

February 15, 2026



**First Presbyterian
Church**
of Pittsburgh

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:45 am

**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude: *“Deux Pièces Canoniques I Adagio”*
Théodore Dubois; arr. Charles Callahan

Alaine Fink, *Organ*
Anderson Lacerda, *Violin*
Viviana Antonia, *Cello*

Time of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Craig M. Walls
Senior Pastor

Gathering Before the Word

***Responsive Call to Worship**

Judith Shipley
Liturgist

Leader: We stand in awe of God.

People: God has tuned his creation to sing his praise.

Leader: God delicately orders the paths of our lives.

People: We worship the one who makes all things new.

Leader: God orders our steps, transforms our hearts, and molds us into his image.

All: We will magnify the glory of the Lord.

***Hymn #10:** *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* (located in this bulletin)

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Grant us the courage to acknowledge our iniquities, and to confess our need for your mercy. Merciful God, forgive our sin, and cover us with your redemptive love. As you have forgiven us, release us from resentments we hold toward others. Set us free from the lie that you do not love us, because you redeemed our past through your sacrificial love. Hear us now, we pray, as we confess to you in silence...

Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Judith Shipley

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Walls

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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Choral Anthem: *"Take My Life"*
Craig Courtney

Kate Clemons, *Soloist*
Anderson Lacerda, *Violin*

Children's Message

Judith Shipley

Hymn #664: *"Morning Has Broken"* (located in this bulletin)

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 32-38

Judith Shipley

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus here with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Rev. Walls

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

We 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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We 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.*

Call for the Offering (*Online giving available, scan code on back*)

Rev. Walls

Anthem: "Amazing Grace"

John Newton; arr. Graham Buckland

Alaine Fink, *Piano*

FPCP String Trio

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Walls

***Hymn #438:** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (*located in this bulletin*)

***Invitation, Charge, and Benediction**

Postlude: "*Divertimento III in A Major*"
Joseph Haydn

FPCP String Trio

Special Thanks to our FPCP String Trio:

Anderson Lacerda and Ruth Sheyko, violins and Viviana Antonia, cello

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

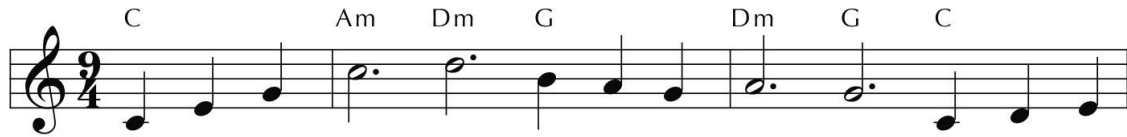
1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

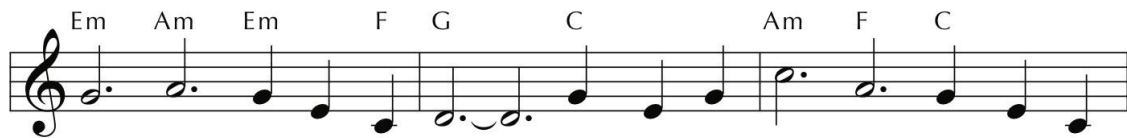
1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

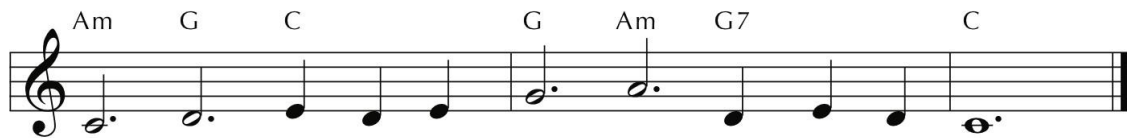
Morning Has Broken 664



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

This 20th-century text was created to provide words for this traditional tune named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland. Through repeated use of "new" and "first," each morning is treated as a re-creation of the promise of the original day.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands.
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

Sunday School

The Cornerstone Class continues to explore the early Church through a study of the **Book of Acts**. The class meets from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in **Room #17** (chapel area, next to the stage). If you'd like to join them for fellowship and learning, please contact **Charlie Claudon at 412-400-4868**. Children's Sunday School also continues in Room 4 downstairs. All children are invited.

Faithful Servant Award – Nominations Request

Please nominate a member of our congregation for the Quarterly Faithful Servant Award. We are truly blessed to have many individuals who quietly serve the Lord in our church family. **Ballots and a submission box can be found in the chapel during fellowship.** Nominations can also be sent via email to Megan McFarland at mmcfarland@fpcp.org.

Make a Joyful Noise

Anyone interested in joining the FPCP choir is invited to join us on Sunday mornings for rehearsal from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Worship through music can be a powerful and transformative experience. Whether you can only join us for certain Sundays or for a whole season, all are welcome. If interested, **please contact Alaine Fink at afink@fpcp.org** for more details and a current schedule.

Per Capita Fee for 2026

Each year, PCUSA churches are assessed a per capita, i.e., per member, fee to support the three levels of church government above the session. For 2026, the assessment paid by First Church equals \$40.00 for each active First Church member.

If you'd like to help by paying this per capita fee, please indicate "per capita" in the memo field of your check or place your check in the designated envelope provided in your envelope box. Thank you for your generosity!

Can You Help with Our Lenten Services?

We will be having three services before Easter for which we will need volunteer help in the form of greeters and ushers.

1) Ash Wednesday - February 18 - Noon

2) Maundy Thursday - April 2 - 7 pm This will be both a communion service and a Tenebrae.

3) Good Friday - April 3 – Noon – Service followed by a City-wide Prayer Walk.

If you are able and willing to help at any of these services, please contact *Carly Black* at the church office at cblack@fpcp.org.

Thanks in advance for helping us make this Lenten season special for our church family and visitors.

Special Thanks to the Deacons and Everyone who participated in last Sunday's Souper Bowl Fellowship Luncheon!

And Congratulations to Barry (and Alaine) for the winning recipe for West African Peanut Soup.

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Call to Schedule a Tour!

You can reach the Church Office Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Call: 412-471-3436 | Email: info@fpcp.org | www.fpcp.org.

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Scan Code to Give!

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