

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EVERETT

Online Worship Bulletin
November 23, 2025 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Worship Today! Please take a moment to fill out our Friendship Pads found in the pews. This is a great way to get to know who's worshipping with us and to connect you to our community.	Nursery Care Supervised care is available for children birth to 5 years old in our nursery room on the 2nd floor. Please pick up by 11:05 am or 10 minutes after service.
For our liturgy this morning, BOLD text invites all to join in the reading.	

Prelude	<i>Thanks Be To God</i> – J.S. Bach	Gary Norris, Organist
Ringling of the Bell		Leslie Sutin
Welcome		Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway
Nativity Display & Lenten Banner Announcement		Leslie Sutin
<u>Call to Worship</u>	Jeremiah 23:5-6; 31:33-34	Mike Clemans

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #151

Prayer of Confession Mike Clemans

Let us confess together as a way of holding ourselves accountable to God and each other.

Lord of all, you call us to be shepherds who gather and protect those more vulnerable than ourselves. We speak of freedom, but our actions continue to leave others scattered on the edges of society. Through the guise of safety, we shield ourselves from others. We stand by watching, while those in need struggle to survive. We empower those who worship power and success. We offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us. We scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle. We remain tempted by the dream of the good life, where goodness for some only comes at the expense of many. Raise us up Lord,

from our willful ignorance; bring us back into the fold; help us shepherd in the genuine change that reflects your just promises. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.

Take a moment for silent personal confession and reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

Mike Clemans

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers and redeems us!
God prepares the way for us. The way to grace, to hope, to new life in Jesus. Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ, be with you! **And also with you!**

Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father*

#579

Anthem *Look at the World* – Rutter

Directed by Lorilee Brasseur

Scripture Colossians 1:15-23

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Joy*

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Dedication of our Pledges for 2026

Hymn *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

#428

Prayers of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

Postlude *Toccata* – Boëllmann

Gary Norris, Organist

Announcements

Flowers this morning are in loving memory of Scott Morrow as we celebrate his birthday on November 22. From Todd Morrow & Shirley Morrow.

The church office will be closed November 27 and November 28 for Thanksgiving.

Stewardship Sunday Today

This morning, we will be consecrating our pledges for the 2026 budget. By knowing our pledges, our Session will be able to set a budget and direction for our congregation in 2026. Pledge forms are available next to the offering box at the back of the sanctuary.

Food Challenge– Supporting Our Neighbors

We believe everyone should have access to food. Each month we collect non-perishable items for the Volunteers of America Food Bank serving Everett families. With SNAP and other food benefits stopping, our Deacons are challenging us to Support Our Neighbors. The Deacons are giving \$400 to the VOA and the Salvation Army and are asking you to match.

You can help by bringing non-perishable food throughout November or by giving financially. Use the green envelopes in the pews or write *Food Challenge* on your check. Donations will be shared with VOA and the Salvation Army on December 8. Thank you for your compassion and care!

Thanksgiving Day Potluck

If you are hanging out on Thanksgiving and would like to join some church friends for food and fun, then you are in luck! Join Pastor Alan and friends for a Thanksgiving potluck on November 27th. Doors will open at 1:30 pm and food will be served around 2:00 pm. Bring something to share or just come to hang and eat. To help with numbers, please sign up at the Welcome Booth.

Second Sunday Nativity Scenes

Last week, Pastor Alan jumped the gun. We would love to see your Christmas nativity scene on Sunday, December 7th. Leslie Sutin will help collect your creche and set it out for everyone to enjoy during coffee time. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Alan or Leslie Sutin.

This Week...

Adult Sunday School – Today at

11:30am in hybrid format, both in-person in Calvin Lounge and on Zoom.

This is a review & discussion of a 24-lecture Great Courses course on The City of God. Join Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82666606593?pwd=y2bNwTCfCjQzY0E7Z0BFBxJkDRmfdv.1>

- Meeting ID: 826 6660 6593

Lunch with Alan – Join us for lunch with Pastor Alan tomorrow at 12 pm.

