November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

BUFFALO Presbyterian CHURCH

Leading Worship Today:
Preacher: Brian Entz
Lay Leader: Kathy Quady
Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

Please read along with all **Bold** *text*
All are invited to stand when there is an *

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PRELUDE — Elegy — George Thalben-Ball

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned
and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new.
-A Declaration of Faith

GATHERING

CHORAL INTROIT — O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord — arr. Fortunato

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 80

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

Restore us, LORD God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

*OPENING HYMN #346 For the Healing of the Nations

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.
O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way of love in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free!
Alleluia, Amen!

*RESPONSE #581 The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We praise you Holy One for the ways you have revealed yourself to people across the ages. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us in the reading and proclaiming of your word, that we may grow in knowledge of and faithful response to you. In Christ's name, Amen.

FIRST READING — Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,

19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.

20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!

2 Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.

3 Let those who say, “Aha, Aha!”
turn back because of their shame.

4 Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, “God is great!”

[5] But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN #175 Seek Ye First

THIRD READING Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps,
they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was
delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is
the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their
lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9] But the
wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and
buy some for yourselves.’ [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young
women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12] But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know
you.’ [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY Keep Your Lamps! Spiritual arr. Thomas

*“Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.”
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*DOXOLOGY #606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

*OFFERING PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism

What do you understand by
"the communion of saints"?
**First, that believers one and all,
as members of this community,
share in Christ
and in all his treasures and gifts.
Second, that each member
should consider it a duty
to use these gifts
readily and joyfully
for the service and enrichment
of the other members.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all compassion, hear now our prayers for the world you created and love.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, for the Presbyterian Church USA, for the churches of Buffalo, and for this congregation. Continue your sanctifying work in us, by the power of your Spirit, and lead us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to those in need.

We pray for our country and its leaders; may they govern with justice, wisdom, humility, and peace.

We pray for the world; especially for Ukraine and Russia, Israel, Palestine, Iran, the USA, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and all areas in the midst of war, disaster, and distress.

We pray for your good creation; for all areas experiencing extremes of nature. Bring rain, warmth, cold, sun, shade, and clean air to all places in need of their nourishment. Teach us to be good neighbors, not just to other humans, but to all of creation.

We pray for those who are in need of your healing mercies and loving care. We also pray for those in grief, may they find comfort in the promise that in Jesus death has lost its sting. We pray especially for…

We pray for those who hunger and thirst, for those with no place to call home, for those with no community of support and companionship. Meet their needs O God of provision, and where possible enable us to give of our bounty for their sake.

We pray for those suffering from stress, anxiety, and loneliness; may they find relief in the loving presence of your Spirit.

We pray for all those who are spiritually hungry, for those who feel far from you, for those who seek your presence. Make yourself known to them, that they may know you as they are known by you.

We pray for all people and situations that have gone unnamed; those held close in the quiet of our hearts and those known only to you…

We pray that you would deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to you and the reign of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Holy One our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people and use us where possible to be the answer to people's prayers.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Pastor: Now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
People: 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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN		#839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!
*CHARGE AND BLESSING		
*BLESSING SONG	May the Road Rise Up	arr. Althouse
POSTLUDE	Trumpet Tune	Douglas Wagner

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

Elegy. George Thalben-Ball. ©1944 W. Paxton Co., Ltd.
O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord words and music by Connie Fortunato arr. by Jim Fortunato ©1981 by Fred Bock Music company
Keep Your Lamps! Spiritual Arr by Andre Thomas ©1982 by Hinshaw Music, Inc
May the Road Rise Up Arr. by Jay Althouse ©2012 by HAL LEONARD CORPORATION
Trumpet Tune. Douglas Wagner. ©1984 Hope Publishing Company

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Child Care Needed: We have a good problem here at BPC. We have new attendees with young children and thus we have a need for nursery care. Our new members are also active choir members so we have a need for help on **Wednesday evenings choir practices** and also for the **choir practices before and during each Sunday service**. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Pastor Brian or Jeff Pattee so we can build out the schedule and give you a little training. *Thanks for your help, Personnel Committee*

Poinsettia Order: It's that time of year again! If you would like to order Poinsettias, we will have order sheets available alternating in the bulletin and outside the BPC office. **Please submit your order and payment to Ali in the office by November 23rd.**

Deck the Halls: We will be Decking the Halls with our friends from Spirit of Joy **November 29th at 10:30am!** After we decorate, we will enjoy a time of fellowship and a chili feed. Sign up sheets for the chili feed are outside the BPC office.

