

# WELCOME TO SUMMERTIME WORSHIP!

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 22, 2021*

*9:00 a.m. Outdoor Service*

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## GATHER

*We gather on the Front Lawn, our Summertime Sanctuary.  
Please wear a mask, and observe physical distance.  
Take a breath, wave to your neighbor, and let's worship God!*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

### Prelude

### Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### Lighting the Christ Candle

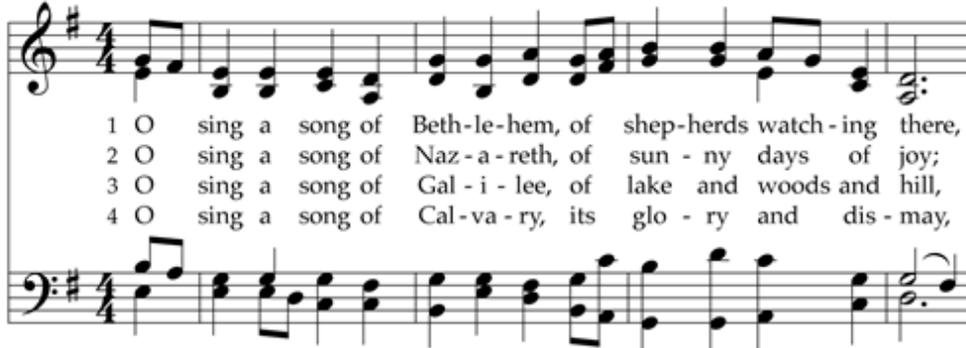
Fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.  
**God is faithful!**  
Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:  
**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.**

### Prayer for the Morning

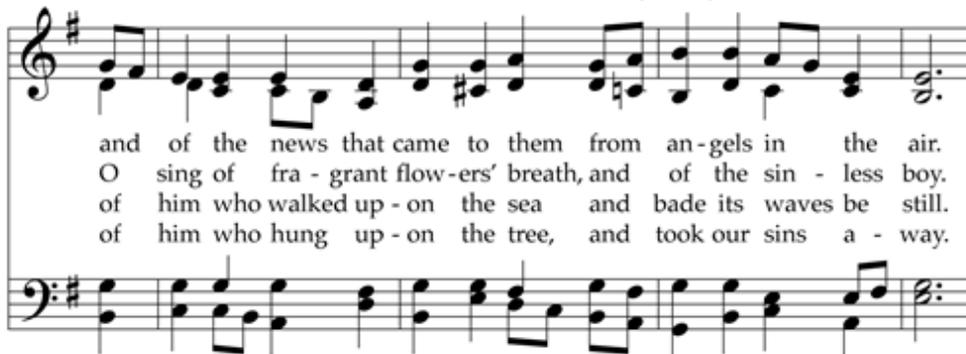
May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Holy and eternal God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
**In all our cares and occupations,  
guide and govern us by your Spirit,  
that we may both remember and reveal your presence;  
through Jesus Christ, our teacher, friend and savior.  
Amen.**

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

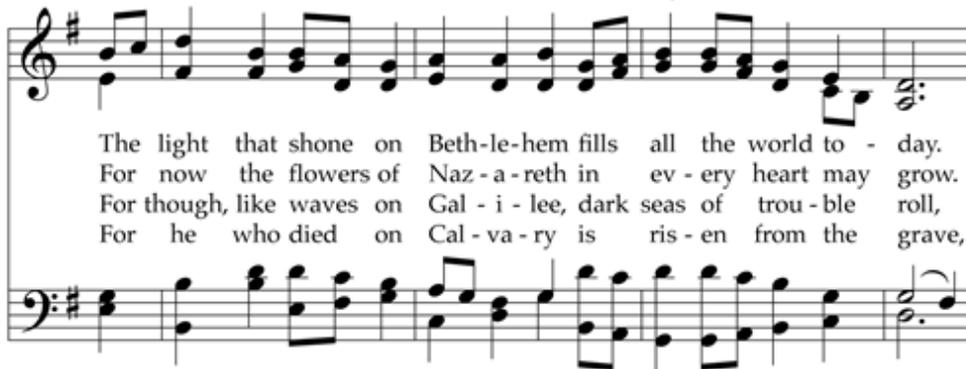
## 159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem



