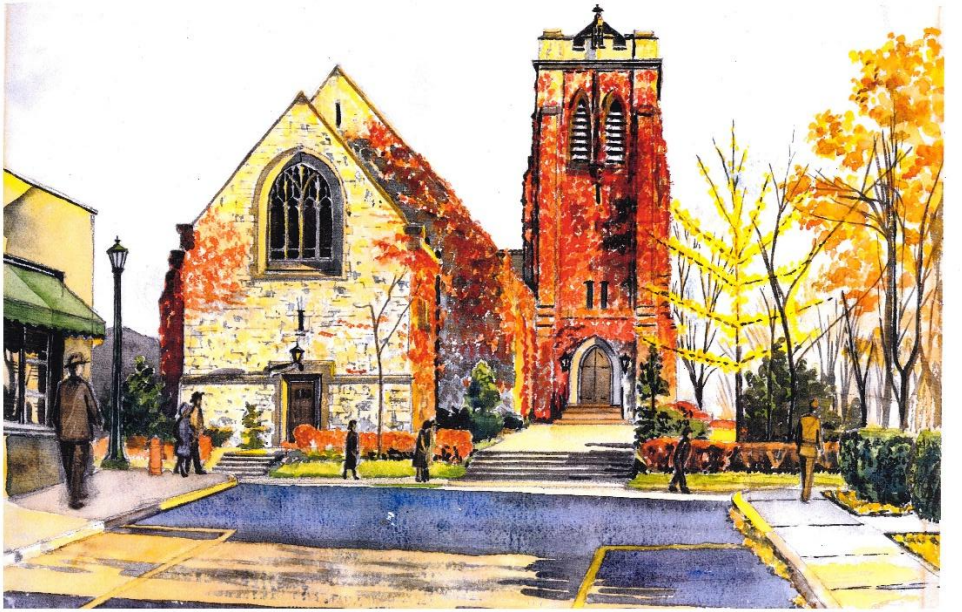


STATE COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Worship
February 1, 2026
9:30 am

Welcome! State College Presbyterian Church is a warm, diverse, dynamic faith community with people of all ages and generations coming together to learn, serve, and worship together

Serving this Morning

Ushers:
Head Usher: Nancy Dreschel
Ushers: Benton Bickerton, Annie Moose, Becky Thomas, and Phil Spangler

Information Desk: Laura Millard

Liturgist: Katie Nurmi

Sound/Projection/Camera:
Jerry Sawyer and Steve Van Hook

Greeters:
Parking Lot: Mary Hartzell
Fraser Street: Scott and Mary Ann Sesler

Music: Chancel Choir

Coffee Hour: Jamey Perry

Smile! You're (Maybe) On Camera! Just a friendly heads-up that we are livestreaming/recording our service today; thus, you may end up on our YouTube video. We are so glad you are here to worship with us!

In response to God's unconditional love and Jesus' example of hospitality, State College Presbyterian Church is called to be a welcoming community. We affirm all people equally, regardless of, for example, race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, religious background, or circumstance of life. We are committed to removing barriers that separate us. As we gather in worship, fellowship, and service, all are welcome

Order of Worship

*The Congregation is invited to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude "Romance in F-sharp Major" Robert Schumann
Op. 28, No. 2

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Scott Hoffman

***Passing of the Peace** (L: Leader; **P: People**)
L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you.

***Call to Worship** Deannine Shipman
L: We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart;
P: we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
L: We will be glad and exult in you;
P: we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
L: Let us worship God!

