

CHRIST PRES

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, November 8, 2026
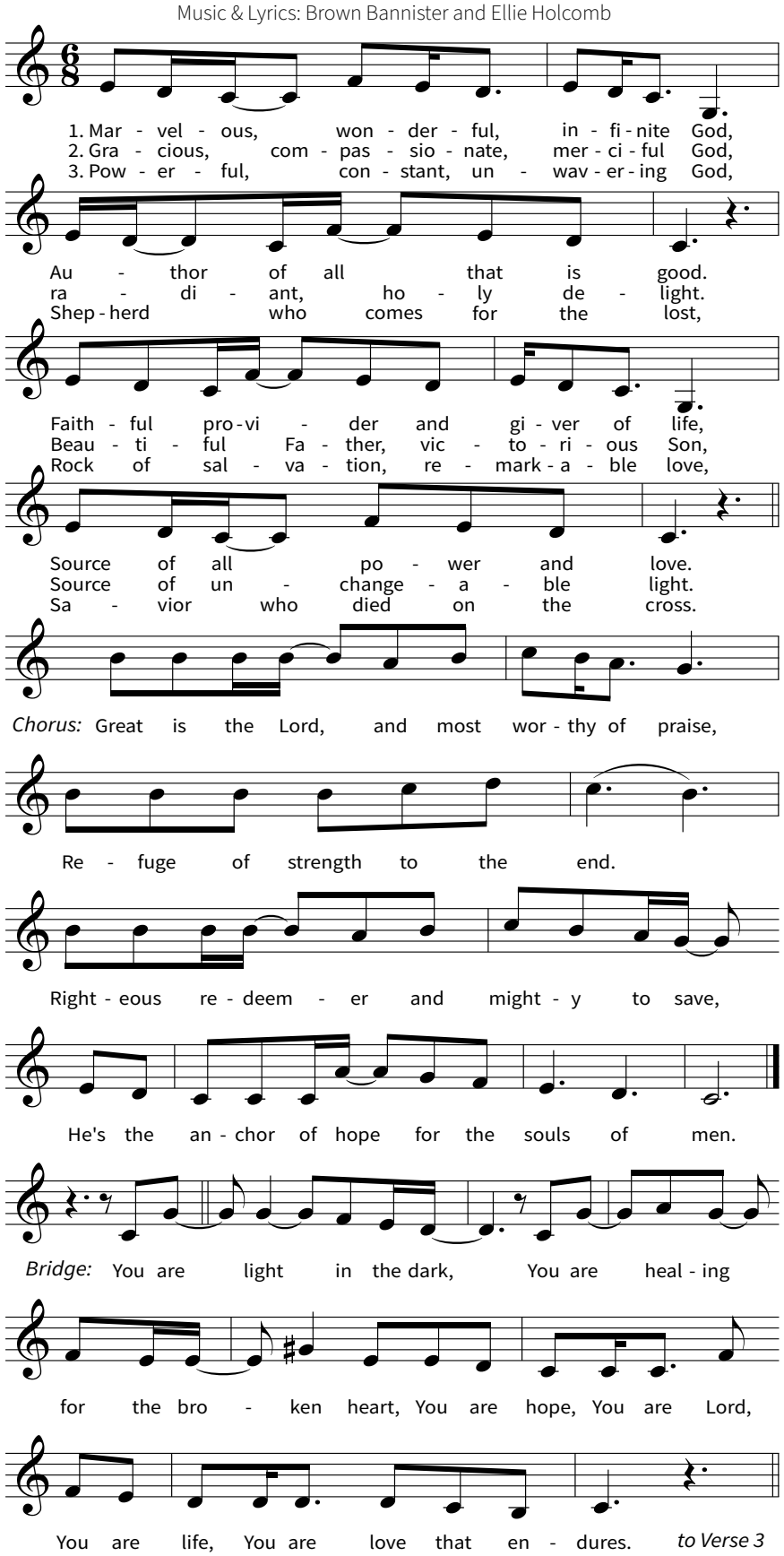
ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

November 8, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

***Anchor of Hope**

Music & Lyrics: Brown Bannister and Ellie Holcomb



to Verse 3

**Please stand, if able.*

Welcome & Announcements Les Newsom

***Call to Worship**[1] Psalm 9:1-4, 7-11

Elder: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Elder: When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.

People: …the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Elder: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

All: Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples his deeds!

