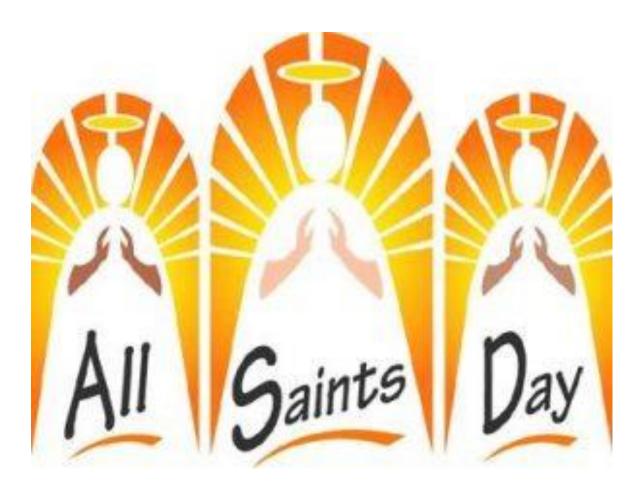
The United Church of Christ of Robesonia

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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.



Welcome to our Combined 10:15am Worship Service In-Person & Streaming Online



November 6, 2022 All Saints Sunday 10:15 a.m.

Welcome

May God's loving presence be very real to you, and may you receive strength and guidance today That will enable you to handle life's challenges.

Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul. (Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table).

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are very welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For an additional option, we have supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

For the safety of all, our water fountains are disabled during the pandemic.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider St. Paul's or Zion United Church of Christ. For more information about St. Paul's, Zion, and the UCC, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our churches.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the *Blue Visitor Table* in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

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We Gather

We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God, and provide for one another our love, support, and care.

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They are there for your safety and the safety of those around you to help designate social distancing.

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

{If you have not already done so, please sign sand pass the pew welcome pad to the person next to you}

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP® (Unison)

Holy and Majestic God, we worship you and bow down before you. We notice all the glory which surrounds you. The trumpet sounds as each saint is received into your heaven. Yet, there is this quietness and gentleness about you. We feel your love as we work and walk and wait for our turn to enter your heavenly kingdom. In your son's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE "God Will Take Care of You" arr. for piano by Robert Thygerson

{Those who are able, please rise

*Processional Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

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*INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

*Call to Worship - Psalm 100 (King James Version)

Leader: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

People: Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Leader: Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we

ourselves;

People: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise:

People: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Leader: for the Lord is good; and his mercy is everlasting;

People: and his truth endureth to all generations.

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION (Leader) ©

God of love and protection and forgiveness, hear now our confession of sins which separate us from you.

*CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Dear Lord and Savior, we thank you for every bit of humility you have helped us to establish in ourselves. We read that you bless the humble, the poor, the meek, the ones who are hungry, the ones who weep. You will lift such ones readily into the joy of your kingdom. Our confession is that we are haughty and proud too easily and we don't realize who is hungry or sad. Help us to bring our eyes to neighbor level. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*Sung Prayer for Mercy "Lord, Thy Mercy, Now Entreating"

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Lord, Thy mercy now entreating, Low before Thy throne we fall; Our misdeeds to Thee confessing, On Thy Name we humbly call.

*Assurance of Pardon (Leader)

Be assured, we are forgiven of our sins by our God of mercy. God provides occasion after occasion for us to love people who annoy us, to spend wisely so that we may share our goods and money, to shed tears alongside one who is sad. In doing so, the light of heaven will encircle us. Thanks be to God!

*CALL TO PRAISE ®

Leader: May we be filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: May we continually gather and sing praise to God.

*Chorus of Praise "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!

(Please be seated)

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

James Ludwig, Sr. (11/25/2021) Richard Hiester (12/05/2021) Christopher Eckert (01/13/2022)

Linda Louse Kellenberger (o1/25/2022)

Nevin Kershner (03/09/2022)

Richard Clarence Holzman (03/27/2022)

June Heist (04/11/2022)

Barbara Breininger (04/25/2022)

Jeanette Scull (06/08/2022)

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings.

We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God."

Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

Proclamation of Scripture

First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:20-31

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Hymn of Promise" W&R #515

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MINI-MESSAGE

{Children may return to their pews and remain for the rest of worship, or 0-8 year olds may go downstairs to nursery, or on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month, elementary age children may go downstairs at this time for the additional option of "Junior Worship")

CONGREGATION SINGS "Jesus Loves the Little Children" Adapted Words of Traditional Chorus

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Shy and quiet, glad and bright, They are treasures in his sight. Jesus blesses all the children of the world.

SERMON "Reaching the Pearly Gates"

We Respond with Thanks

We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped, we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by re-affirming our faith in God,

praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

(Those who are able, please rise)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from The UCC Statement of Faith (Section Five: The Promise)

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **People: receive our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

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Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

OFFERTORY INVITATION ®

Leader: We can make faith promises to God?

People: What is a faith promise?

Leader: We promise something we don't yet have.

People: Like a future pay check?

Leader: Something beyond our budget.

People: How do we get this extra money or time?

Leader: We pray. Be alert for surprises.

CHOIR OFFERTORY "Come to the Table" Text adapted from Luke 22:14-30 by Jean Anne Shafferman; musical setting by Steve Kupferschmid

{Those who are able, please rise}

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

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We give thee but thine own whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

{As we share in hybrid worship, there is no passing of the plate in person. A plate is placed in the rear of the sanctuary for offerings to be placed when arriving or departing from the sanctuary.

Whether worshiping in person or online, the safest way to offer your tithe and offering to God through his church is through St. Paul's UCC secure Online Giving option on our website at sprucc.org. St. Paul's UCC Click Here Offerings may also be mailed to St. Paul's UCC; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551 or Zion UCC; PO Box 97; Womelsdorf, PA 19567}.

*Offertory Prayer (Leader) •

Gracious, living God, thank you for your provision for our lives. If we take it for granted, forgive us. If we withhold too much for our own pleasure, forgive us and challenge us. If our priorities are wrong, change us. If our priorities are in good order, we give you the credit. In the name of Jesus who didn't have to worry about being robbed.

All: Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion o

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is the central act of Christian worship, bringing us more fully together with one another and the Triune God, through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 26:20-30, Mark 14:17-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:21-30)

*Invitation (Leader)

This table is open to all who confess Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow Christ's way. Come to this sacred table not because you must, but because you may. Come not because you are fulfilled, but because in your emptiness you stand in need of God's mercy and assurance. Come not to express an opinion, but to seek a presence and to pray for a spirit. Come to this table, then, sisters and brothers, as you are. Partake and share. It is spread for you and me that we might again know that God has come to us, shared our common lot, and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

*COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: We give thanks to you, gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in

the Church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith and

times, we praise you with joy and sing...

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Seraphic Hymn

{Sanctus is Latin for "Holy." Seraphic Hymn refers to the song of the Seraphim Angels. Sabaoth is a Hebrew name for God, referring to God as both creator and ruler of the world}.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory,

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

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{Please be seated}

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader:

Lord, we remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover. Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Ordained Minister:

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory. We offer you these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, here within the sanctuary and within our homes, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united in communion with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

ALL: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND RAISING THE CUP

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

CALL TO THE SUPPER

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

BREAKING THE BREAD, RAISING THE CUP, AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

{For those who have the pre-filled cups: open the first seal - unleavened bread wafer}

Pastor: The Body of Christ broken for you. Take and eat.

People: Amen.

{You may eat the bread}

{For those who have the pre-filled cups: open the second seal - the fruit of the vine - grape juice}

Pastor: The Blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

{You may drink the wine or grape juice}

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

Leader: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table

by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

We Are Sent Out

In response to God's love and grace, we go out into the world to share God's Good News through our words and actions.

*Commission @

Leader: Let us walk forth with this motto on our foreheads...

People: What motto?

Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. **People: That is the Golden Rule. And that is in the Bible.**

Leader: Yes, we read it today. It's Luke 6:31.

People: God will help us to continue living that way.

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*Sending Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

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Of the rear of the sanctuary.

