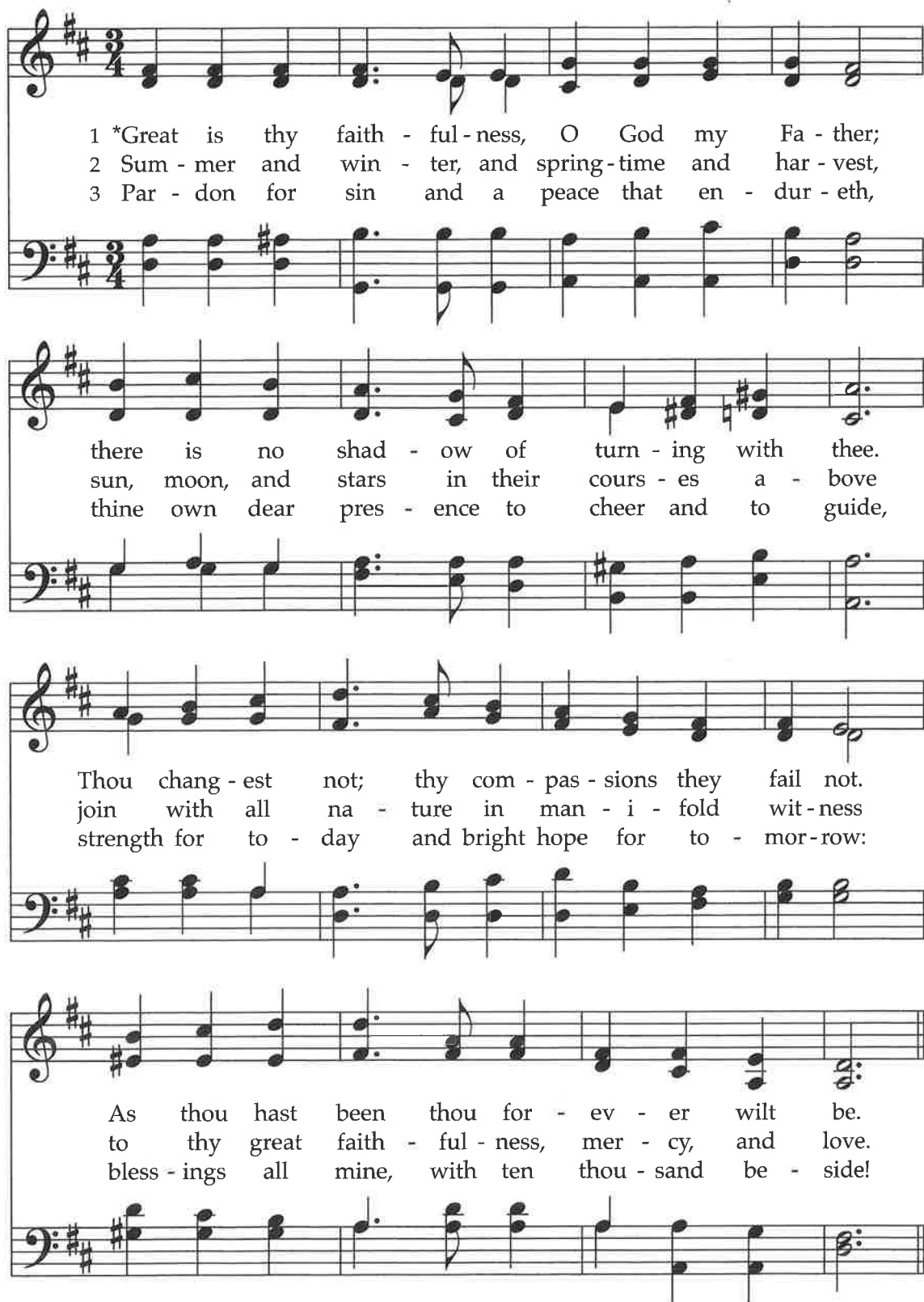
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
JANUARY 10, 2021



## 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 러 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

One: The Word of our Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways" (Hymn #164)

John D. Horman

Ailsa Prohn, mezzo-soprano

*Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John. He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe and slave, but there within the river the sign was birth and grave. Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn; it seemed the sky so opened revealed the spirit's form. The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice: "You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice." We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place. We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace. But now beside this water again a voice is heard. "You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:22-2:3, 2:9

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For

"All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord endures forever."