****All Creatures of Our God and King*** Hymn No. 115

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, arr. David Crowder
Lyrics: Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225, tr. William H. Draper, 1926

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith** Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:6, 16-18

Elder: Church, what can we say about the trials and sufferings we face in this life?

All: [We] consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us… For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ… So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Call to Confession Peter 1:13–17

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set
your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of
Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions
of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be
holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am
holy." 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according
to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of
your exile…

Silent Confession

[1] *We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.*

Confession of Sin
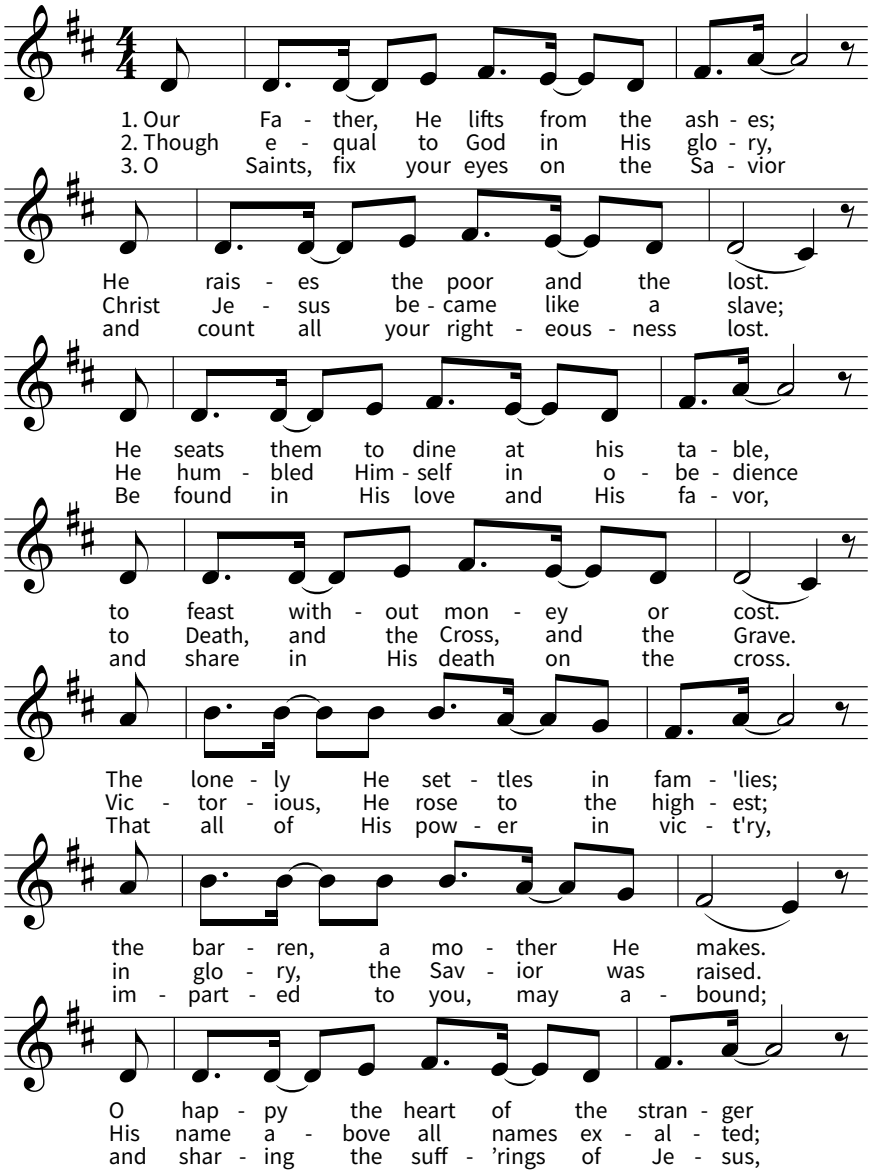
All: O Lord, our great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are ashamed and embarrassed to come before You, for we have preferred the ways of this world to Your ways, we have rebelled against Your wisdom and have invited trouble, we have rejected Your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. O Lord, incline Your ear to our troubles. Hear us as we pour out our sorrows to you. Forgive us, not because of our own righteousness, but because of Your great mercy in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in His name that we pray, for He is our Savior, and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** 1 Peter 2:21, 24-25