Thursday Bible Study – There is no Thursday Bible Study on November 27.

Next Sunday we will have hybrid worship at 10am.

- All videos are linked to our Facebook page, website, app, and YouTube channel.

Advent Potluck – November 30th

Advent is right around the corner! We have many fun things in the works. Set your calendars for our Advent Potluck on Sunday, November 30th after worship. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Booth to let us know if you can bring an appetizer/salad, main course, or dessert.

Be a Part of New Lenten Banners!

New Lenten banners will adorn our sanctuary this coming February! To complete these banners, the Women's Association is looking for the whole congregation to be a part of this project by donating:

CLEAN, PURPLE, 100% COTTON OR COTTON BLEND FABRICS

The fabric can be in any purple hue, plain or printed, and will be used to create a mosaic motif to be incorporated into the banners. They can be scrap fabric, full yardage, or an old garment (you will not get back).

Donations of fabric can be dropped off at church anytime between now and January 11, 2026. Donation baskets will be provided in Westminster Hall and in the church office.

Any questions, contact Leslie Sutin in person or at missleslie50@comcast.net

Join the Choir!

Calling all singers, past and present, to join the choir. Rehearsal is on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm. The choir is open to all people who want to grow in their faith and lead our congregation in glorifying God. If you have questions, please talk with Lorilee, our new Director of Music Ministry, for more information.

Youth Sunday School

The First Pres Youth will resume meeting on January 11th.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble meets December 3rd and 17th at 1:00 pm in Westminster Hall for fellowship, fun and SCRABBLE. The north door will be open from 12:50pm to 1:00pm.



VOA Food Donations

We gathered 310 pounds of food for the Volunteers of America this month! Great job! Let's keep up the good work by bringing in non-perishable food items throughout the month. You may have seen social media posts like the list below. This has been compiled by social workers as they've listened to their clients. Note, this list is adjusted to fit our FPCE food drive this month. Remember, as you shop and donate:

1. Boxed milk is a treasure for cereal-loving kids.
2. Canned goods are awesome, especially with pop tops.
3. Cooking oil, spices, salt, and pepper are great additions.
4. Don't forget the tea and coffee – we all need a pickup.
5. Cake mix and frosting let kids celebrate birthdays.
6. Dish soap and feminine hygiene products are appreciated.
7. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.

Keep up the good work! On Sunday, December 7th, Ken will be in the alley collecting non-perishable food before worship. Drive down the alley, drop off food, then park and come to worship. We will not be collecting on Monday, December 8th.

Hearing Assistance

A limited number of hearing devices are available to amplify the worship service. To use one, please ask an usher.

Catch a Sunday Worship Rerun

Did you know that our Sunday worship services are recorded? You can watch past worship services on our FPCE website, mobile app, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. Links to all these channels can be found on our website at: www.firstpreschurch.com.

Lay Leadership

On Sundays, we are blessed to have wonderful people guide us in worship through the leading of the call to worship, prayer of confession, and other parts of our service. If you'd like to be added to this list to lead, please talk with Pastor Alan or scan his QR code. No experience necessary, just a willing and open heart.



Calling New Members

Are you interested in joining the First Presbyterian Church of Everett? Want to learn more about our congregation and our organizational structure? We want membership to be accessible, fun, and a way to deepen your faith. If this seems like where you are and what you'd like to explore, then scan Pastor Alan's QR code or talk with Pastor Alan.