That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good...

...You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

One: The Word of our Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Beyond, Beneath, and Beside Us"  
Part 2 of 3 in "RENEWING REVERENCE"

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

\* HYMN (see next page)

"I Would Be True"

# I Would Be True

HOWARD ARNOLD WALTER, 1883-1918

PEEK. 11. 10. 11. 10.

JOSEPH YATES PEEK

1. I would be true, for there are those who trust me;  
2. I would be friend of all—the foe, the friend-less;

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a half rest, followed by the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

I would be pure, for there are those who care;  
I would be giv - ing, and for - get the gift,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a half rest at the end of the phrase. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord marked with an asterisk.

I would be strong, for there is much to suf - fer;  
I would be hum - ble, for I know my weak - ness;

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a half rest at the end of the phrase. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord marked with an asterisk.

I would be brave, for there is much to dare,  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift,

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a half rest at the end of the phrase. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord marked with an asterisk.

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.  
I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift. A - MEN.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half rest at the end of the phrase. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord marked with an asterisk.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings  
The Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Dr. Tom Rice

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### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(Online giving available anytime via our account with EasyTithe:  
text your offering dollar amount to 614-808-8580 or go to [www.easytithe.com/wpcgive](http://www.easytithe.com/wpcgive).)*

Offertory "Rejoice, Rejoice, Take Heart in the Night" arr. Mark Sedio

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN #307 (see next page) "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA  
Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### CHORAL/CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #107

REJOICE REJOICE

***Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night. Though dark the winter and cheerless.  
The rising sun shall crown you with light; be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer. Love our endless story.  
May God fill every day we share and bring us at last into glory.***

### POSTLUDE

"Cwm Rhondda"

arr. Timothy Albrecht



***The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by  
Marylou & Dick Posey in Honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.***



Celebration Ringers: Steve Davis, Bill Yost, Alice Miskell, Kathy Mead, Linda Ranck, Debbie Wilson, Deanna Olson, Connie Syron, Janie Wiest, Connie Lewis, Jennifer Fry, director

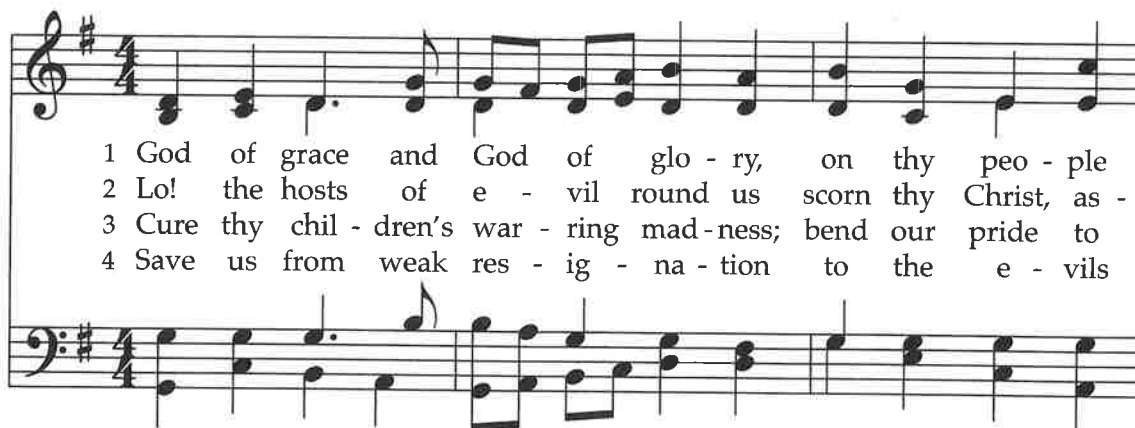
Octet: Samantha Reeves, Martha Duersten-Pettit, Ailsa Prohn, Emily Dunaj,  
Logan Fletcher, Harper Markiewicz, Robert Boyd, Robert Fischer

