THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 15, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude — *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him* / *How Firm a Foundation* — arr. Thompson
Covenant Youth Handbell Ensemble

Welcome — Chuck Poole

Choral Introit — *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* — Gordon Young

Processional Hymn No. 12 — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — ST. DENIO
Hymn sheet on page 3

Call to Worship — Lori Bateman

One: In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth,
All: And God saw that it was good!
One: One thing we ask; one thing we seek:
All: To live in God's house for all of our days,
One: To behold the beauty of God, and learn of God's ways.
All: Here, in the temple of the church,
One: And here, in the temple of creation!
All: Come, let us worship God!

– Inspired by Psalm 27

Prayer of Invocation — Brian Vaughn

Hymn No. 610 — *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* — AZMON
Hymn sheet on page 4

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Sermon on the Steps — Nathan Rankin

Hymn No. 716 — *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* — BEACH SPRING
Hymn sheet on page 5

Gospel Reading — Matthew 25:14-30 — Katy Grace Bateman

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,
All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer — *Create in Me a Clean Heart* — Jeff Reeves
Covenant Youth Choir

Create in me a clean heart,
Make my spirit right and true.
Guide me with your wisdom, Lord,
As I seek to follow you.

Refrain: God of creation and Lord of my life,
Show me how I can be
More like you in all that I do,
In word and thought and deed.
In word and thought and deed.

Create in me a clean heart,
Give me strength to trust and obey.
Call me with your voice of love
To the light of your perfect way.

Refrain

Restore in me your joy,
The gift of life anew;
And then shall my mouth sing songs of praise,
For all that comes from you.

Refrain

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Eric Clark

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.

Psalter Reading Psalm 90:1-12 Chuck Poole

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.

Giving Story *What I Find Beautiful About Covenant* Jeremiah Davison

Anthem *My God Is a Rock* Shaw/Parker

Covenant Choir
Bart Grooms, Baritone

Refrain: My God is a rock in a weary land,
Weary land, in a weary land,
My God is a rock in a weary land,
Shelter in a time of storm.
I know He is a rock in a weary land,
In a weary land, in a weary land,
I know He is a rock in a weary land,
Shelter in a time of storm.
Stop'n' let me tell you 'bout Chapter One,
When de Lord God's work was jes' begun,
Stop'n' let tell you 'bout de Chapter Two,
When de Lord God's written His Bible through.
Stop'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Three,
When de Lord God died on Calvary.

Refrain

Stop an' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Four,
When de Lord God visit 'mong de po',
Stop an' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Five,
When de Lord God brought de dead alive,
Stop an' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Six,
He went in Jerusalem an' healed de sick.

Refrain

Stop, let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Sev'n,
Died and ris'n an' went to Heav'n,
Stop, let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Eight,
John seen Him standin' at de Golden Gate.
Stop 'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Nine,
Lord God turned de water to wine,
Stop'n' let me tell you 'bout de Chapter Ten,
John says He's comin' in de world again.

Refrain

Sermon *This is Your Life* Chuck Poole

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment Chuck Poole

Hymn of Response No. 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

Hymn sheet on page 6

Words of Dedication Katy Grace Bateman

Reception of the Offering Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life.
Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir* Johann Pachelbel

Dan Lawhon

Offertory Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Life of the Church Paxton Vaughn