{During the hymn, today's Greeters & Ushers may return to the rear of the sanctuary, to help greet after worship.}

{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us, as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

9 TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

(1) God welcomes us and invites us

(2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him

(3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace

(4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace

(5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon

(6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer

(7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure

(8) We experience the greater oneness with God and each other through Communion.

(9) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others



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About Today

Church Season: Pentecost –which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. During this season we focus on how we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, are called by God to go out into the world and share his Good News through both our deeds and words.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

White - symbolizing resurrection through Jesus Christ

Green – the color of growing life, symbolizing the life God brings and the growth of the church, especially through our mission work

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year C**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Luke.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church). The first four books of the NT are called the "Gospels," which Christians consider the most central books of the Bible; the rest of the NT takes place after his ascension into heaven.

This Sunday, November 6, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31

Daniel

Daniel had many dreams and visions he did not understand. He dreamed of four beasts, which represented four kingdoms of the world, and of a ram and goat, which depicted two of those kingdoms in greater detail. Daniel's visions reveal that the Messiah will be the ruler of a spiritual kingdom that will overpower and overshadow all other earthly kingdoms. These visions help us see that we should interpret all of history in light of God's eternal kingdom.

Psalm 149

This is an OT hymn of praise and thanksgiving for God's salvation, especially for those who are humble and faithful.

The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

This Epistle (letter) to the Gentile church in Ephesus is attributed to the Apostle Paul, written in the first century A.D. This is an open letter to many churches in response for the life-changing radical transformation in our personal and social life as we become a part of Christ's family. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and leader in the Christian church, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. He wrote more of the NT than any other person. The title of this letter "Hebrews" presumably refers to the original audience of this letter as primarily Jewish-Christian.

The Gospel According to Luke

The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles is attributed to Luke "the beloved physician," written around 59-90 A.D. (C.E.). Not having met Jesus personally, Luke undertook the task of "investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write and orderly account" of Jesus Christ, "so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed."

Next Sunday, November 13, 2022 -- Lectionary Reading for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

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Additional Mission Trip Opportunities

one from rural Michigan and another from Chicago, to help rehab houses of Christ that I knew of for many years was Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, MS. I've taken a youth group from Houston and led members of two congregations, trips to Back Bay Mission that I learned the history of this lonely outpost of In my home state of Mississippi, the only presence of the United Church of those who can't afford to do so on their own. It was during one of the first the UCC in a state that had no UCC churches at the time.

It was in Biloxi that the beaches of the South begun the process pened in Biloxi, causing a fierce sixties, most beaches were segof integration. Up until the last and violent backlash by white 1963, three "wade-ins" hapregated, but between 1959-



community in this effort, only to find that their churches were closed by the Back Bay Mission was the lasting legacy of those three closed churches, and it continues its service to the most vulnerable of Biloxi. It's also a reminder Mason led the fight, with few allies from the white community. However, Back Bay Mission had been formed decades earlier to help the fishermen and their families during some of the lean months of the year. In the end, early seventies as their white parishioners deserted their congregations. residents and police officers. The African American physician Dr. Gilbert the three white pastors of the local UCC joined him and the local black to me that sometimes when you do the right thing, death is often the consequences of that choice (see Jesus) – and that God still deals in resurrection, over and over again.

church. I've been part of an Association-wide adult and youth mission trip to together. One of my fondest memories of a Back Bay mission trip was when have Hurricane Katrina swept through the area a month later. The care and what we learned about others and ourselves in places like Back Bay Mission safety of that older couple they had just helped made me so proud of them The worth of mission trips such as the ones my churches and youth groups wherever your helping hands are needed, including right next door to your doing some "mission work" in places like Biloxi or in Eastwick in Philly, or our Houston youth group had just helped to rehabilitate a home, only to concern of those youth about the damage done to mission itself and the Back Bay Mission, and I know of churches who have done a mission trip that was the most important piece of the trip. I'd invite you to consider - I do think God changed some of our hearts that week and the weeks afterwards.

about local opportunities to serve, contact the Rev. Karl Jones, our PSEC opportunities, go to https://thebackbaymission.org/ and to learn more For more information about Back Bay Mission and it's volunteer Disaster Relief Coordinator at kiones275@comcast.net