Audio: Andrew DeWeese Carillon: Debb Wilson Usher: John Smith

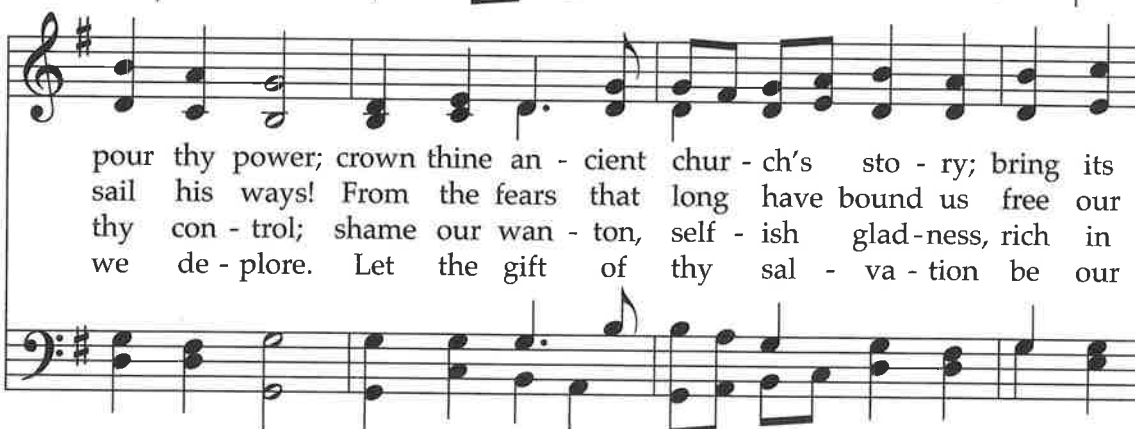
Video: Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Nicholas Robison, Bill Yost

To submit a concern to the Prayer Chain, please contact Dick Jones at 614-204-7633.

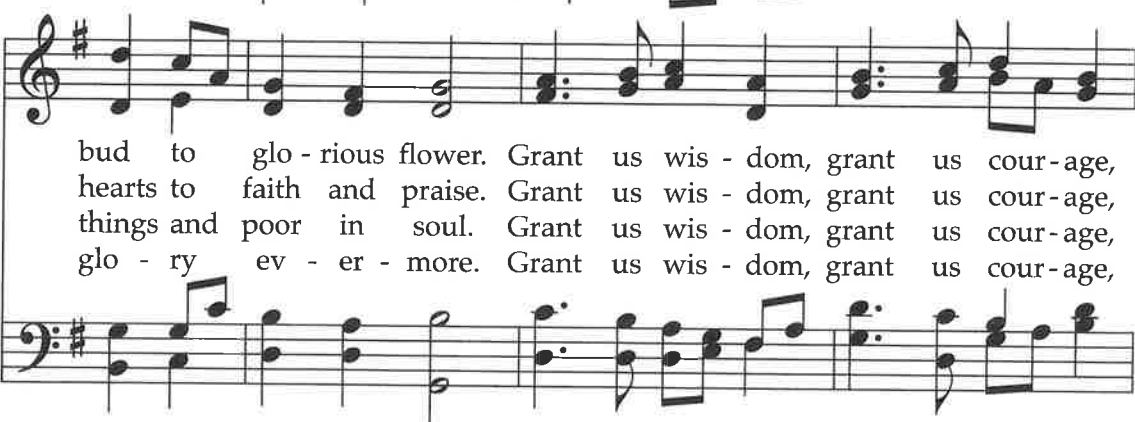
## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