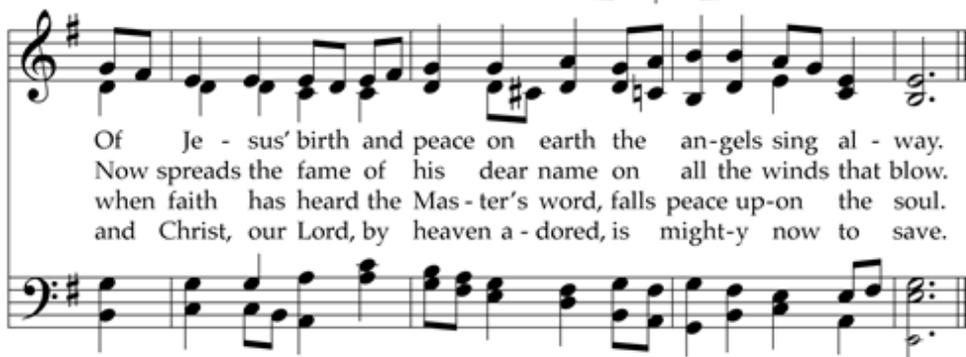
1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,  
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;  
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,  
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,



and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.  
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.  
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.  
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.



The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day.  
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow.  
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,  
 For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,



Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.  
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.  
 when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.  
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Maker of all:

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

**Have mercy on us.**

**Holy God,**

**you love us, you care for us,**

**and you lead us day by day.**

**But we have not followed you.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**

**And we have not loved our neighbors.**

**Forgive us by your grace.**

**Help us to walk in your way,**

**that we may see the world as you do,**

**and love it with your love;**

**for Jesus sake.**

*(We pause for quiet, personal prayer.)*

### **Assurance of Grace**

#### **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(During these pandemic days, we share peace with a nod or a bow,  
perhaps with hand on heart or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace.)*

## ENCOUNTER

*A Chime calls us to listen.*

### Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Lesson:** Exodus 2:1-10

**2** Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. **3** When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. **4** His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. **5** The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. **6** When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. **7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" **8** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. **9** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. **10** When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God!**

### Thoughts on the Lesson

I Have a Job for You: Miriam, Pharaoh's Daughter and baby Moses

## RESPOND AND SERVE

### Affirmation of Faith/Saying Yes *(together)*

*from the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

*With the whole church*

**We affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the Spirit.**

*With people everywhere*

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

*With all creation*

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the world.  
Thanks be to God!**

### Prayers of Gratitude and Concern

We pray to you, O God:  
Hear our prayer.

### The Lord's Prayer *(together)*

**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.**

### The Offering

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

# SEND AND BLESS

Hymn 697 verses 1, 2, 3, 6

Take My Life

Hendon

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

## Take My Life 697

verses 1, 2, 3, 6

1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874  
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON  
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## **Sending Responses**

In work and in worship

**God is with us.**

Gathered and scattered

**God is with us.**

Now and always

**God is with us, thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**



## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.*

### **First Church Cares**

**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Pastor Morton or Pastor Sue.

### **Need to speak to the Program Staff?**

Morton Harris, Co-Pastor

Sue Lowcock Harris, Co-Pastor

Virginia Callegary, Christian Educator

Matt May, Director of Music Ministries

If you need to talk or would like to set up a Zoom conference with one of the staff, please contact them directly via their email listed below.

### **Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?**

Visit the church's website, [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) for more info.

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**9:00 a.m. OUTDOOR SUMMERTIME WORSHIP.** We gather on the Front Lawn, which is our Summertime Sanctuary. Please bring and wear a mask, and observe physical distance. The Park and Ride provides the most convenient parking. Please don't park on the street or next to the walkway. Remember to bring a chair or blanket. There will be self-serve church chairs available as well. Paper bulletins will be available. After worship we invite you to linger for Lemonade on the Lawn.

In case of bad weather please check the church website before you come! Information will be posted by 8:00 a.m. if the service has been cancelled.



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