Benediction Chuck Poole

Postlude *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young
Dan Lawhon

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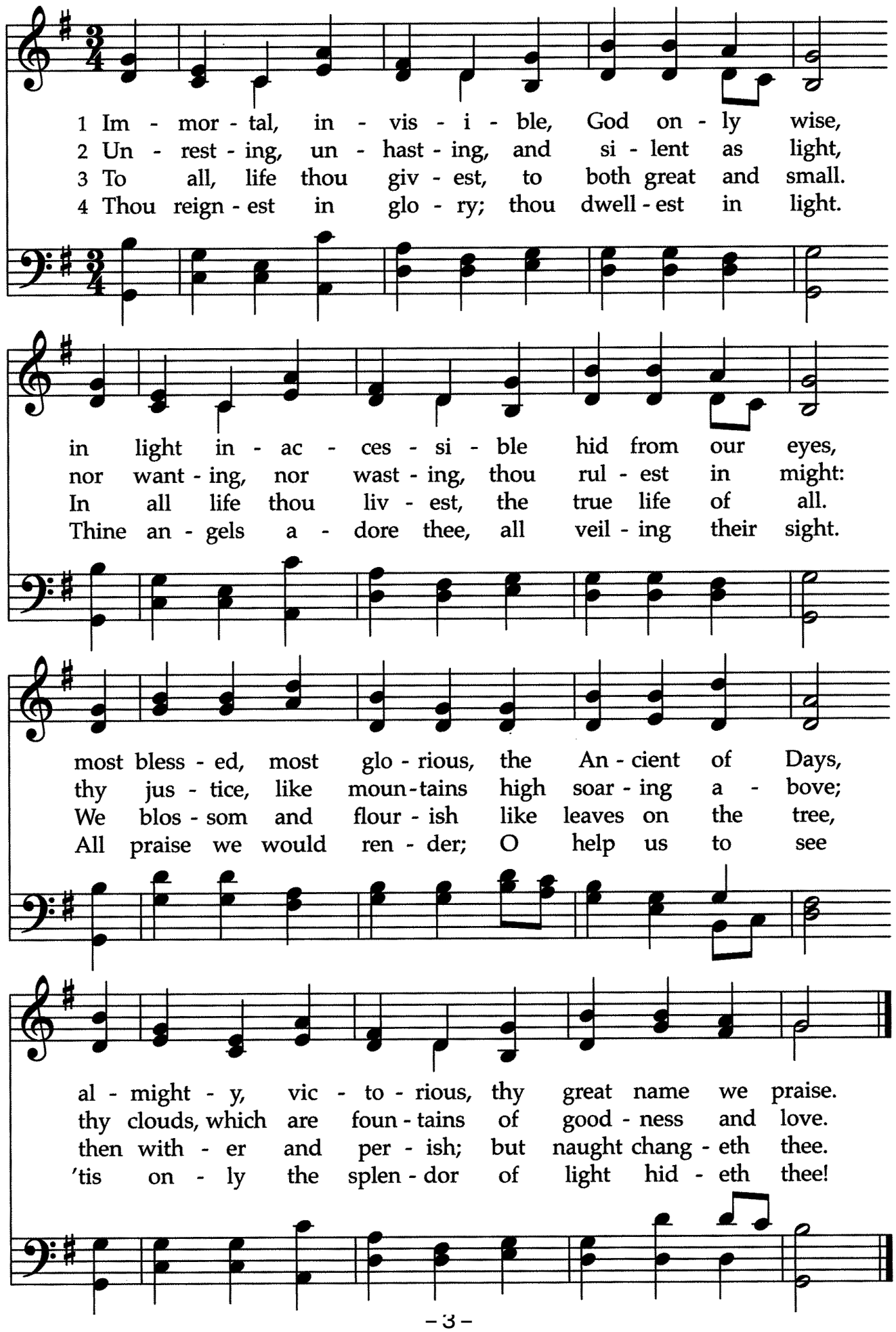
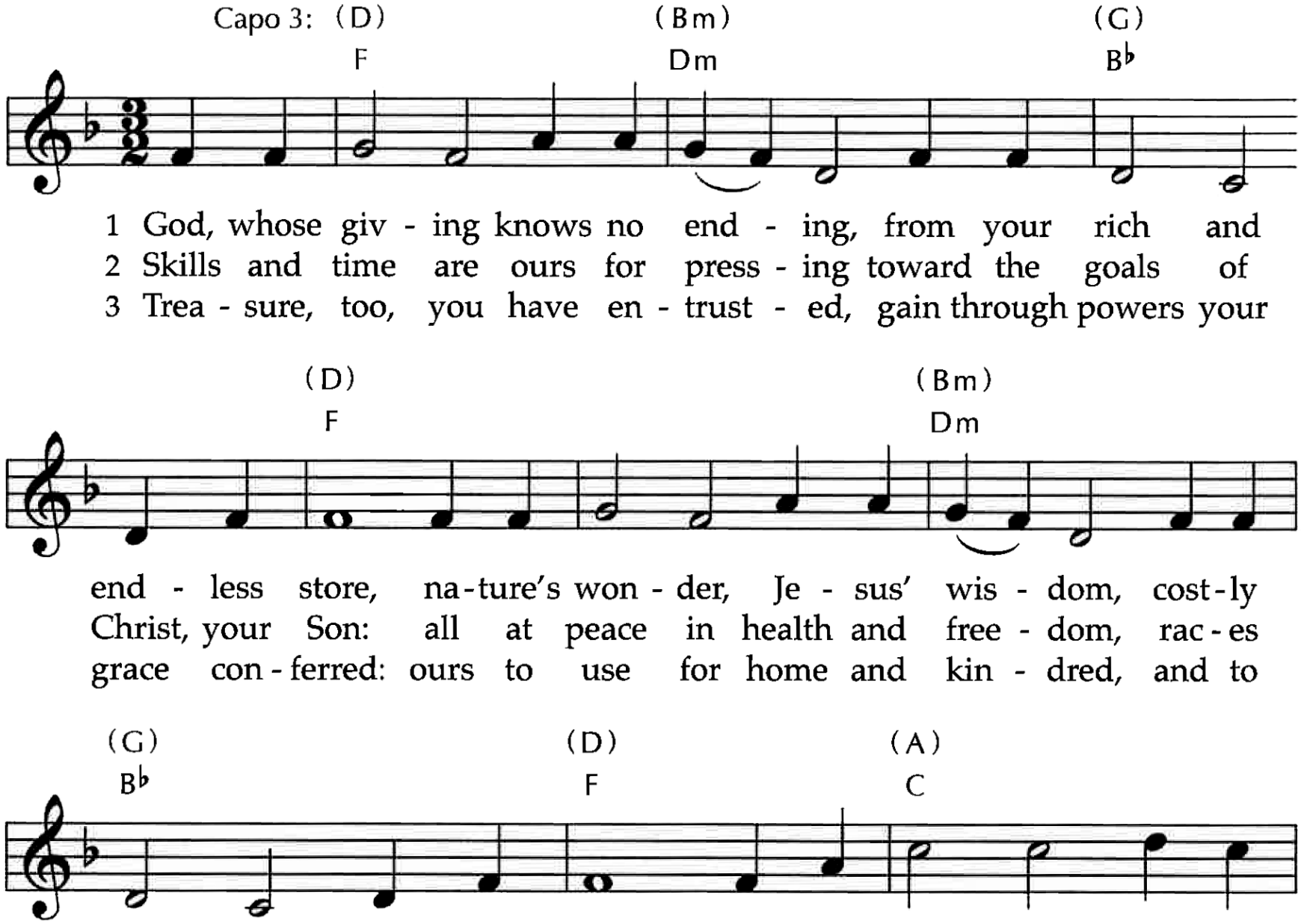