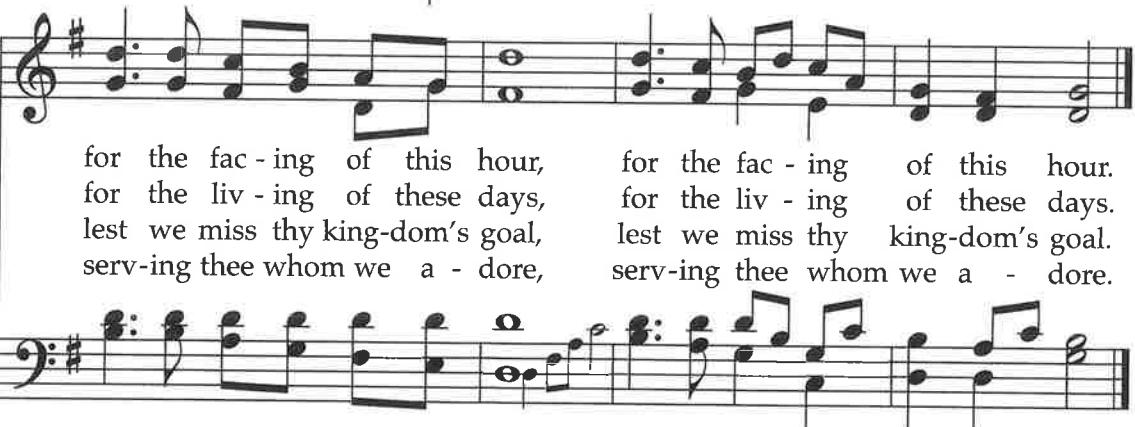
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.



~ ~ ~ **THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP** ~ ~ ~

On Sunday, January 31, the congregation has the opportunity to contribute to the **2021 PER CAPITA OFFERING**. This offering is used to support the work of the wider church, including the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. For 2021, the assessed amount is \$37.75 per member. Please label your offering envelope or check with "Per Capita" in order for your contribution to be counted towards the work of our denomination. Thank you!

Would you like to donate **CHANCEL FLOWERS** in honor or in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion? Please contact Karen Linden at 614-885-5355 or [klinden@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:klinden@worthingtonpresbyterian.com). The cost of two bouquets is \$85. Unless otherwise specified, each bouquet is delivered by a deacon to someone in need of comfort or encouragement. Open dates for 2021 are: January 24; April 18; May 23, 30; June 20, 27; July 4; August 1, 22; September 19; October 10, 17, 24; November 21.

**NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY:** Donations of sugar, flour, coffee, salt, dry pet food, etc. can be brought to Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Noon - 3 p.m. or Sunday 8-10 a.m.

**SACK LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS:** Sack lunches can be brought to Fellowship Hall on Sunday 8-10 a.m. Each lunch is to include: a PB&J sandwich, bag of chips, small container of applesauce, piece of fruit, juice box or Capri Sun, bag of cookies, napkin and spoon.

**THE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY** has expanded to provide rides for members for the following reasons: medical/dental appointments; visitation of spouses in hospitals or facilities; pharmaceutical and medical supply pickup. To request transportation, contact the Deacon Coordinator for this program, Nancy Wardwell at 614-205-0315 or email her at [wardwell.2@osu.edu](mailto:wardwell.2@osu.edu) or Mark Senff at 614-323-9455 or [msenff6435@gmail.com](mailto:msenff6435@gmail.com). Additional drivers are always welcome, to volunteer for this ministry, contact Nancy or Mark.

~ ~ ~ **THINGS TO KEEP YOU IN THE KNOW** ~ ~ ~

As you consider your **SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH** as well as some of the special collections, we will be expanding the options available when donating through EasyTithe to include special collections (<https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/wpcgive>). For your 2021 pledge or to regularly support the church's operations, signing up for monthly ACH withdrawals from your account to the church's HNB account is an easy way to keep up to date with your giving. Contact Katie at [kfell@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:kfell@worthingtonpresbyterian.com) for an authorization form to be emailed to you.

**JOB SEARCH RESOURCE GROUP:** Are you looking for a job? Would you like to connect with others who are looking as well as with people skilled in helping with networking, editing resumes, interviewing, etc.? Please contact Pastor Tom at [trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com). WPC is now forming this group.

**NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** A password-protected **Membership Directory** is now available on our website. What is different (and particularly useful) about this new directory is that **it will be updated monthly**. To receive your password and access instructions, please contact Kathleen Holly at [memberdata@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:memberdata@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).

**SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYER REQUESTS:** Pastor Betsy Rice has set up an online form for us to report concerns, joys, and other requests for prayer. It is viewable **ONLY** by the pastors and lets you indicate whether your submission is (1) for pastors only, (2) for weekly prayer list (like what we announce in worship), and/or (3) for the Prayer Chain.

**DAILY DEVOTION CONFERENCE CALLS:** At 12:15 p.m. on weekdays you are invited to call (515)606-5922 and use access code 783190 to participate in a telephone conference call. You'll enjoy a brief devotion led by a pastor and church members sharing joys and concerns and praying together.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR GIVING:** Contributions to the church may be made by electronic means via your bank or by check via US mail. We also have an EasyTithe account (which charges the church a slight fee). If you need assistance, please contact Katie Fell or Kathryn Deringer.

We are **LIVESTREAMING** our **WORSHIP SERVICES** on-line. This means:

- The service will not be available before 10 a.m. (We regret the inconvenience to those who prefer to worship earlier in the morning.)
- You can view the service as it happens, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday.
- If you join the service between 10 and 11 or so, it will be like getting to church late. You won't be able to pick and choose what to see.
- If you look for the service after 11 a.m. on Sunday, you'll be able to find a video, that you can pause, fast-forward, etc. It will be available whenever you want to view it.
- One important difference going forward (at least at this first stage): Viewing either live or later (video), you will not see the words to prayers or hymns on the screen. How can you take part?
  - View or print the bulletin, provided by PDF on the same page as the video.
  - Borrow a hymnal from the church. They are available for check-out in the Church Office. (Please wear facial covering in the church building.)
  - Send a request to Karen Linden for a special arrangement. You could:
    - Pick up a bulletin at church during office hours.
    - Receive the bulletin by email.
    - Receive the bulletin via USPS (mailed on Thursday, no guarantee on delivery by Saturday)
- Questions? Please contact the church, and we'll do our best to help you connect.

~ ~ ~ **CHURCH CALENDAR** ~ ~ ~

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 (Tom on Call)**

9:00 AM	9:50 AM	Religious Studies (Zoom)
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	How the Bible Came to Be (Zoom, Tom)
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Live-Streaming Worship, Dr. Piermont, Sanctuary
11:10 AM	12:00 PM	Coffee Hour via Zoom. For access, please contact Pastor Betsy
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Youth Fellowship Night
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Stated Session (Zoom)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11 (Betsy on Call)**

12:15 PM	12:45 PM	Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#
4:30 PM	6:00 PM	Facilities Committee (Zoom)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 (Betsy on Call)**

12:15 PM	12:45 PM	Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#
6:30 PM	7:00 PM	Tech Meeting (Zoom, Russ)
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Membership & Fellowship Committee (Zoom)
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Youth Committee (Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13 (Wayne on Call)**

12:15 PM	12:45 PM	Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#
6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Celebration Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Preschool Committee Meeting (Zoom, Melinda)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14 (Wayne on Call)**

7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Personnel (Zoom, Eric)
12:15 PM	12:45 PM	Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#
5:00 PM	6:15 PM	Choir Plus (Zoom, Jenni)
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Octet Rehearsal (Zoom)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15 (Wayne on Call)**

12:15 PM	12:45 PM	Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#
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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 (Betsy on Call)**

7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Zoom)
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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 (Tom on Call)**

9:00 AM	9:50 AM	Religious Studies (Zoom)
9:00 AM	9:50 AM	How the Bible Came to Be (Zoom, Tom)
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Live-Streaming Worship, Dr. Piermont, Sanctuary
11:10 AM	12:00 PM	Coffee Hour via Zoom. For access, please contact Pastor Betsy.
7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Youth Hang Out

**MINISTRY DIRECTORY**

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Betsy Rice, Pastor for Member Ministries  
 Dr. David Rives, Director of Music  
 Dr. Stephen Jacoby, Organist  
 Eric McLaughlin, Executive Administrator

Rev. Dr. Thomas Rice, Pastor for Discipleship  
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*A full staff directory may be found on our website.*

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