Piedmont
Community Church

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Piedmont Community Church

No matter your age, race, economic status, religious background, gender or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Order of Worship

November 3, 2019 *Holy Communion* 9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude *Kleine Präludium* Helmut Schroeder
Mark Winges, organ (1904-1984)

For Your Reflection

This is not how it's supposed to be, I know. I keep an endless mental list of the things that need to be done. But when a grey day comes, when the horses stand over their hay as though there were all the time in the world to eat it, one of the things that needs to be done is to sit still. — Verlyn Klinkenborg

Language has created the word loneliness to express the pain of being alone, and the word solitude to express the glory of being alone. — Paul Tillich

Enter into the inner chamber of your mind. Shut out all things save God and whatever may aid you in seeking God; and having barred the door of your chamber, seek Him. — St. Anselm of Canterbury

Solitude is essentially the discovery and acceptance of our uniqueness. — Lawrence Freeman

Solitude is bearable only with God. — Andre Gide

This great misfortune—to be incapable of solitude. — Jean de La Bruyere

***Church Bell** (*The congregation is invited to stand)

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.
People: And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.
Liturgist: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of pride.
People: And open our hearts to the least of our brothers and sisters.
Liturgist: As we come to worship, let us leave outside our narrow notion of generosity.
People: And open our minds to the possibility of sharing widely.
Liturgist: As we come to worship,
All: Let us open our eyes, our hearts and our minds to the Living God in Jesus Christ!

***Hymn 35** (10:30am) Immortal, invisible, God only wise *St. Denio*

Prayer of Praise and Invocation
Silent Prayer
Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Holy and compassionate God, it is so easy for us to rattle off your great commandment – to love God with heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we do not live it. Instead of loving you, we love the gods of

our own making. Instead of loving our neighbor, we exploit, ignore, betray, and disregard one another. We are quick to judge others, and slow to consider our own disobedience. Yet you see us clearly, God. So convict our hearts as only you can. And love us into a new way of being – the way you call us to be in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Reception of New Members

Congregational Response:

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior. We extend to you the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of Piedmont Community Church.

Anthem *Prayer* Mark Winges

Tina Harrington, alto

We were enclosed, O eternal Father, within the garden of your breast. You drew us out of your holy mind like a flower petaled with our soul's three powers, and into each power you put the whole plant, so that they might bear fruit in your garden, might come back to you with the fruit you gave them.

And you would come back to the soul, to fill her with your blessedness. There the soul dwells – like the fish in the sea and the sea in the fish. *–Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)*

Scripture Lesson Psalm 88

O Lord, my God, I call for help by day;
I cry out in the night before thee.
Let my prayer come before thee,
incline thy ear to my cry!
For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
I am reckoned among those who go down to the Pit;
I am a man who has no strength,
like one forsaken among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom thou dost remember no more,
for they are cut off from thy hand.
Thou hast put me in the depths of the Pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
Thy wrath lies heavy upon me,
and thou dost overwhelm me with all thy waves.Selah
Thou hast caused my companions to shun me;
thou hast made me a thing of horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon thee, O Lord;
I spread out my hands to thee.

Dost thou work wonders for the dead?
Do the shades rise up to praise thee? Selah
Is thy steadfast love declared in the grave,
or thy faithfulness in Abaddon?
Are thy wonders known in the darkness,
or thy saving help in the land of forgetfulness?
But I, O Lord, cry to thee;
in the morning my prayer comes before thee.
O Lord, why dost thou cast me off?
Why dost thou hide thy face from me?
Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer thy terrors; I am helpless.
Thy wrath has swept over me;
thy dread assaults destroy me.
They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in upon me together.
Thou hast caused lover and friend to shun me;
my companions are in darkness.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 14:23

And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

Scripture Lesson Mark 1:32-37

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him pursued him, and they found him and said to him, "Every one is searching for you."

