

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with minds to know you and hearts to love you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love faltering and our obedience half-hearted. We fail each day to follow your ways and grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to anger and generous in your mercy. Forgive us Lord and renew us by your love, strengthen our faith so we may be more faithful disciples through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 582 (v. 1) Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**
GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

Presentation of the Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship Will Dowling

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24 Page 577

Anthem I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr. Lloyd Larson
Veronica Shea, *soloist*

Lesson from the Gospels: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Page 14

Sermon "As God Sees" The Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson

***Affirmation of Faith (in unison)** From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we

violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

***Hymn 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

The Prayers of the People

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory

Pie Jesu from *Requiem*, Op 48
Veronica Shea, *soloist*

Gabriel Fauré

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn 543**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

***Benediction**

Postlude

Two Dances

arr. Thomas Keesecker

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Worship Leaders today are our guest preacher The Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson
and The Reverend Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer.

Our ushers this morning are Ric Butler, Joslin Ruffie and Carolyn Smith.

Thank you to our tabulators Bob Eager and Gordon Leach
and to our processor this week Carrie Butler.

Special thanks to Lynn Apolinaro and Bob Eager
for their technical assistance today.

THIS WEEK AT PCCT: July 24-29, 2023

Monday

7:00 pm Development/Communications Mtg.,
Staff Conference Room

7:00 pm Finance & Operations Mtg., Zoom

7:30 pm Mission & Outreach Mtg., Zoom

Tuesday

10:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Conf. Rm.

Friday

Office Closes at 2:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, July 30, 2023

**Guest Preacher: Patrick Allred, Youth and Young Adult Director
at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown**

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Hall

11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Halldorson Hall

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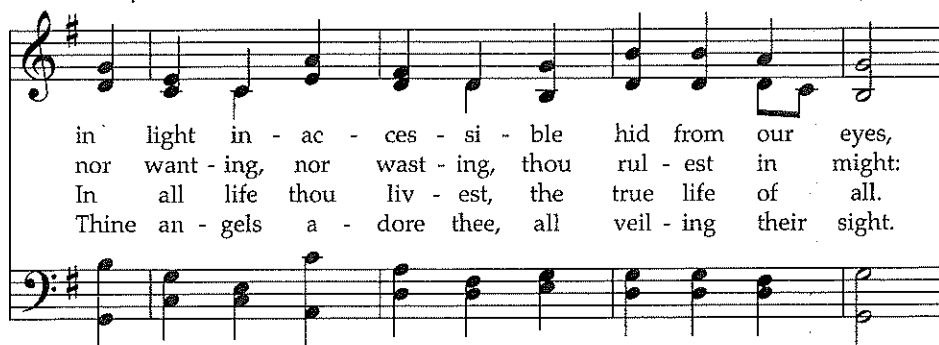
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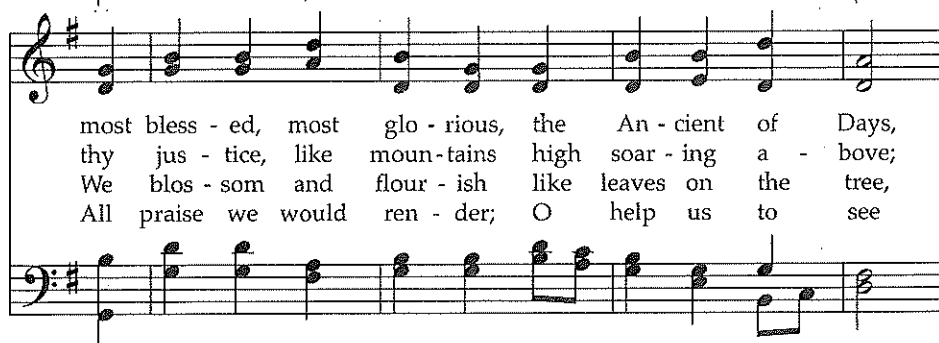
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



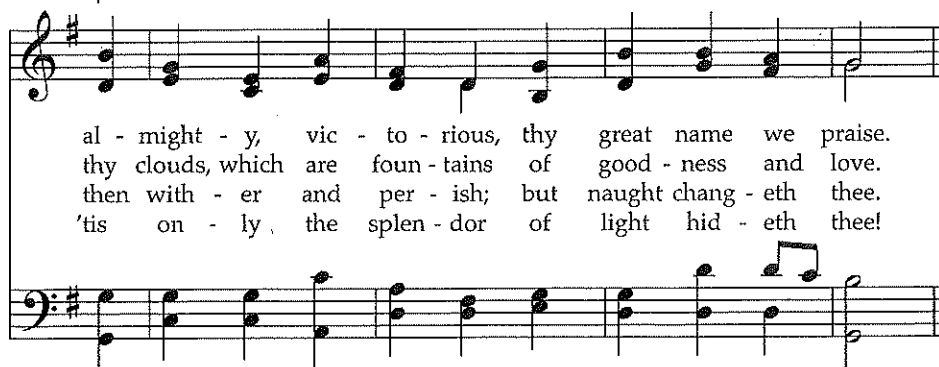
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly, the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