O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be now and ev - er given by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



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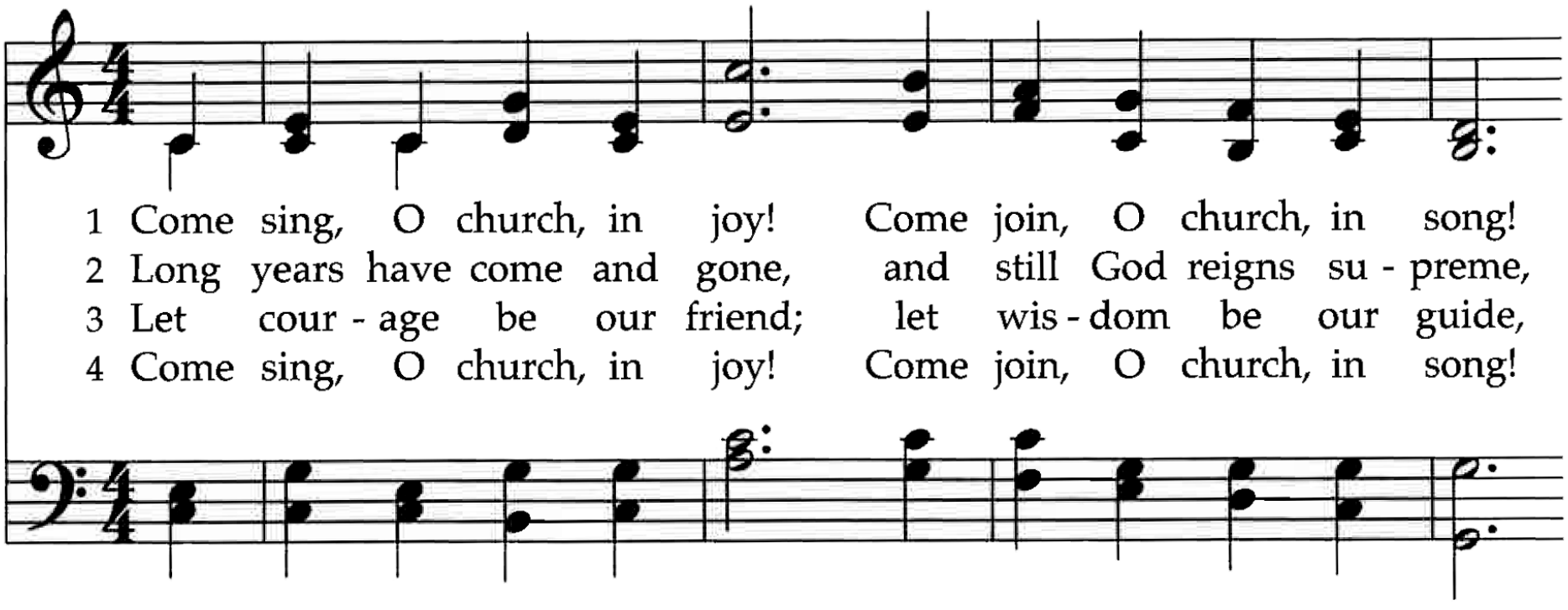