Pastor's QR Code

Prayer Requests – November 23, 2025

- Roy Yates' memorial will be here on Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 pm. Please keep his family in your prayers.
- Lou Denney died in October. At her request there will be no memorial. Please keep her family in your prayers.
- We pray for Rose Capetillo as her sister died last week. We pray for peace and comfort for the family during this time.
- We pray for Rodney Baer-Peckham, David's father, who had a heart attack, needed surgery, and is recovering.
- Please continue to pray for healing and good health for Jean Kanter and for God's protection from falling.
- **Update:** We continue to pray for Jay Kuhnhehn. He had emergency surgery to prevent an infectious disease in his spine. He is home doing IV therapy. Praise God to be home and healing. Please keep Marcia and Thelma (health issues), and Julie (strength and perseverance) during this time.
- We pray for Stana Spangler as her husband, Dan, died. A memorial for Dan is scheduled for Monday, December 1st at 10:00 am at Solie Funeral Home.
- **Update:** Brother and sister-in-law, Bob & Sherry, are doing okay. Sherry has nightly dialysis requiring significant preparation time from Bob both before and after. From Pat Erickson.
- **Update:** Juliana Peths, my daughter, and her family, would like to express their gratitude for your prayers. She is getting better under a new doctor's care and feeling optimistic about her progress. From Rosemary Rheinheimer.
- **Update:** It appears Angela may have turned the corner. She is off the ventilator and 24-hour dialysis and is alert most of the day. The family is so grateful for your concern and continued prayers. From Annette King.
- **Update:** After several unsuccessful attempts at skin grafts, doctors had to stop and allow Lisa's wound to heal from the inside out. Her wound has started to respond to treatment and, while reduced in size, will still take months to close. This is a major turnaround in her condition and very hopeful. From Elizabeth Nelson.
- **Update:** Thank you for your prayers for Alan Villevik's sister, Mary Rogers. She is doing well and is not experiencing any pain since her cancer diagnosis.
- **Update:** Thank you for your prayers for our niece, Mary Margaret Villevik, who has left her abusive relationship. We are in regular contact with her. Please continue to pray for her protection and courage not to go back.

Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas

Christmas at FPCE is a time of celebrating Jesus' birth, beautiful music, heartfelt messages and festive décor.

For many years, the Women's Association has coordinated the purchase of live poinsettias for the sanctuary. This requires time to purchase, set up, water, and maintain the plants.

Traditionally, the poinsettias are added to the décor the Sunday before Christmas and those individuals that purchase them in Honor or Memory of someone may take them home on Christmas Eve. However, many are just left at church.

This year, the Women's Association will be purchasing artificial poinsettias to have in the sanctuary the entire Advent Season for years to come. We believe this will add to the overall décor.

If you would like to make a donation in Honor or Memory of someone, in any amount of your choosing, the funds this year will go to "The Everett Gospel Mission". Names will be printed in the Christmas Eve Service worship bulletins.

Blessings,

The Women's Association Board

Debbie Roberts

Sonya Beardsley

Leslie Sutin

Judy Hammond

Shirley Newman



Donation for The Everett Gospel Mission

Please make checks payable to: **Women's Association of FPCE.**

Please return this form to the offering box or church office. Thank you.