Rev. Kevin J. McLemore

Associate Conference Minister for Search & Call

2022 PSEC Fall Meeting

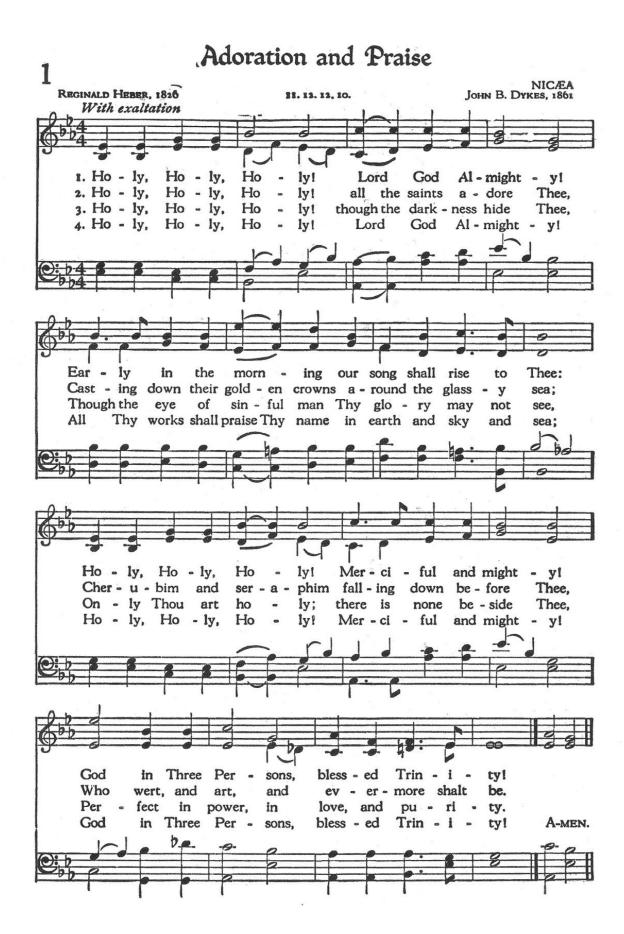
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Hybrid Meeting @ Salt & Light Community Church UCC 5736 Chester Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143 November 13th / 3:00 pm—5:30 pm

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Register at:

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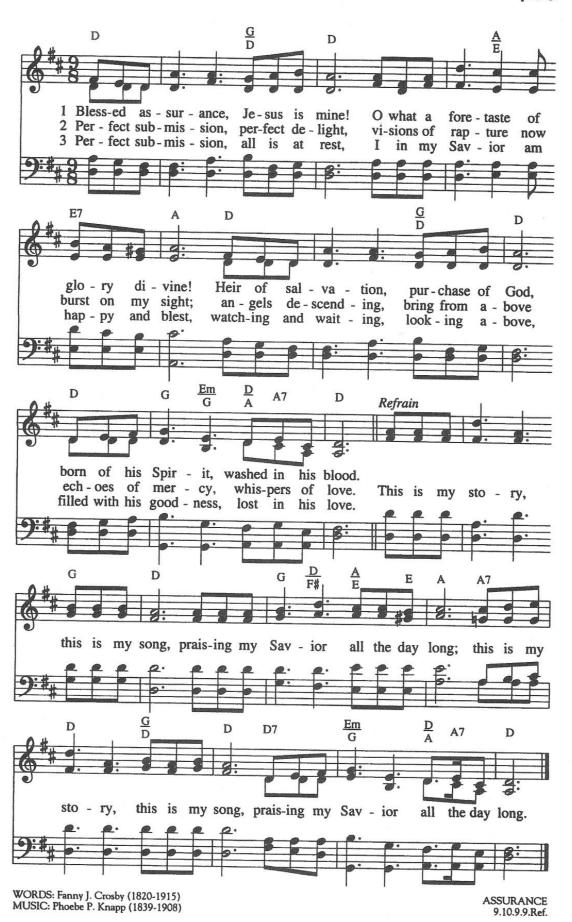


Hymn of Promise



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