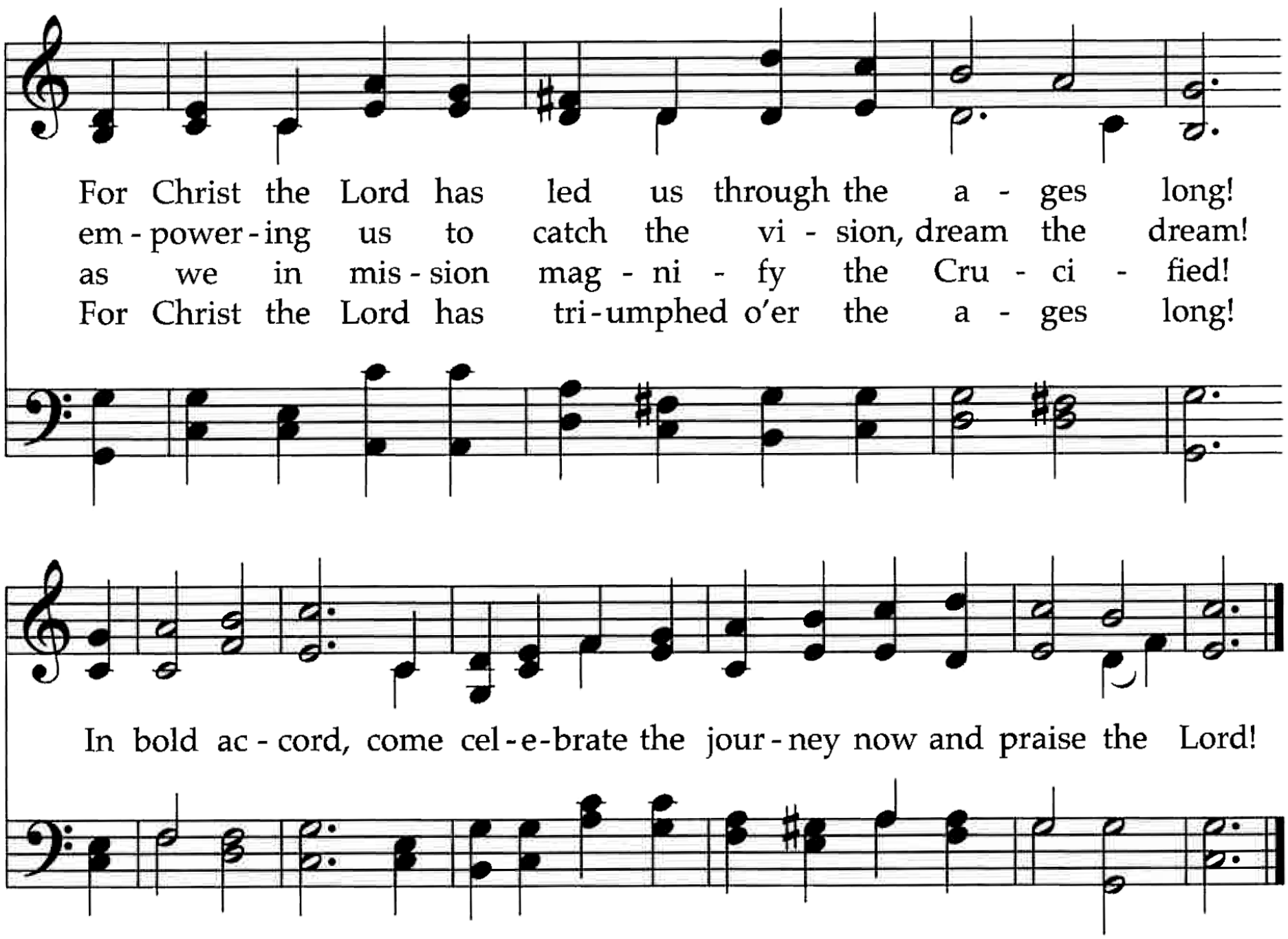

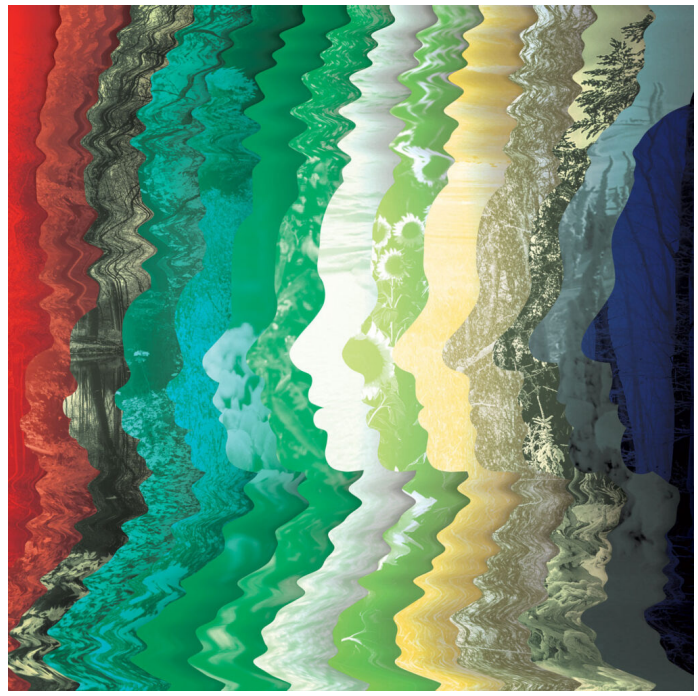

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BCOC & ME
November 15 at 10:30 am

The Deacons are hosting a BCOC & Me session for visitors and new members this month! This session is designed to help newcomers learn more about the church and get connected to opportunities at the church. The BCOC & Me session will be held during the Sunday School hour in the Bock Mayse Ministry Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP
November 18 at 6:00 pm

Why Advent? Join us as we continue to take a look together at the story of Advent, including looking at past ways Christians have engaged with this period of time. And how to best carry this story forward into a sometimes very different 21st century.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.

GBM FOOD FUND
Consider Donating

This month BCOC will not hold a food drive for Greater Birmingham Ministries. Please give what you are able to GBM's food fund. They will be giving Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes to our neighbors. Thanks for your continuing support!

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
Sunday, November 22 at 11:30 am

Please make plans to join your friends and family at BCOC's Thanksgiving potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall right after Sunday School in a few weeks! Ham and drinks will be provided. We need you to bring your favorite side dishes and desserts. We can keep things warm in the kitchen, but cannot bake or cook anything at the church.