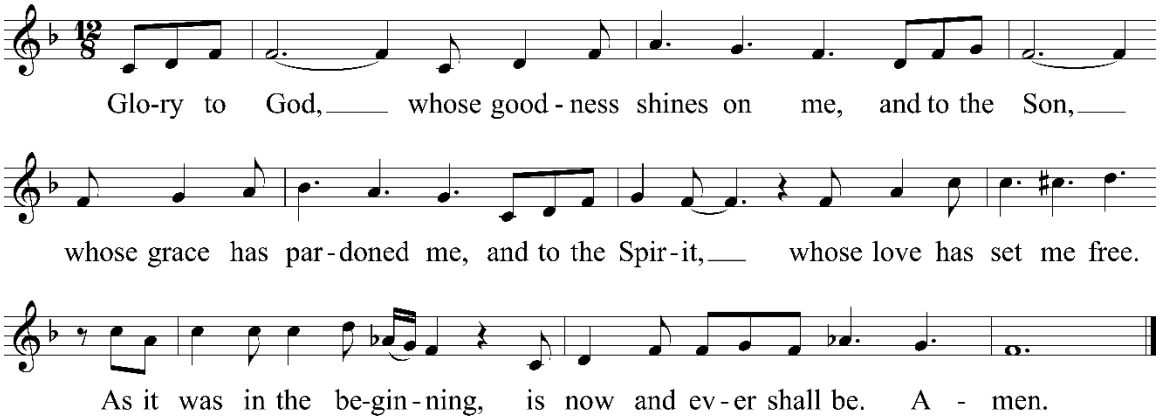
***Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" No. 826

***Call to Confession**

***Silent Confession**

***Corporate Confession**
Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**
L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel:
P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Response to Assurance**

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Prayer for Inspiration Katie Nurmi

First Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18–31
Page 926 in the pew Bible

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Sentences of Scripture

L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them
P: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served
L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished
P: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
L: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it

Profession of Faith

L: Trusting in the Gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
P: I do.

L: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
P: I do.

L: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

P: I will, with God's help

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

P: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Questions of the Congregation

L: Do we, the members of the church, accept these men and women as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

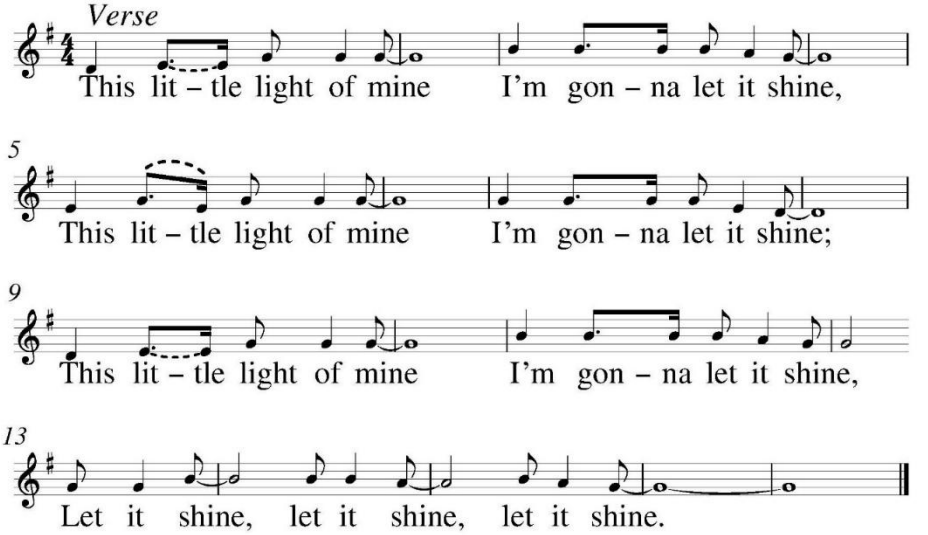
P: We do.

L: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

P: We do.

Children's Time — Deannine Shipman

Parents and Guardians, please take note that during the children's message, children may be photographed or video recorded due to our live stream. The video/images may be used without compensation by the church for promotional purposes in digital or print media. If you do not wish for your child to be in the live stream, the front pew/row of chairs is not in the live shot.

Song after Children's Time

My.Hymnary #300 - This Little Light of Mine
Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: African-American spiritual; harm. by Horace Clarence Boyer

Second Scripture Reading Micah 6:1–8
Page 757 in the pew Bible

L: This is the Word of the Lord, and let all the people say—
P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon What Is Required Rev. Scott Hoffman

***Hymn** "What Does the Lord Require of You?" No. 70
We will sing each different part once, and then sing all parts together.