Sermon "THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
Part 1: From Loneliness to Solitude"
The Rev. Dr. William H. McNabb

Offertory (9am) (see Anthem)

Offertory (10:30am) *He, watching over Israel* Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir (1809-1847)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; he will quicken thee. *–based on Psalm 121*

***Doxology** (10:30am) (Hymnal, p. 572)

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

***The Great Thanksgiving**

(*the congregation remains standing)

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

The Words of Institution and 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 for ever. Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(Please come forward by the center aisle to be served and return to your seats by way of the side aisles. Our communion service today is by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup; the far right cup is grape juice. Those who wish to remain seated will be served in their seats. Please indicate to an usher your interest in being served.)

The 23rd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

***Hymn** (10:30am) A mighty fortress is our God *Ein' feste Burg*

***Commission and Benediction**

Organ Voluntary *Prelude* in C major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Upcoming sermon series:

"THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE"
November 10 - Part 2: From Hostility to Hospitality
November 24 - Part 3: From Illusion to Prayer

For Further Reading"

"Reaching Out - Three Movements of the Spiritual Life" by Henri Nouwen
"Days With Frog and Toad" by Arnold Lobel

We welcome the new members joining this week: **Alicia Alban, Claire & Vincent Faughnan, Bob Katter, Tom Walter, Pete & Ellen Wilson.**

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about Piedmont Community Church, please visit the Welcome Table after the service and speak with a member of the Welcoming Team. Welcomers can be identified by their special name tags.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God **and in celebration of the birth of Jane Patricia Quigley Leicher on October 1, 2019. She is the daughter of Adam Leicher and Annie Quigley and the granddaughter of Pat Leicher.**

Please join us after the service for coffee.

Please silence your cell phones.

This morning's greeters are **John & Connie Halley.** The ushers are **Mike Bandrowski, Sunny Bostrom-Fleming, Joan Chow** and **James Ramos.** The communion servers are **Dana Gordon Colton, Jeff & Linda McClain** and **Steven Thorne.** The Board of Deacons greeters are **Dana Gordon Colton** and **Leland Leisz.** They will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the churc

The Clara Barton Room (outside sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

Announcements

2020 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

Our annual pledge campaign, Because of You, is in full swing. Pledge cards have been mailed and are available in the pews. Our church is blessed by your gifts. We are growing, we are reaching more people in this community and around the world. The exciting thing is that the more money we receive, the more we will be able to do as we share God's love and His grace and we serve those in need. Visit PiedmontChurch.org/PLEDGE

IMANI VIDEO

We made a short, 2-minute film from last Sunday's pulpit exchange with Imani. Watch Dr. McNabb deliver his final sermon at Imani before his 2020 retirement. Visit PiedmontChurch.org

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets for this year's Christmas Concert - The Sounding Joy; An Overture to Christmas - go on sale today in the courtyard after worship. Concerts are Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 at 7pm. Gala reception follows. Tickets are $40 for general admission, $125 for reserved. Tickets also available online at PiedmontChurch.org/JOY

Adult Education Series

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN?

Part of being a Christian is reading and reflecting on the words of Scripture. Yet, figuring out what a particular passage means is rarely as simple as just assuming "it means what it says." There is always interpretation involved, whether we're conscious of it or not. Join Dr. Don Ashburn for a 3-part series of classes in November where we'll explore various ways of interpreting the Bible. We'll meet on November 3, 10 and 17 at 11:30 am in the Kettlewell Room (located beneath the Guild Hall). No previous experience studying the Bible is expected. Just come as you are. For more information, contact Dr. Ashburn at: don@piedmontchurch.org or (510) 547-5700, ext. 105

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please mark your calendars and save the weekend of January 31, 2020 thru February 2 for a renewing and fun time with your sisters. We have reserved San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville (CA) for a pre-Lenten Women's Retreat. The Center is managed by Franciscan Brothers and offers buffet meals, double rooms (2 twin beds) with private bath, space for learning and questioning, walking trails and labyrinth, quiet spaces for reflection and meditation, and community spaces for connection and sharing. The 2020 Women's Retreat will convene on Friday January 31 at dinner, and we will leave refreshed and renewed on Sunday, February 2 after lunch. Contact Rev. Dottie Hutch at Dottie@PiedmontChurch.org or (203) 500-9097

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

On Sunday, November 17, we will fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child after worship. We would like to make the event more meaningful, and would like to increase the value of the shoeboxes. We encourage everyone to go shopping with your children to have them pick out items to fill the shoeboxes. You can bring these items on or before November 17 to use in filling a shoebox.