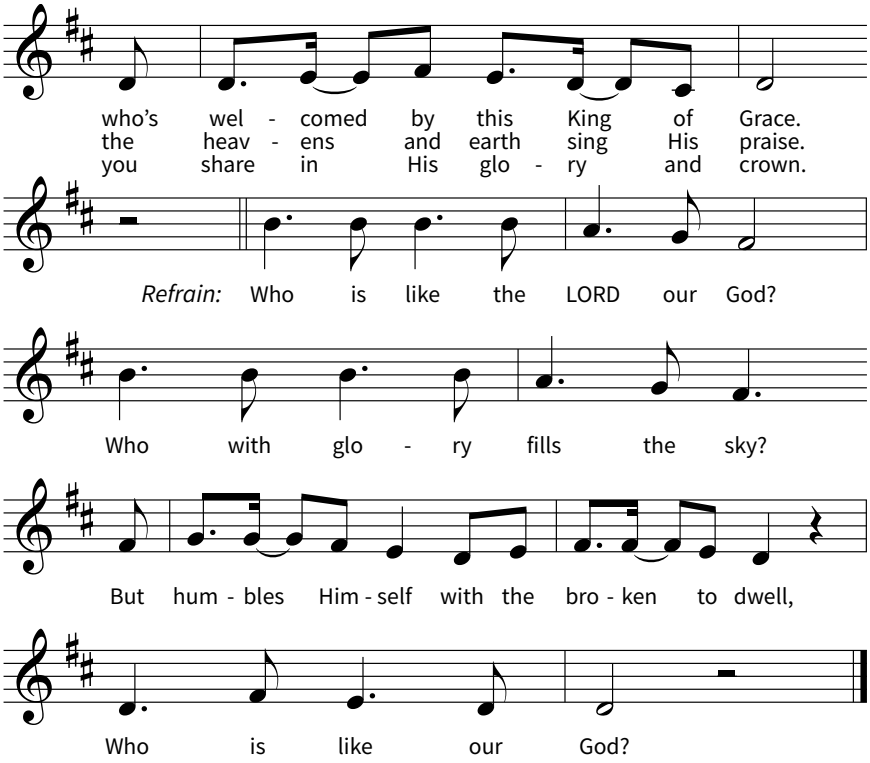
21For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps… 24He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

****Who Is Like the Lord Our God? (Psalm 113)***

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough and Bruce Benedict



**Please stand, if able.*



Life Together Lesia Chandler, Operation Christmas Child

Offertory Prayer Deacon Chris Floyd

Offertory **"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**
The Reformed Ramblers
William W. Walford, ca. 1845

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church dismissal during the service for four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer Les Newsom

Members of the Week:
Grace McKissick Vance
Roun & Caroline McNeal

Missionaries of the Week:
Lois Paney: InterVarsity, Ole Miss
Rachel Causey: FCA, Ole Miss
Jared Farlow: FCA, Ole Miss
Joel & Kitty Hurdle: CRU, Ole Miss

Teacher of the Week:
Adult Sunday School: Ward Toler

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:
Glynn & Ginnie Ingram

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Scripture Reading **James 1:1-18** Page 1011