Call to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of SCPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. To give online, please scan the QR code on the card in the pew rack or inside the front cover of the pew pad. You may also mail a check to the church office. If you give online or via the mail, you are invited to place one of the cards from the pew rack in the plate as it is passed.
Thank you for your support!

Offertory "Children of Light!" Travis Boyd
Chancel Choir

***Doxology** Hymn No. 608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table
Instructions
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give Thanks to the Lord our God.
Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread
Pouring of the Cup
Prayer following communion

***Hymn** "Go, My Children, with My Blessings" No. 547

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Aaron David Miller

Congregational Meeting

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Infant and Child Care is available for children up to age 3 in Room 101.

Children Worship & Song Children who are already age 3 and up through 2nd Graders are welcome to come to the program entitled Children, Worship & Song after the Children's Message in Room 11. There will be stories using the Godly Play method, with biblical figures, and even a desert box and interactive storytelling. At 10:30 am, the Sunday morning Pathways' teachers will come and get the children for Exploration Hour.

After the Congregational Meeting, come to the Social Hall for Coffee and treats, or you can visit "Connect" in Room 10.

VISION SUMMIT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY
6TH
6:00-8:30 PM
Social Hall

Come be a part of setting a vision for State College Presbyterian Church! We'll build clarity and consensus through a fun, positive process that involves people who care about our church's ministry.

This summit will be facilitated by Ministry Architects and we are hoping for strong participation from staff, volunteers, committee members and church leadership.

Child care available upon request.

To register use this qr code or the URL

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4AACAD2EAA8-61477006-vision

This meeting on February 6 will be the sole opportunity for the whole congregation to engage in the visioning process. Please RSVP using the QR code above or visit our website (www.scpresby.org). Childcare will be provided upon request. If you need childcare for your child, please reach out to Laura Green (officescpc@gmail.com) at the church office by TOMORROW!

Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY!

All members are encouraged to stay after worship today for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the sanctuary to hear about the past year's activities and plans for the future.

The program staff's reports, as well as those from the Ministry Units and Committees, will be received, and the 2026 budget will be presented.

Printed Annual Reports will be available on the back table and on our website.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

In November, we elected members to serve in the offices of Elder and Deacon. Today, we will ordain (set apart) those who have not served in these offices previously and install (put in place) those who have served previously. Most have been elected to a three-year term.

The Elders of the class of 2028 are: Dick Bundy (Install), Scott Cole (Install), Joan Hartman (Install), Laura Millard (Install), Meg Moose (Install), Kelly Nguyen (Ordain/Install), Laura Robsinson (Install), and Tom Wheeler (Install).

Of those elected to the office of Deacons, some have been elected to the specific service of Visitation Deacon. All Deacons are called to a ministry of caring for and serving those in need among us.

The Deacons are: Sharon Ambrose (Install), Beth Farmer (Install – Visitaion Deacon), Greg Giles (Ordain/Install), Terrance Green (Ordain/Install), Stuart McCrory (Ordain/Install), Jack McKinley (Ordain/Install – Visitation Deacon), Jane McKinley (Install—Visitation), Annie Moose (Ordain/Install), Katie Nurmi (Install), Melissa Pike (Install), Doug Schaufler (Ordain/Install), Phil Spangler (Install), Anita Theis (Install – Visitation), Becky Thomas (Install), and Margaret Van Fossan (Install).

Those unable to join us will be ordained and installed at a future date.

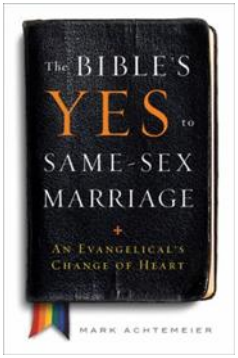
Are you interested in becoming a member?

Would you like to learn more about State College Presbyterian Church or explore membership?

We'd love to connect with you! Please reach out to the church office at officescpc@gmail.com or call 814-238-2422, and we'll be happy to share more about who we are, what we do, and how to become a member.