Another way to help is to make a donation (any amount works, but it costs about $20 to fill and ship a box). We will shop for you to provide some items to put in the boxes, and we will have the shoeboxes ready to fill. More information on Sunday Extra (color page).

COMMUNITY PRAYER BOXES

We have installed prayer boxes at the main entrance and in the breezeway. Our congregation, and the wider Piedmont community, is invited to write joy and concerns for our church to pray over in confidence. The prayers will be lifted up by church staff and by our prayer circle.

LIVE SUNDAY WORSHIP ON OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

(No Facebook Required) If you're one of many who do not subscribe to Facebook, but wish to view our Sunday morning, 10:30 am worship service LIVE online, your wait is over! Our Sunday web stream can now be viewed at PiedmontChurch.org/LIVE

Service Opportunity

TUTOR FOR CHILDREN-RISING

Children Rising, formerly Faith Network of the East Bay, is a ministry supported by our church for many years. It offers many opportunities for you to connect with a struggling Oakland elementary student, inspiring hope and the confidence to succeed. Last school year, members of the congregation helped change the lives of 50 children. No prior teaching experience required. Their reading and math tutoring programs make it simple for you to step in and be effective. They match you with a child and offer multiple locations and time slots to accommodate your schedule, typically once a week for 2 hours. Contact Jeff McClain at jeff.mcclain@mac.com or (510) 499-2939

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 3

9:00 am	Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School preK - 6 in sanctuary with parents
10:30 am	Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am	Nursery care, Christian Education Building
11:30 am	Adult Education, Kettlewell Room
11:45 am	Confirmation Class, Youth Room
5:00 pm	Rock, Youth Room

Monday, November 4

2:00 pm	Needles and Hooks, Guild Parlor
4:30 pm	Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm	Board of Deacons, Guild Parlor

Tuesday, November 5

11:00 am	Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom
PHS Lunch Break	Rock Pizza Lunch today
5:30pm	Just Breathe, Chapel
6:30 pm	Handbells, Barton Room
7:00 pm	Small Group Bible Study

Wednesday, November 6

9:30 am	Seniors Sharing Conversation and Coffee, Guild Parlor
10:15 am	Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
2:00 pm	LiveWire, Youth Room
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, November 7

10:00 am	Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm	Walking Together, Guild Parlor

Friday, November 8

Saturday, November 9

7:30 am	Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room
5:00 pm	Hope Cafe - CityTeam Oakland - volunteers

Sunday, November 10

9:00 am	Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am	Sunday School preK - 6 in sanctuary with parents
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CONCERT TICKETS AT **PIEDMONTCHURCH.ORG/JOY**

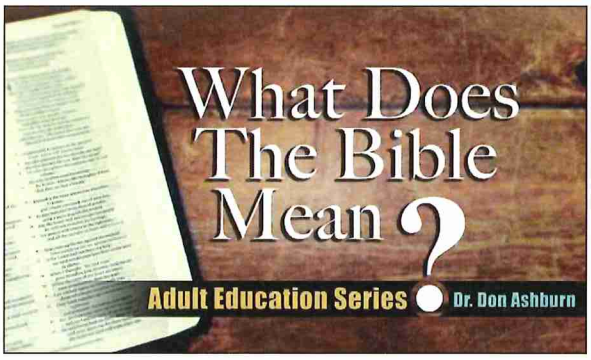
Two Performances Only!
$40 General Admission
$125 Reserved Seating
Saturday, December 7, 7 pm
Sunday, December 8, 7 pm

Concert Tickets On Sale Now

You are invited to the ninth annual Overture to Christmas.

This year's concert explores the role of music and musical instruments in our celebration of Christmas. There will be traditional and contemporary music directed by Dr. Stephen Main, our Director of Music. Steve leads over 75 musicians – a full orchestra and choir with soloists.

Following the joyous performance which includes an opportunity for the audience to sing carols, mingle, sip a glass of wine or punch and enjoy a sumptuous buffet of holiday savories and sweets.



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What to buy? Pick items your children like to play with that will fit in the shoebox including: personal care items (no liquids), school supplies, crafts and toys.