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Your Name _____ Phone _____

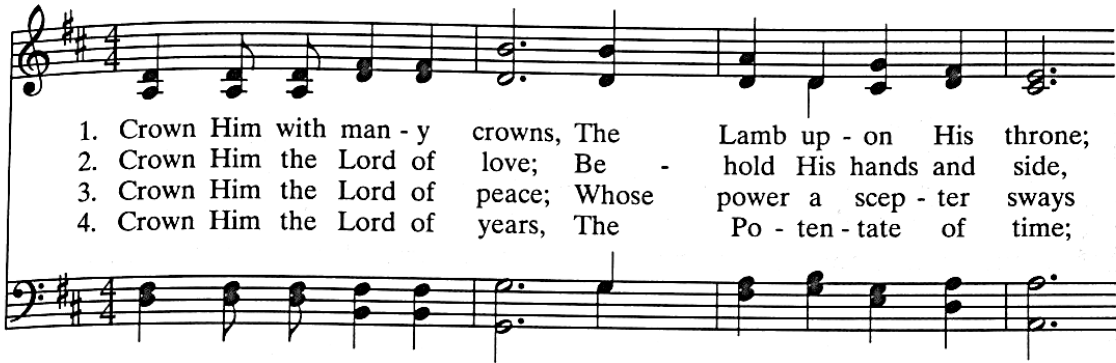
Crown Him with Many Crowns

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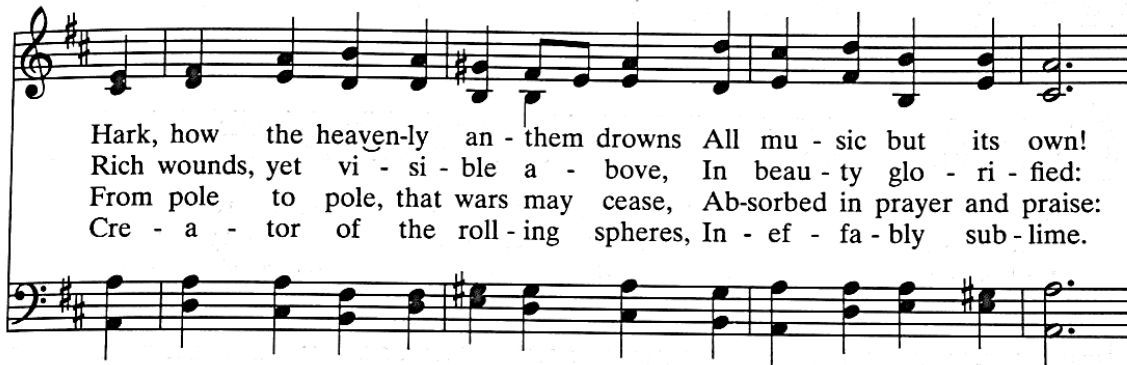
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Matthew Bridges, 1851

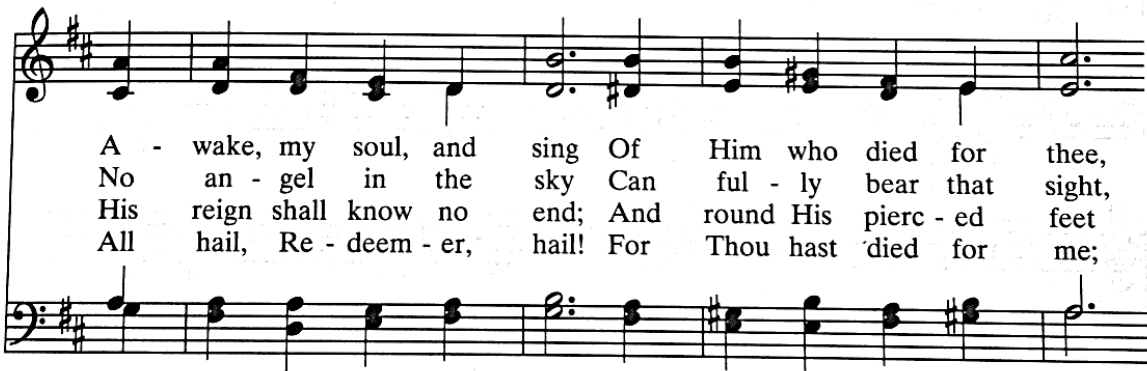
George Job Elvey, 1868



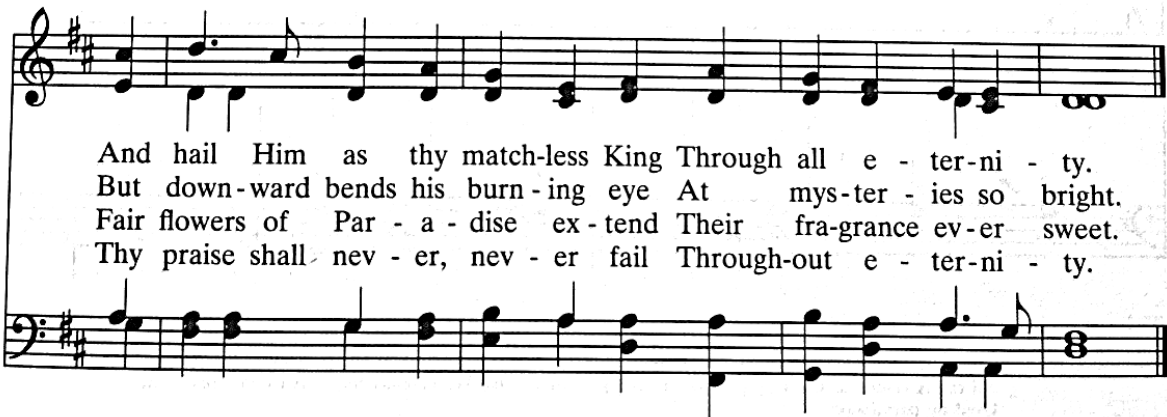
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;



Hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;



And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

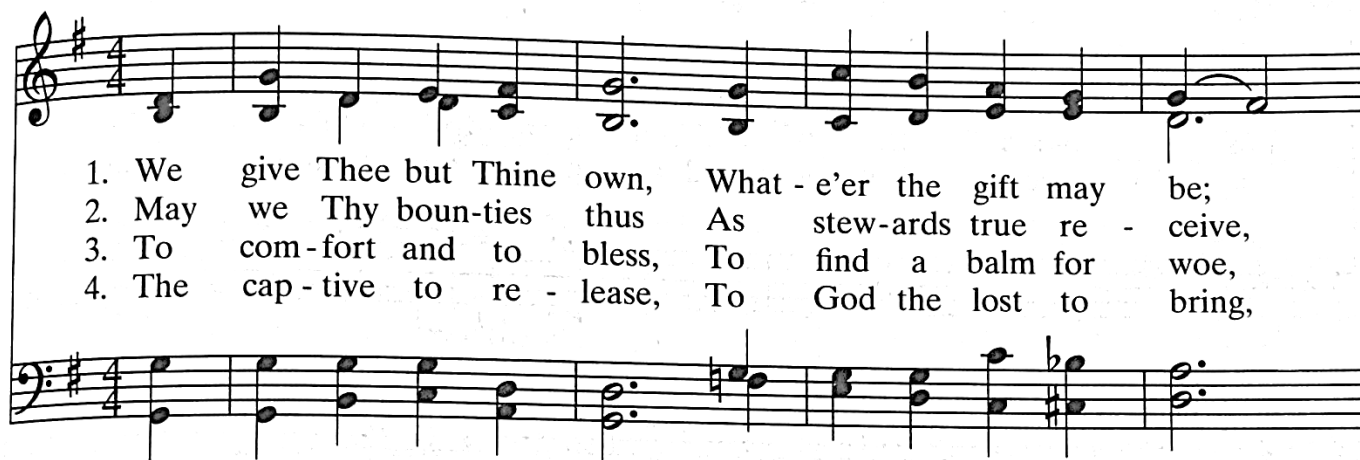
We Give Thee but Thine Own

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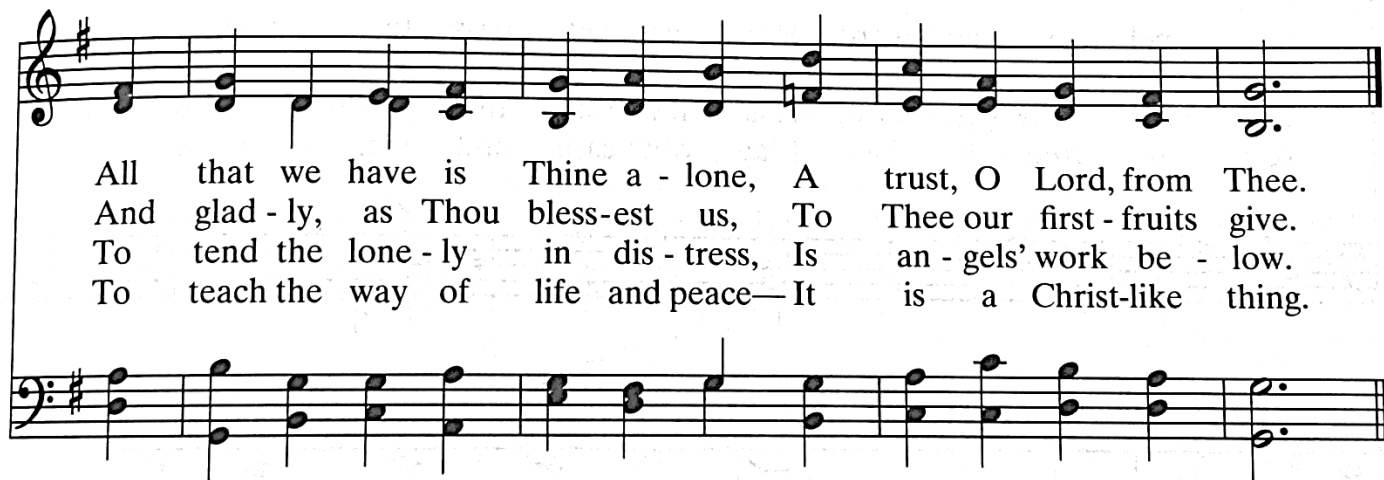
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William Walsham How, c. 1858

Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850



1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re - ceive,