We will also be offering a New Member Class on Sunday, February 22, following worship in the Martin Room. This is an opportunity to meet Pastor Scott and several of our elders, learn more about SCPC, and—if you choose—join the church.

If you plan to attend, please complete a Welcome Card, available on our website or by scanning the QR code here.



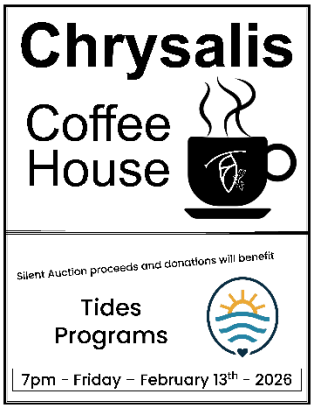
Discussion Group

Recently, we held a viewing of 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture, followed by an adult education offering with Pastor Scott exploring themes from the book The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage. Pastor Scott would like to continue this conversation by forming a discussion group that will read and reflect on The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage together.

More details will be shared soon. If you are interested in participating, please contact Laura Green in the church office at officescpc@gmail.com to be added to the interest list. If you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you, please let her know when you reach out.

Save the Date for the Chrysalis Coffee House

Chrysalis will host its annual Coffee House on **Friday, February 13, at 7:00 pm.** This year's Coffee House will benefit the **Tides Program**. Join us for an evening of snacks, a fun variety show, and a silent auction—all in support of a great cause.



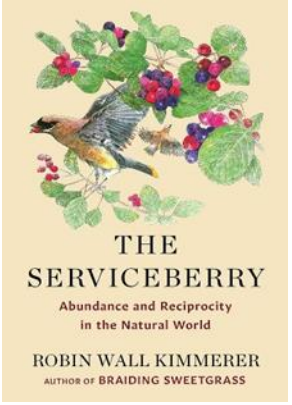
Come Ring the Bell!

Beginning in Lent, children and youth are invited to sign up to ring the Tower Bell on Sunday mornings!

On the Sunday your child or youth is scheduled to ring the bell, families should meet Todd, our Building Manager, on the balcony near the Tower Room at **9:20 am.** The Tower Bell will be rung immediately after the Prelude and before the Welcome and Announcements, at approximately 9:30 am.

To sign up your child or youth to ring the bell, please use the QR Code to sign up. A reminder will be sent the day before your scheduled date.

We are excited to have our children and youth participate in worship each Sunday in this joyful and meaningful way!



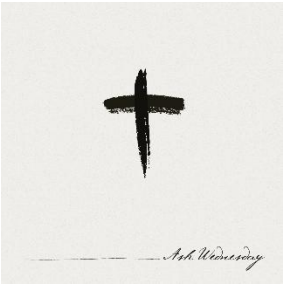
Adult Education Book Group
February 22, March 1, and March 8, 2026

Please join us for a Lenten discussion of *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. This short, deeply spiritual book reflects on our place in a gift economy and the practice of gratitude for what we are given. *The Serviceberry* has been recommended by the Episcopal Church as their Lenten reading for 2026 and was first suggested to us by Deannine Shipman after experiencing a similar Lenten program at another church.

State College Presbyterian Church has purchased several copies of the book for interested participants. If you would like to purchase it from us for $17, please reach out to Laura Green in the church office (**officescpc@gmail.com**). It is also widely available through local bookstores and online retailers. The book is brief—about 100 pages (approximately one hour in Kindle format)—and includes beautiful illustrations.

Discussion Schedule

- February 22: First half of the book (through the "Little Library" drawing)
- March 1: Second half of the book (through the acknowledgements)
- March 8: Video of Robin Wall Kimmerer and closing discussion



Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm

Join us as we begin the Lenten season with a special Ash Wednesday service led by our FISH (Fellowship In Senior High) youth on February 18 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Worshippers of all ages are encouraged to attend. The imposition of ashes will be offered to all.

