

“Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. — Hebrews 12:1

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Dr. Bill Holda

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

“Anthem”

TOM CONRY

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God of the living and the dead, You are our rock of faith.  
**As Noah collected stones to make an altar, we come to this sanctuary, to be at the front of the table set aside as a space of holy worship and praise.**  
Jacob and others laid down a stone to mark holy encounters.  
**God instructed Moses to construct a movable tabernacle so everyone could gather.**  
Solomon secured the first elaborate Temple to make sacrifices and seek your presence.

**Lord, You guided all these servants to a place along their pilgrimage and continue to prepare us for the Promised Land.**

Come away by yourselves and rest awhile.  
Jesus led his disciples to a certain place at these times.  
**In exile were synagogues; in the early church, people’s homes served as the holy space for communities to gather in faith and thrive.**  
So, in this building and on these holy grounds, O People of God,  
**let us worship with those who go before us and praise God together!**

**\*HYMN – No. 730**

**“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”**

GRAND ISLE

**\*CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, in every age, you have raised men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to follow your way and serve you with faith, hope, and love so we may inherit the kingdom you promised. (Time for Silence)**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear the good news!

**God is in this place, and we share in the**

**The steadfast love of God, which is the gospel of our Lord.**

In teaching the Word, we come to learn it.

In hearing the Word when we gather, we come to faith.

So let us hear what we have been taught, what we teach and affirm.

**Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners like us all.**

**Jesus himself calls us together to learn and speak our stories of faith,**

**And to question our God in times of trial and suffering.**

We might be dead to sin, discerning of deception, and alive to all that is good.

**We come to declare and affirm together and to one another**

**that in the name of Jesus Christ,**

**you are forgiven, we are forgiven, and I am forgiven.**

All who call upon Jesus in repentance and confession have God's mercy.

**Amen.**

## **\*SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

God has forgiven us in Christ, God has freed us, healed us so

We can forgive ourselves and see anew.

We are also encouraged to forgive one another

and find healing and a new sense of life eternal.

This is the teaching of the church, this is the proclamation of the gospel,  
even our evangelism.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be present and felt by all of us.

**May this peace be with us always and also with you. Amen.**

*(Time for sharing and greeting one another in fellowship and peace)*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION**

**HYMN – No. 471      “O Lord, Hear Our Prayer” (3 Times)**

### **ENGAGING WITH THE WORD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

reader, Susan Elms

As we prepare to hear your holy word, O God,

We are ready to experience the heart of corporate worship.

**Let thy word abide in us, O God, and bring us to new wisdom and hope.**

Help us to hear your scriptures as revelation, as if for the first time,

**Open us up to your spiritual word in a new and gentle way.**

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE TEXTS

**Hebrew Lesson:** Psalm 119:1-16

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

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**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4:24-26

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

**Praise be to you, O Christ. Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**– No. 250

**“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”**

Promise

**Old Testament:** 1 Kings 17: 1-16

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Pepa Paniagua

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – The Confession of 1967 (UPCUSA)

**9.27 The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.**

**9.28 The New Testament is the recorded testimony of apostles to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church.**

**The Old Testament bears witness to God’s faithfulness in his covenant with Israel and points the way to the fulfillment of his purpose in Christ.**

**The Old Testament is indispensable to understanding the New, and is not itself fully understood without the New.**

**9.29 The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God’s work of reconciliation in Christ.**

**The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of men, conditioned by the language, thought, forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos, (Continued)**

**which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding. As God has spoken his word in diverse cultural situations, The church is confident that he will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture.**

**9.30 God's word is spoken to his church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit and with readiness to receive their truth and direction.**

**\*HYMN – No. 581**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

GLORIA PATRI

**GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD**

**CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN – No. 609**

**“Doxology”**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**\*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.**

**GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD**

**\*HYMN – No. 326**

**“For All The Saints”**

SINE NOMINE

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

MELITA

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**Welcome friends!** May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

## Announcements

**Rev. Pepa Paniagua** is a pastor, educator, and advocate who brings creativity and sensitivity to guiding conversations about God's love. With a deep appreciation for nature from her upbringing between California's Redwoods and the Pacific coast, she believes in learning from experience as much as from books. A graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a dedicated 49ers fan, Pepa has spent over 18 years in Texas, where she serves as the Coordinator for Innovation of New Ministry Development at Grace Presbytery. She lives in North Texas with her wife, Kelli, and their two dogs, Juneaux and Opie.