Please note that we cannot pack candy, toothpaste, war related items, lotions or breakable items. For a complete list of suggestions go to samaritanspurse.org and go to Operation Christmas Child and follow the promps.

Make checks payable to Piedmont Community Church, indicate Operation Christmas Child in the memo field, drop in offering plate or send to Leslie at the church. We will deliver the shoeboxes the week of November 18.

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35 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory . . . I Tim. 1:17

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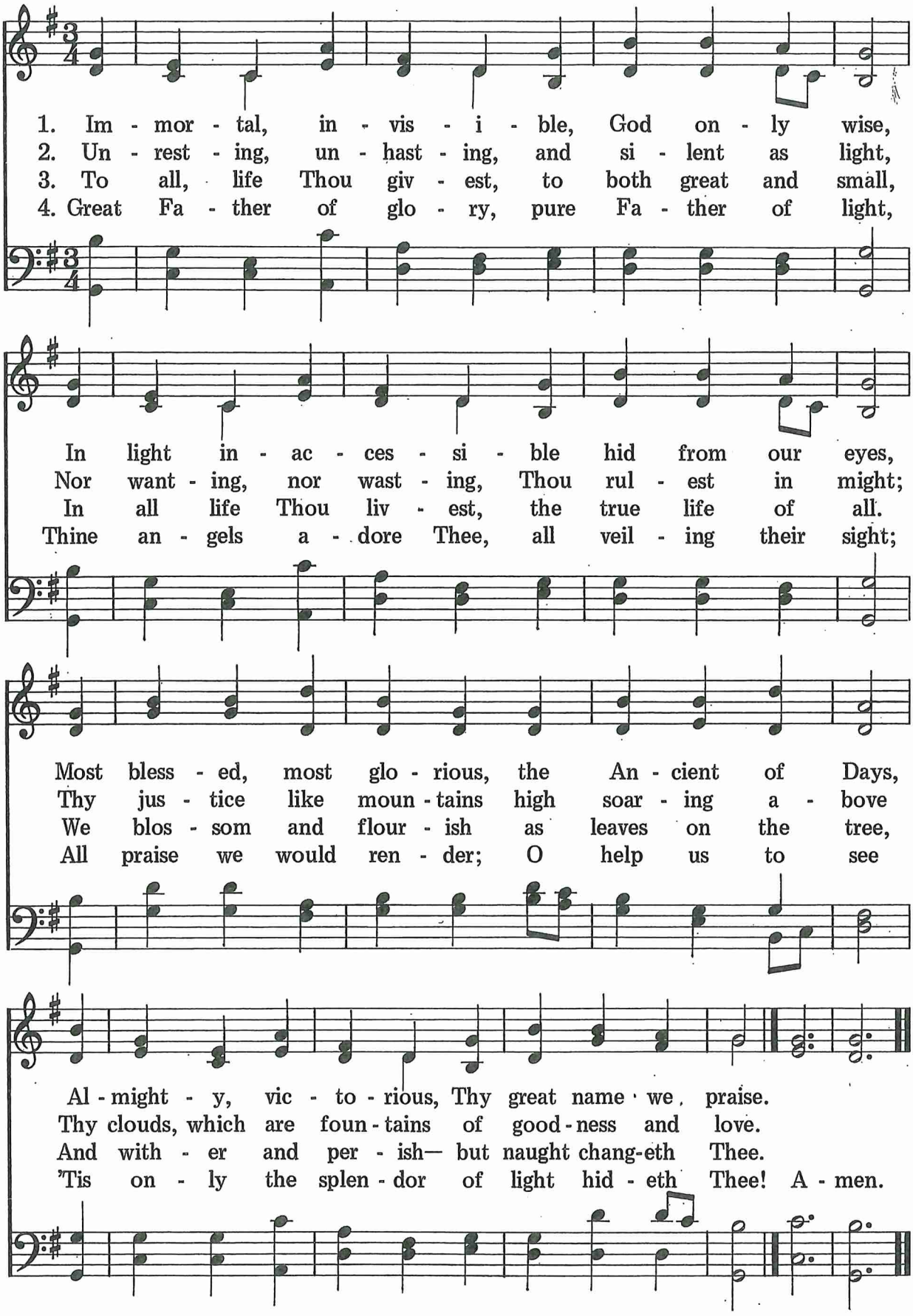
Walter C. Smith, 1867