3. To com-fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
4. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
To tend the lone - ly in dis - tress, Is an - gels' work be - low.
To teach the way of life and peace—It is a Christ-like thing.

5. And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

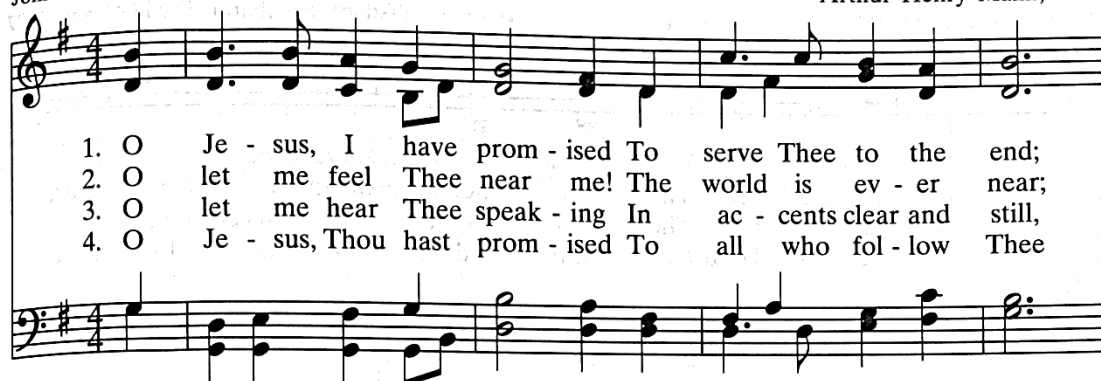
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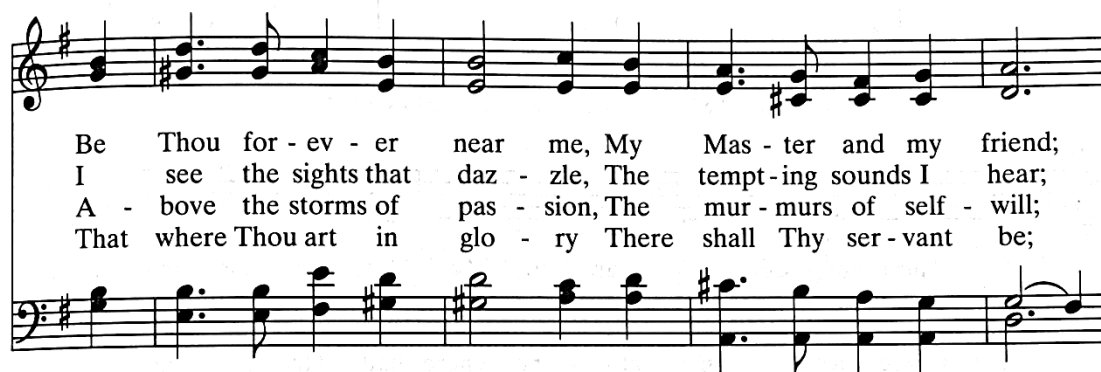
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John Ernest Bode, 1868

