

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are invited to the chancel steps for the children's sermon and then be dismissed to Sunday School.

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Jacques Berthier

*Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you.
Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

THE RESPONSE

✠HYMN 345

In an Age of Twisted Values

Sung to BEACHSPRING

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Thomas Keesecker

✠RESPONSE

Doxology (*hymnal p. 606*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Blessing

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer following Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

✠BENEDICTION

✠POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major

Fanny Mendelssohn

✠ *Those who are able to stand comfortably may do so*

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor/Head of Staff; Dr. Jeffrey Jones, Minister of Music / Organist; Mrs. Janice Heming, Lector; Chancel Choir; Children & Youth Choir; Mrs. Chris Terrill, Video Technician.

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FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC

PRAYER LIST: Bob Bark, Tonna Bogac, Trudy Brunot, Lisa Bulger, Gloria Christofano, Roy Clemens, Wayne Clemens, Sandy Cole, Bob Colflesh, Dan & Ginger Collier, Beverly & William Courtney, Edna Mary Cox, Mark Cuneo, Bob Dittman, Karen Dubosky, Michael Felice, Duffy Greba, Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Brett Johnson, Weston Johnson, Heather Jones, Don Kemerer, Jim L., George Maser, Joanne McIlhattan, Jim & Gail Miller; Melanie Murphy, Gary Nicewonger, Bob Noel, John Noel, Dan P., Nancy Pallitta, Victoria Piekut, Gerry Pricer, Marnie Abraham Russell, Wilson Saul, Jenny Schuchman, Sharyn Sekora, Nancy Skrot, Mary Smith, Jerry Sohick, Nancy Stahl, Dorothy Steele, Eileen Stefl, Crystal Stryker, Brooke Stutzman, Sonny & Jo Thomas, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Matt Washil, Ron Watkoski, Doug Wessling, Lisa Wessling, Don Whipkey.

VISITING IN WORSHIP TODAY? If you are visiting in worship today or have been for a while, please sign the Visitor Card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We would love to be able to contact you and answer any questions you may have about FPC. Please take a moment to greet Dr. Ankrum at the end of the service; he would love to get to know you and welcome you to our faith community.

NURSERY HOURS! 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Drop off care is available in the FPC nursery each Sunday morning for children Birth through Pre/K. Gali Clark is excited to welcome FPC's youngest members and friends for a time of play, music, fun, or a nap! For safety reasons, caregivers are asked to provide their own drinks and snacks for their child. Registration forms can be found in the nursery. See you there!

CHILDREN'S RESOURCE TOTES - First Presbyterian Church also provides a comfort room and age-appropriate worship resource totes for families with young children to use during the service. They are in the narthex, or by asking an usher for assistance. *Children's bulletins are available at the 3rd Street entrance.*

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SPONSORING A FELLOWSHIP HOUR? Provide 6 dozen baked goods **or** \$35 donation to cover the cost. Use the sign-up sheet on the Dining Room bulletin board. Hours are held on the first and third Sundays of every month in the Dining Room. Coffee is provided by the Millers of 19 Coffee. *Today's Fellowship Hour is sponsored by Mary Jane Collins in memory of Edward L. Collins.*

FIRST FRIDAYS: NEWS & UPDATES: If you haven't been receiving our First Fridays: News & Updates, please call Kim at the church office (724-832-0150) to verify and/or update your correct email address.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: A DAILY DEVOTIONAL – By ten o'clock in the morning each day, Monday through Friday, Martin posts a new devotion for the day. Please join in the practice of daily devotion for such a time as this.

FINANCIAL REPORT: (as of January 30)

Year to Date Expenses:	\$ 41,316
Year to Date Receipts:	\$ 40,270
Year to Date Deficit:	(\$1,046)



DO YOU WISH TO GIVE ONLINE?

To set up your own recurring donations, either visit the church website or scan the QR code with your smart phone, or contact the church office for help. *Starting August 31, 2024, the church will accrue a monthly fee for those who give by credit or debit card. The church currently also incurs a 2.84% fee plus 45 cents on every credit or debit card donation. These fees are not incurred for the church for donations routed through Vanco from a checking account.* Your support of Christ's church in this place is greatly appreciated!

CORNERSTONE is a delightful way to meet other church members at an informal dinner engagement that has been a monthly tradition for over 20+ years! Each month we go to a different restaurant and especially try to go to any new ones that have opened in Westmoreland or Allegheny County. During the winter months we try to stay closer to Greensburg and dine early due to the dark hours, but when it gets lighter, we venture to neighboring areas and dine later. Anyone may join us, especially our new church members. Look for the Cornerstone announcement or sign-up during our Fellowship Hour. Next month we will be dining at the Jeannette DeNunzio's Restaurant on February 8 at 5:00 p.m. for an early Valentine celebration! Anyone wishing to join our jovial group should sign-up during Fellowship Hour or contact Sandy Beauregard (723-834-2247, 724-331-3457 or sandbeau1@verizon.net before Wednesday, February 5).