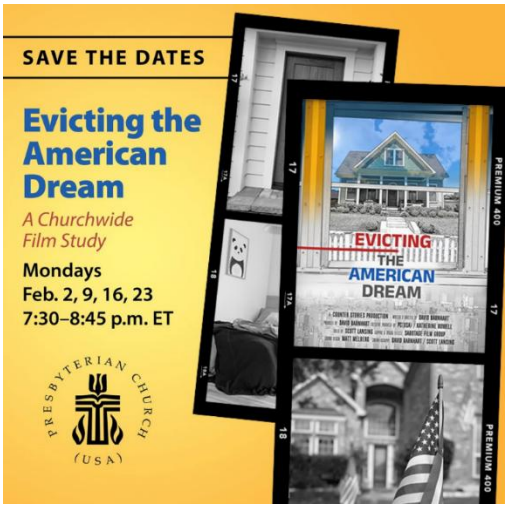
Easter Flowers

Orders are being taken until Wednesday, February 25, for spring flowering plants to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning.

Each plant costs $9.50.

Look for order forms on the back tables in the Sanctuary or submit it online by using the QR Code.

You may take your plant with you following the service on Easter morning.



Evicting the American Dream is a documentary produced by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and County Stories Productions. It amplifies the voices and stories of children and families confronting eviction and homelessness, exploring the root causes and systemic issues that perpetuate this epidemic.

Join PC(USA) leaders each Monday evening in February: 2, 9, 16, 23, from 7:30-8:45pm EST, for a churchwide study on this film. The group will gather weekly online after having watched each week's segment of the film. We will hear from featured speakers and discuss issues of redlining, housing commodification, eviction, the impact of housing insecurity on children, and ways to take action in our own communities.

Advanced registration is required to receive the meeting links and instructions to view the film segments each week. Register at https://tinyurl.com/EvictingStudy (and please let Cricket know you're participating!)

Staff & Leadership

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation!
Senior Pastor: The Rev. Scott Hoffman
Director of Education and Program: Deannine Shipman
Director of Music Ministry: Heike Burghart Rice
Financial Administrator: Michelle Fortin
Building Manager: Todd Hockenberry
Assistant Custodian: Chelsea Hockenberry
Church Secretary: Laura Green
Mission Associate: Cricket Hunter
Stay and Play Preschool Director: Laura Seeley
Stay and Play Assistant Director: Dianna Danko
Interim Chrysalis Coordinator: Laura Essinger-Hileman
Kitchen Coordinators: Mike and Amy Gordon

For more information about the church and our programs, please visit our website at scpresby.org.

If you are an online attendee, we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is 833-234-1326.

To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.

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Calendar

Sun 1
Communion Sunday
AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song, Rm 11
10:30 Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
10:30 Exploration Hour
11:30 Deacons' Meeting, Martin Rm
PM 2:45 Juniper Block Party, Juniper Village

Mon 2
PM 12:30 Stay and Play Staff Meeting, Social Hall
6:00 Scouts' Den Meeting, Rm 10 & 11
6:00 Scouts' Troop Meeting, Westminster Hall
7:00 SCPC Welcome Statement Meeting, Martin Rm
7:00 Virtual Centering Prayer, Zoom

Tues 3
AM 10:00 Staff Meeting
PM 12:00 Congregational Prayer Meeting, Zoom
4:00 Little LOGOS, Rm 101
4:00 LOGOS Geckos
5:15 LOGOS Chrysalis
7:15 Personnel Committee Meeting, Rm 10
7:30 Handbell Choir

Wed 4
PM 12:00 Wednesday in the Word, Zoom/Fireside Rm
6:00 FISH, Fireside Rm
6:30 Orpheus Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm
8:00 Women's Fellowship, Federal Taphouse

Thurs 5
PM 5:00 Stay and Play Open House, Westminster Hall and Stay and Play Classrooms
5:00 Worship Committee Meeting, Martin Rm
5:30 PSF, Fireside Rm and CAYAM Corner
6:30 Men's Covenant Group, Martin Rm
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 APNC Meeting, Rm 10