**Wednesday Night Live** dinner is served at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. This week's menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, a side salad, dessert, and a drink.

**Alpine Presbyterian Church** seeks an additional **handbell choir** member to play bells F5 and G5. The choir practices every Wednesday at 6 PM, and performances are scheduled for November 10 and December 8. For more information, please contact Karen Harris at 903-235-6763

The next **One Love Longview Weekend Food Bags** will be assembled later this month. Peanuts, Sunflower Seeds, Fruit Snacks, and Protein Bars are needed.

We are excited to support Longview Community Ministries' **Annual Coats for Kids Drive!** Coats (new or gently used) can be dropped off in the church narthex TODAY, or funds can be donated online so LCM can buy in quantity.

Join us on **Wednesday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m.** for a special **All Saints' Day** service in the outdoor Memorial Chapel. We will gather to honor and memorialize church members and friends who have passed away.

**Sunday, November 10**, First Presbyterian, Alpine, and St. Andrew Churches will host a **Dialogue Chili Cook-Off** at First Presbyterian following worship!

From Alpine Presbyterian Church: "We want to thank everyone from **St. Andrew who joined Alpine for their Fall Festival last Saturday**. Thank you for helping make the event a fun, meaningful celebration for the children.

**Theology on Tap** is Tuesday, November 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It's a family-friendly event hosted by The Oil Horse Brewing Company in downtown Longview. The event seeks to bring people from various walks of life together to discuss social and religious events.

## I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and  
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love  
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and  
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'  
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a  
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a  
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess  
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a  
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of  
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,  
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(F#)

(Bm)



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."

Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.



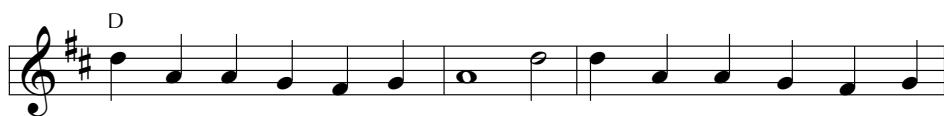
# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



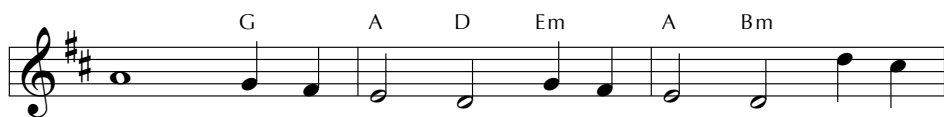
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures



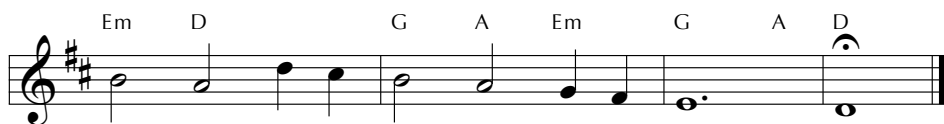
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it



one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## For All the Saints



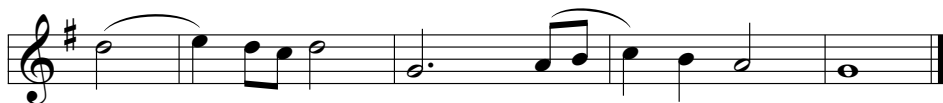
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

## Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*to stanza 4*