Traditional Welsh hymn melody



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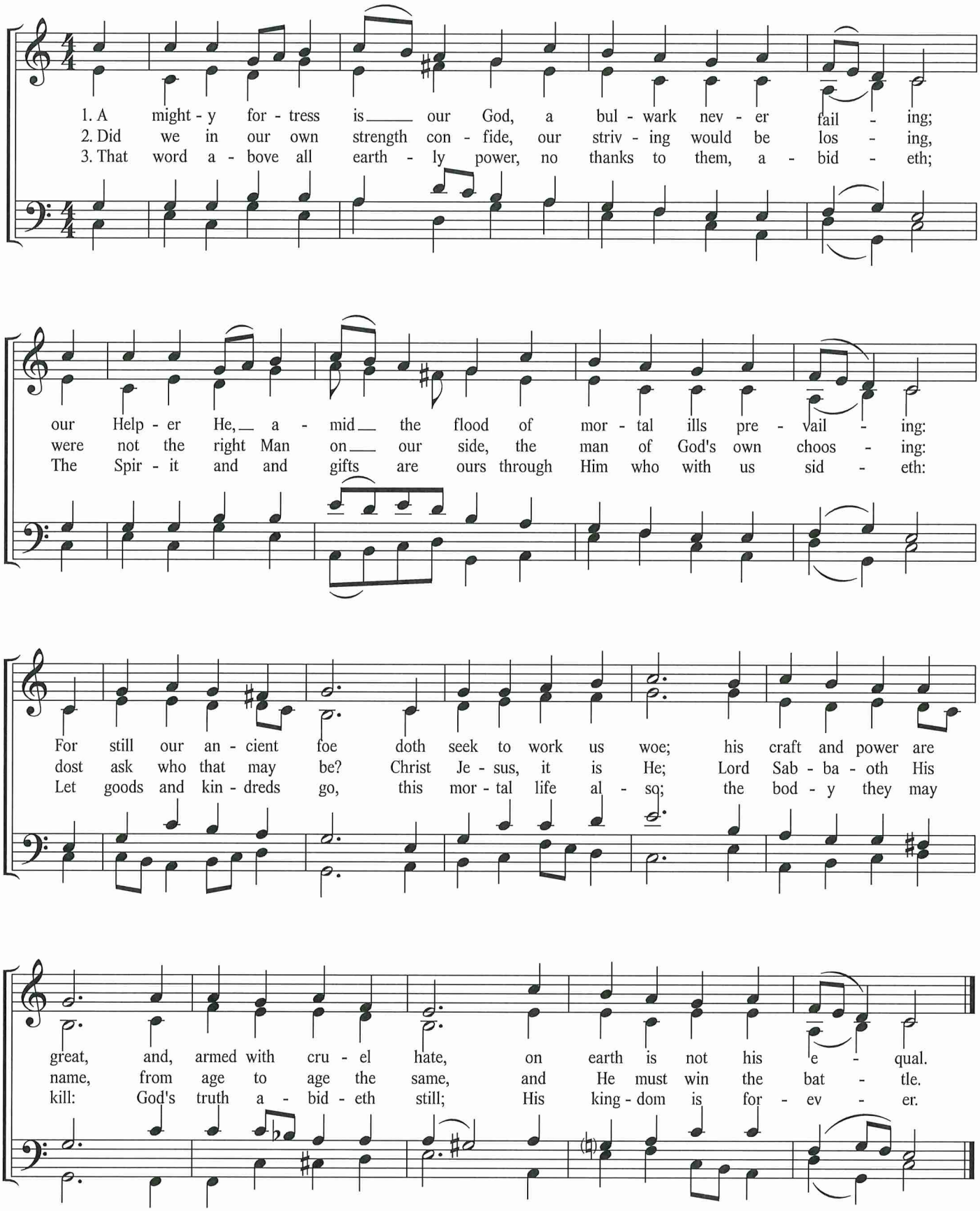
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