Advent Devotional: Advent finds us in the real, honest moments of our lives — in grief and exhaustion, strained relationships and quiet doubts, hope and longing. Dear Pastor: Advent Letters is an Advent devotional from Presbyterian Outlook that brings those experiences into conversation with

the hope of Christ. **Dear Pastor: Advent Letters will be available in both digital and printed copies. Please sign up for your copy by Wednesday November 18 in order to receive it by November 22. Sign up sheets are located outside the BPC office.**

Today **November 8**	9:30am: Worship with Communion 10:30am: CCC: Church 101 with Pastor Brian 11:30am: Worship Committee
Tuesday **November 10**	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast 1:00pm: Finance Committee 5:00pm: Missions Committee
Wednesday **November 11**	7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal
Thursday **November 12**	7:30am: People of Faith 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group
Sunday **November 15**	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: CCC: Intro to Spiritual Direction with Lisa Ellwoods 11:30am: Faith Formation Committee

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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BPC Prayer List:

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis

- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- Charlotte Collins and family upon John's death
- Cassie & Bryce Miller, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Louise Markve
- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- Del Vanderheiden and family upon the death of his father
- Gloria & Daniel Elliott (Bonnie Morek's brother brother and his wife)
- Nancy Grittman
- Marcy, Peggy Hunter's sister-in-law
- James Doth
- Lanny Taylor
- Linda Hancock recovering from surgery
- Clarie Wilkes and her parents

346 For the Healing of the Nations



The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1965
MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. *Hymns Ancient & Modern,* 1861
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ST. THOMAS (Wade)
8.7.8.7

175 Seek Ye First

Descant



The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2–3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971
LAFFERTY
Irregular

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SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios*
y su perfecta justicia,
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
Alelu, aleluya.

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
그의를 구하-면
이모든것 네게 더하시리라
알렐-루 알렐루야

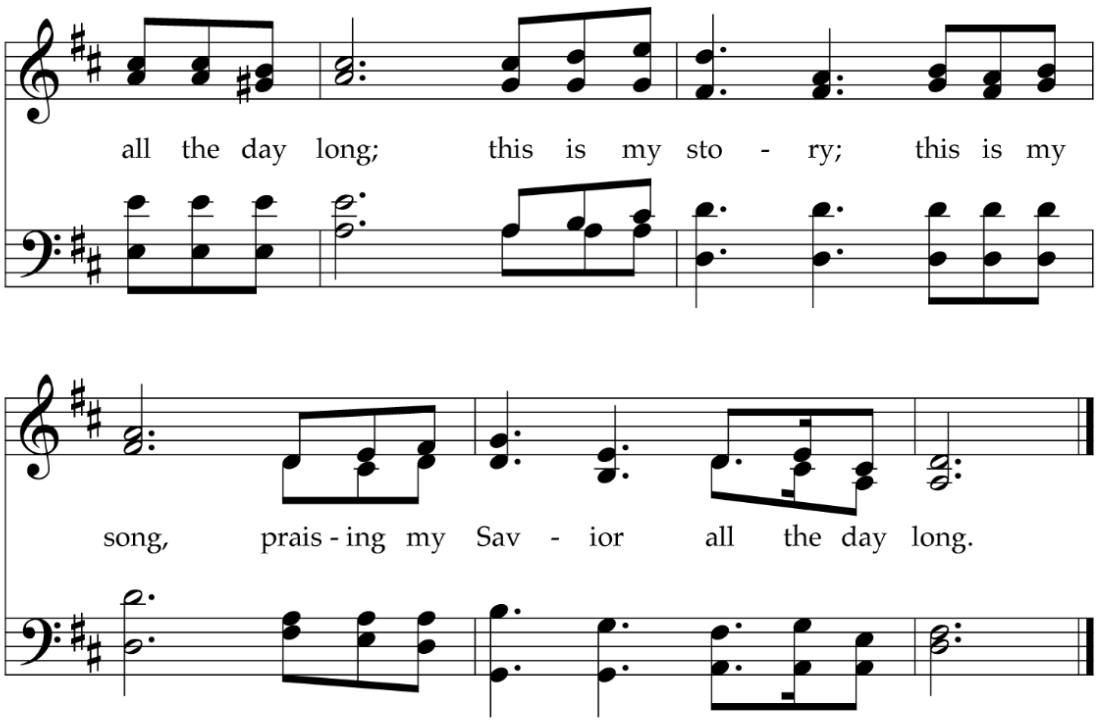
TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001
MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873
ASSURANCE
9.10.9.9 with refrain
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KOREAN

1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다

후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리

2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴

3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