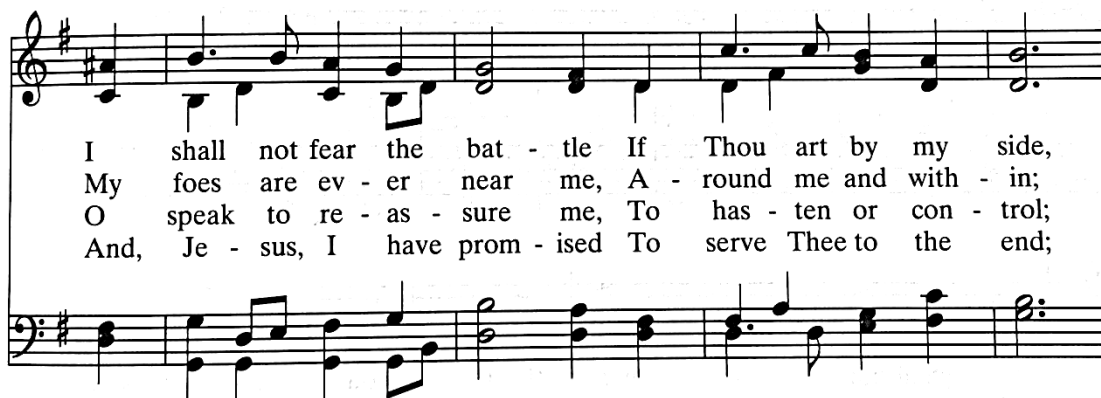
Arthur Henry Mann, 1881



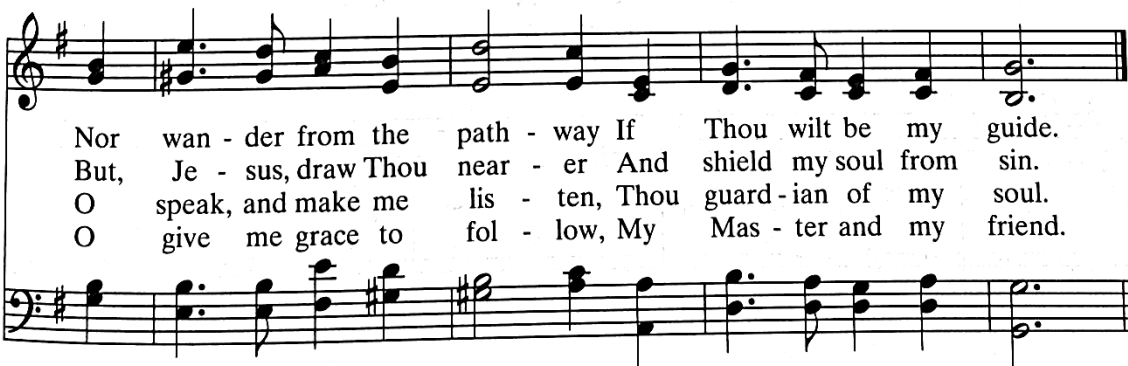
1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;
 2. O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ev - er near;
 3. O let me hear Thee speak - ing In ac - cents clear and still,
 4. O Je - sus, Thou hast prom - ised To all who fol - low Thee



Be Thou for - ev - er near me, My Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle, The tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 A - bove the storms of pas - sion, The mur - murs of self - will;
 That where Thou art in glo - ry There shall Thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle If Thou art by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, A - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, To has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised To serve Thee to the end;



Nor wan - der from the path - way If Thou wilt be my guide.
 But, Je - sus, draw Thou near - er And shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, Thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, My Mas - ter and my friend.