THE MEMBERSHIP AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE will present the first ever church **Munch-A-Long** featuring our very own Jeff Jones and delicious "munchies" to whet your appetite! Join us on **Sunday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m.** in the dining room after the service in the dining room. Look for the sign-up sheet during Fellowship Hours to provide information regarding your presence and possible appetizer!

SAVE THE DATE: We are planning another field trip to The Star Theater in Sugar Creek, Ohio on July 12, 2025. The play is *The Road to Damascus* which is another Site and Sound type production with animals, singing and lots of dancing. We have reserved 15 tickets, but can add more if there is an interest. We will again be able to take 14 persons in the church van on a first come, first served basis. The trip takes about 2½ hours and we will have a comfort stop at the same Country Store as last year. We will leave from the church lot at 8:00 a.m. and return by 8:00p.m. There will be a buffet lunch at the Dutch Valley Restaurant at 11:30 and the doors for the theater will open at 12:15. The play will begin promptly at 1:00p.m. and will end by 4:30. There will be about 1 hour shopping at the complex stores afterward. The cost for the play, lunch, van transportation and gratuities is \$76. Reservations and payment in full (checks made out to First Presbyterian or cash only) is no later than June 1st. You may sign up during fellowship hour.

THE 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING IN FEBRUARY: Each year, FPC is pleased to assist the young people of our church become confirmed members of the congregation. Typically, those in the Confirmation Class are in the seventh or eighth grade, though any child of a member of the church who is in Middle School or High School would be eligible. The classes are scheduled for February 23, March 30, April 27 and May 18. The classes will meet in the Assembly Room of the church building on those Sundays from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Reception of the Confirmation Class will occur on the first Sunday in June as part of the Sunday morning worship services. Please call the church office for more information.

THE GATHERING - On the second Tuesday of each month, we reserve space at The Boulevard, a local restaurant and invite those who are available to join us for lunch, conversation and a bit of education. We'll hear from folks that you already know and folks that you haven't yet met. The topics will be informative and helpful to our faith and some will be just fun and allow us to learn a bit more about each other. **This month, we'll hear**

from Rev. Dr. Martin Ankrum on the topic of Biblical Literacy: It's Not What You Think. Martin promises to make this experience both informative and a bit fun. Join us on February 11, but make sure you reserve your spot by Monday, February 10 at 12 noon with the church office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY - EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 7:30 A.M.: This Bible study has many wonderful ingredients: warm fellowship, good friendships, open discussions, great breakfasts AND the opportunity to grow in faith together. We gather every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at Eat n' Park across from Westmoreland Mall. We are currently studying the Gospel of Mark.

ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAY MORNING. We meet **Sundays at 9 a.m.** in the PW Lounge on the first floor of the CE Wing. We are reading and discussing a wonderful book written by the late Rev. Peter Gomes: ***The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart.*** Gomes unpacks the scriptures for his reader, covering how the Bible is often misunderstood by Christians and others alike. The book helps to open up our hearts and minds to the profound words of scripture that give us comfort and challenges our faith as well.

THE LAST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB: We'll gather on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the PW Lounge on the first floor of the CE Wing. We will be reading short stories from ***100 Great Short Stories: Dover Thrift Edition,*** which can be obtained through Amazon. We will discuss the following three stories:

Edgar Allan Poe – The Masque of the Red Death
Herman Melville – The Fiddler
Harriet Beecher Stowe – The Parson's Horse Race

THRU THE BIBLE CLASS: We'll gather on Monday, February 24 at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the church building. We have been working our way through the Bible from cover to cover and will be discussing the Johannine Epistles (1,2, & 3 John). The class lasts just an hour and is led by Dr. Ankrum. Please join us for a lively discussion!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING – Please join us for our monthly meeting **TODAY, February 2, 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at Barnes and Noble in Greensburg. Lunch will be provided.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)
Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b E^b



1 In an age of twist - ed val - ues we have lost the
2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -
3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are
4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b



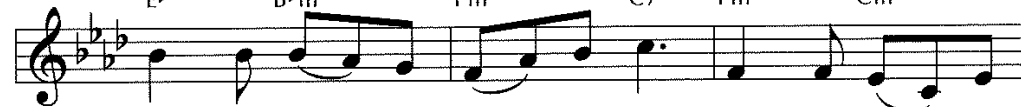
truth we need. In so - phis - ti - cat - ed lan - guage we have
dice and fear. Ha - tred swift - ly turns to cruel - ty if we
full of strife, when our chil - dren are be - wil - dered, when they
to o - bey. Turn us from our will - ful wan - dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)
B^bm Fm Cm Fm D^b A^b



jus - ti - fied our greed. By our strug - gle for pos - ses - sions
hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid - ed
lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged
truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
E^b B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm



we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and
by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and
all the care we know they need, hear our cry and
come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm

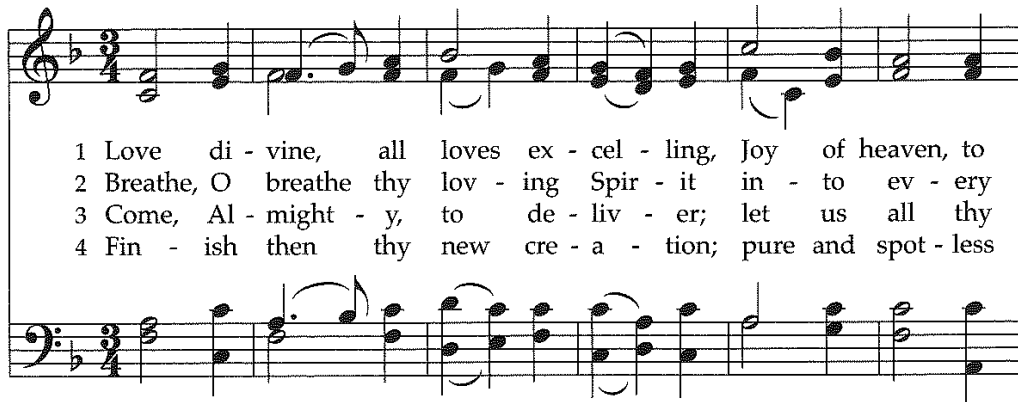


heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.
heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.
heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

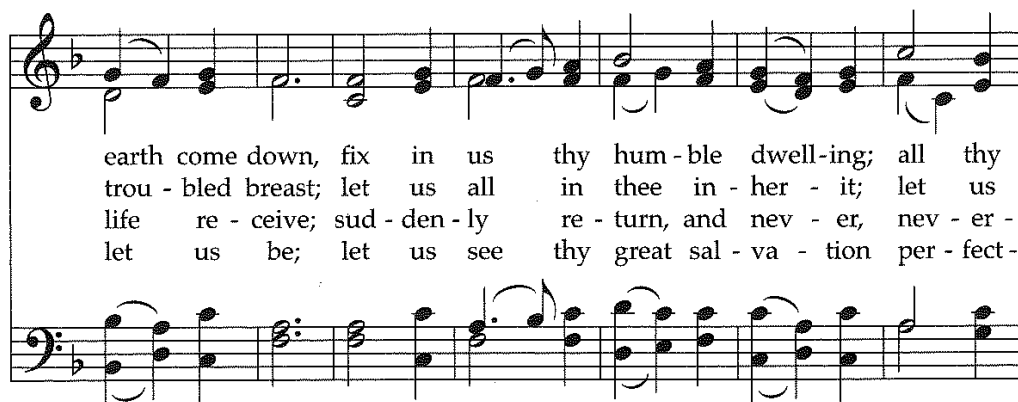
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

One of the ways Christians can show firm allegiance to the country where they live and express care for its well-being is to ensure that they are mindful of the broad range of human needs within that society. This hymn is a strong reminder of the values that need such attention.

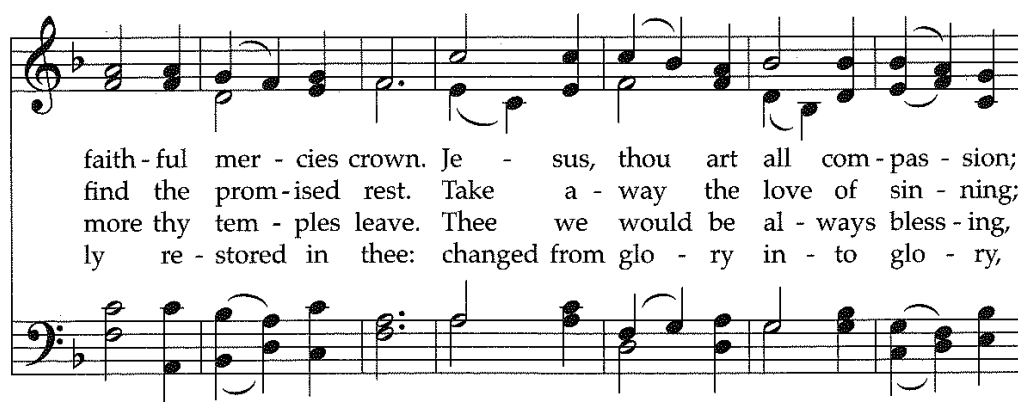
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.