Fri 6
PM 6:00 Strategic Plan Vision Summit, Social Hall

Sat 7
Strategic Plan Vision Summit

Sun 8
AM 9:00 Childcare, Rm 101
9:00 Coffee Hour, Social Hall
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Children, Worship & Song, Rm 11
10:30 Exploration Hour

Sunday, February 1, 2026

1 Corinthians 1:18–31
For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

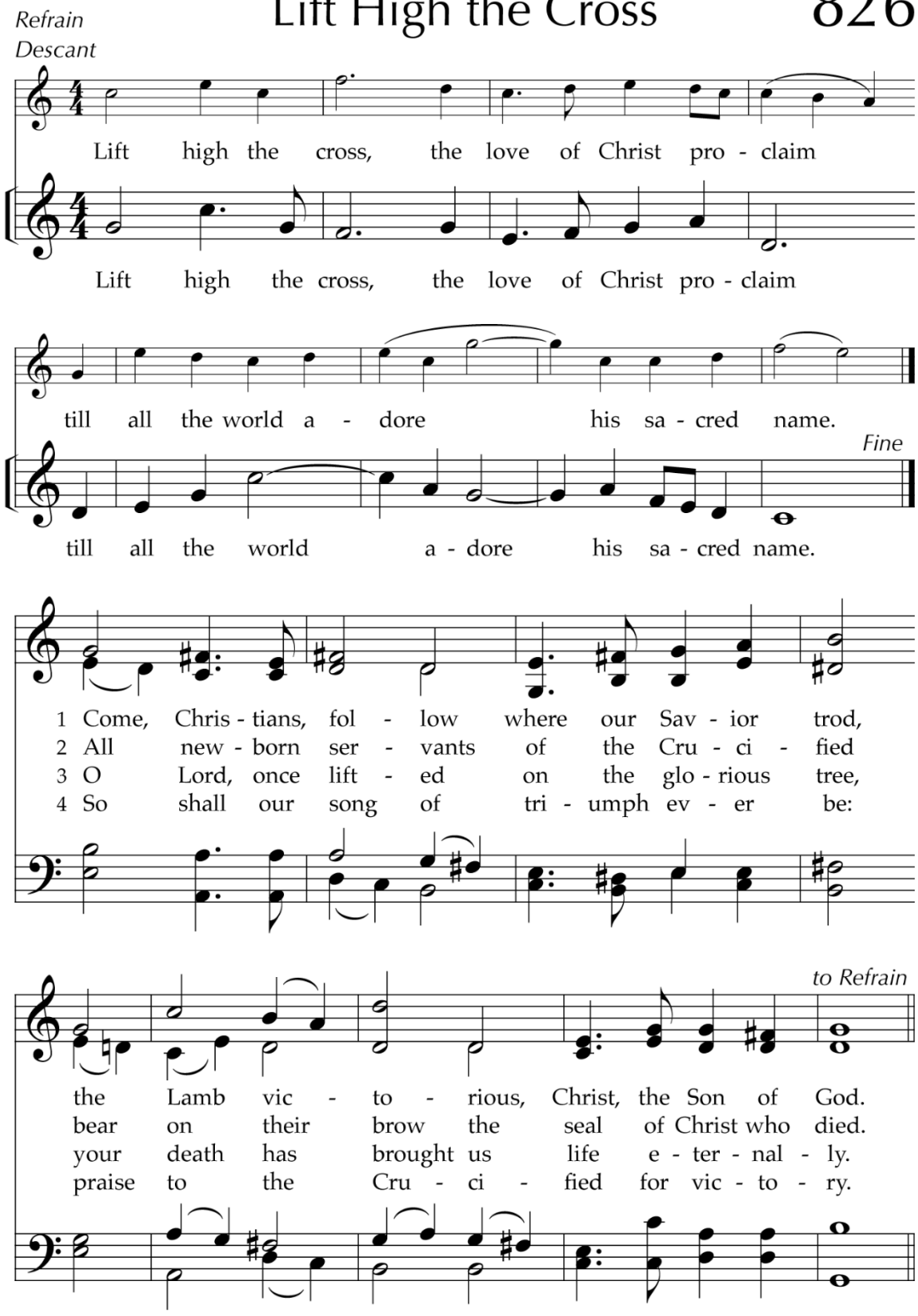
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards,[a] not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one[b] might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in[c] the Lord.”