Elder: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Brian Sorgenfrei
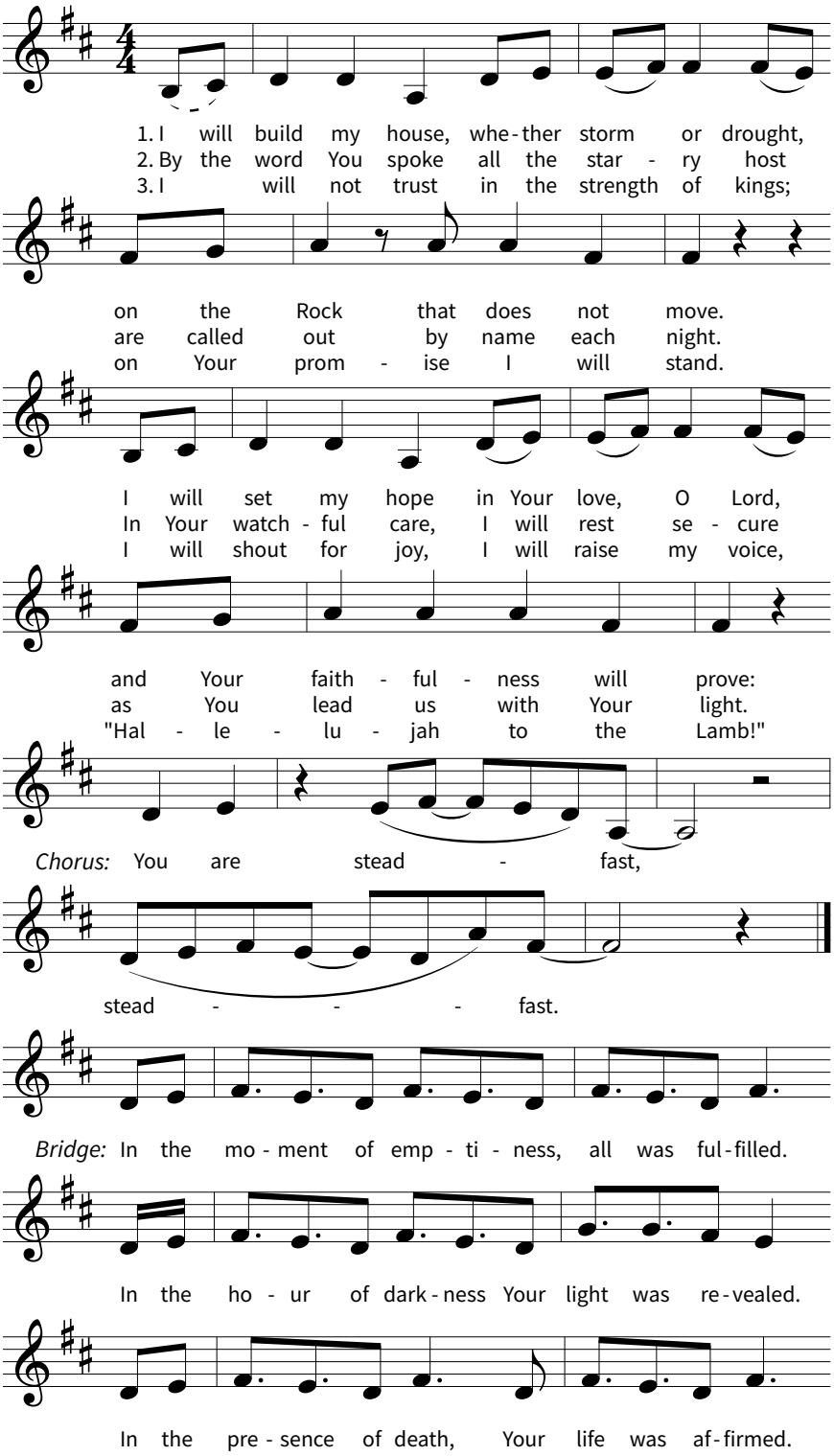
"Trials & The Undivided Heart"

Steadfast: Enduring Faith for Weary People
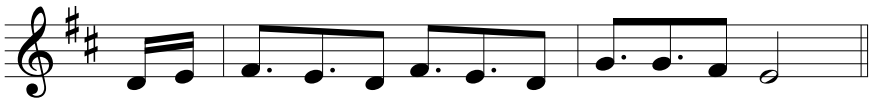
Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

***Steadfast**

Music & Lyrics: Joshua Silverberg, Leslie Jordan, and Sandra McCracken



*Please stand, if able.



***Benediction[2]**

Sermon Notes James 1:1-18

Trials & The Undivided Heart

1. The Necessity of Trials (vv. 1-4)

2. The Revealing of Trials (vv. 5-8)

3. The Temptation of Trials (vv. 12-15)

4. Steadfast in Trials (vv. 2-5, 16-18)

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, violin; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Connor Carlisle, cello; Noel Childress, guitar; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Wayne Irby, mandolin & vocals; Shane McMullen, bass; Andy Paney, piano; Daniel Spears, percussion; Bekah Trapnell, vocals

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[2] *Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Shoeboxes are available in our lobby. Each box includes a shipping label and packing instructions to help you fill it with gifts for a child in need around the world while sharing the love of Jesus. **Please note that candy, toothpaste and soap are not allowed.** Most importantly, remember to pray for the child who will receive your box! Return your completed shoebox by **National Collection Week, November 14th-22nd.** Questions? Text Sue Castens at (662) 816-1283.



Help Us Build Beds. Help Kids Sleep Better! Join us at the Armory on **November 14th from 8 to 11am** as we partner with our friends from TOMBA and Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build beds for children right here in Lafayette County who are in need of a bed of their own. Scan the QR code to let us know you'll be there.



We are having a special night of **Mahjong Monday for RUF & Christ Pres women**! Join us for Mahjong Monday on **November 16th at 7pm** in our lobby.
Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious to learn, this is a perfect opportunity to connect with other women and enjoy the timeless game of Mahjong. Bring supplies if you have them, or just bring yourself! Please register ahead of time using the QR code to help us prepare properly.

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