Micah 6:1–8
Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Lift High the Cross 826

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.
MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985
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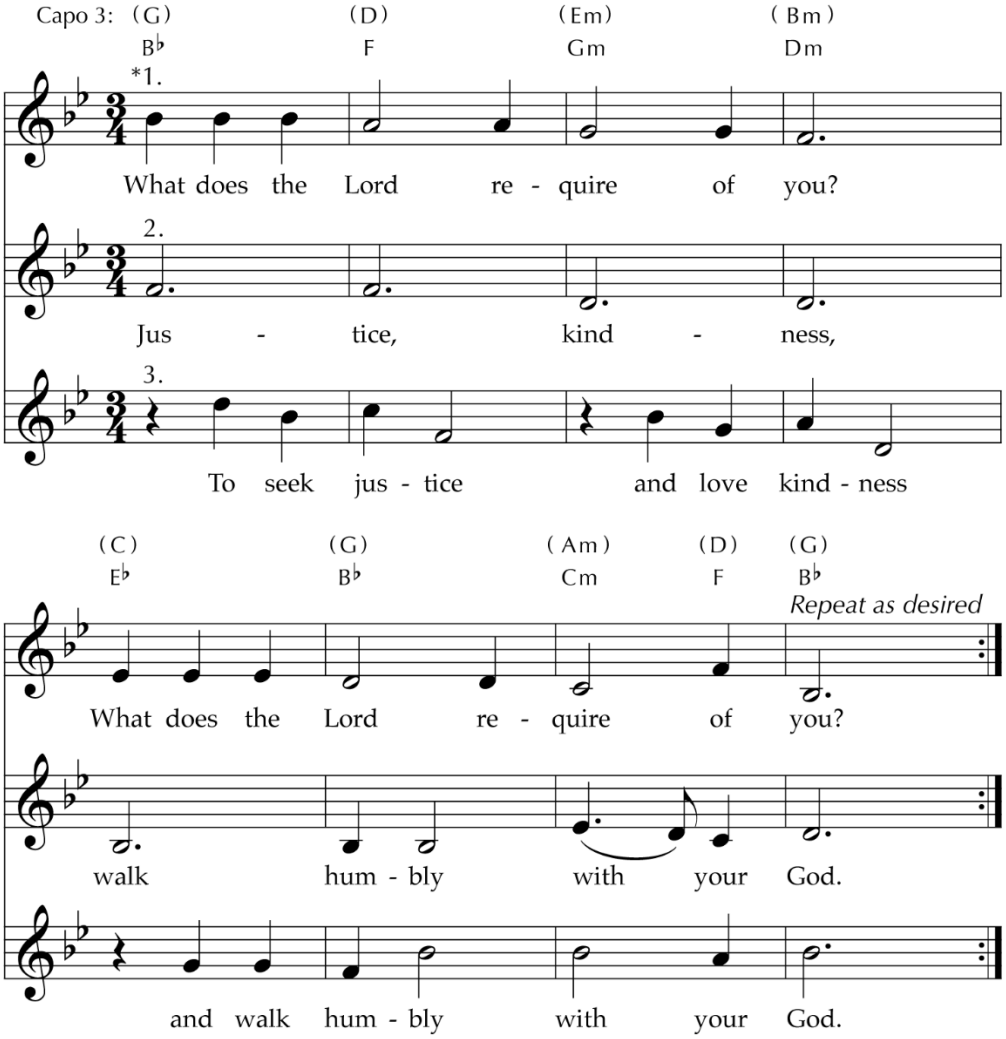
CRUCIFER
10.10 with refrain

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

**The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.*

This text is a very slight paraphrase of the latter part of Micah 6:8. That verse sums up in a single sentence the legal, ethical, and covenantal requirements of religion. The intertwining of these commitments can be suggested by singing these phrases in an overlapping canon.

TEXT and MUSIC: Jim Strathdee, 1986
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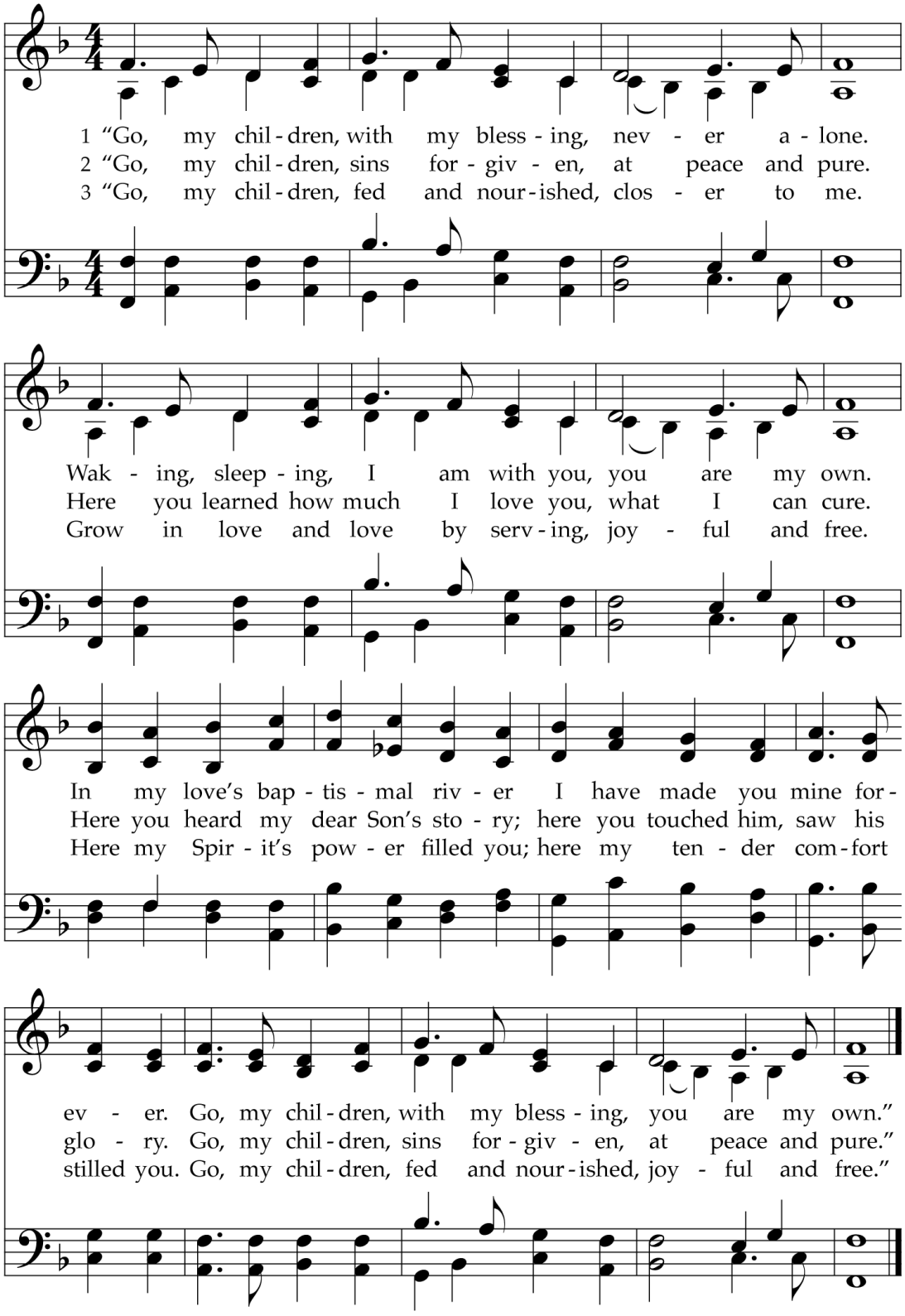
MOON
Irregular

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
MUSIC: Welsh melody
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