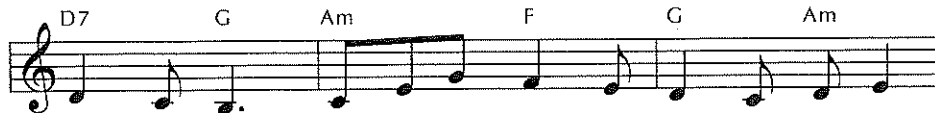
The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

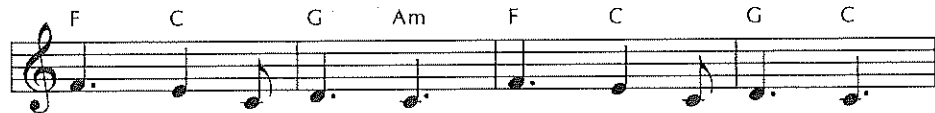
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ring,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

Welcome back to Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer

We are pleased to welcome back the Reverend Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer to our staff. She will be filling a temporary position as a minister-at-large while Pastor Tom is on sabbatical from 7/19-8/31/23. Mary Anne was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but grew up in Switzerland, the homeland of her father. After graduating from Duke University and Princeton Theological Seminary, she was ordained by the National Capital Presbytery to ministry as a United States Navy Chaplain. She served on active duty as a Hospital Chaplain, on the Chief of Chaplain's Staff and in the Navy Reserves. Because her family moved frequently, she has led worship, preached and provided pastoral care for congregations of PCUSA churches in Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., Hawai'i, California, Utah, West Virginia, and Virginia. In recent years she received an M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Loyola University Maryland and worked at the Pastoral Counseling Center of Fort Meade Army Base outside Washington, D.C. She is licensed as a counselor (LPAC) in the State of New Jersey. Mary Anne is married to John J. Collins, a member of PCCT, and they live in Chatham. They have three daughters and two son-in-laws.

The Reverend Dr. Maureen Paterson
Associate Pastor of Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church
Guest Preacher on Sunday, July 23, 10 am

The Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson is the Associate Pastor of Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church where she has been on staff since 2007. She and her husband Rev. Ian Rankine live in New Providence, and have four children. Having grown up in Scotland and completed her ministry training in the Church of Scotland, Maureen began a one-year internship in NC. with the intention of returning to Scotland following that call. God had other plans! After serving churches in NC. for 10 years the couple moved to NJ in 2006 and have enjoyed serving in this area ever since.

Patrick Allred
Youth and Young Adult Director at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown
Guest Preacher on Sunday, July 30, 10 am

Patrick Allred has been with the Presbyterian Church in Morristown since 2019 and has over ten years of youth ministry experience in New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Texas. He has a B.A. in Bible and Ministry and a Master of Divinity from the Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Oklahoma. Patrick loves working with middle and high school students, confirmands, and their families, particularly discussing topics of faith and volunteering on mission trips and service projects together. His wife, Hannah Faye Allred, serves as the Pastor at the Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church in East Hanover, NJ. They have two children, Henry and Jane.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 23, 2023

We are delighted you've chosen to worship with us today. Please let an usher or a minister know if we can assist you in any way.

TODAY AT PCCT

10:00 am Worship, Halldorson Hall

11:00 am Lemonade and Fellowship, Halldorson Hall

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The Chancel Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Helping Hands and the successful Caring for the Community Concert, by the MacCallums.

WELCOME REVEREND DR. MAUREEN PATERSON!

This morning we are pleased to welcome our guest minister, Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson, the Associate Pastor at the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church. You will have an opportunity to greet and speak with Rev. Paterson after worship during lemonade and fellowship. Please see the back page of our hymn insert to learn more about our guest preachers this summer.

MARLA DRURY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This year's Marla Drury Memorial Scholarship is being awarded to Will Dowling. Will will be attending Miami University in the fall. We are confident Marla would be proud of Will's service to the community and many volunteer hours.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE: July 9-30

Once again, PCCT is partnering with Project Readiness NJ to provide backpacks to children in need. We've been given a list of 15 high school children who are living under Foster Care who will need a backpack full of school supplies for the upcoming year. You can find a link to the list of specific items on our website. During the month of July, you can drop off items at the Church (up until July 30th). On August 6th, we'll assemble the backpacks during a special summer Faith Forward event following worship at 11:00 am. The PCCT office will be bulk buying some of the items, so if you'd like to make a monetary donation instead of shopping, that would be most welcome (check payable to PCCT with "Backpacks" in the memo line)

COMMUNITY GARDEN TENDING & HARVESTING: July through September

Each week, produce will be picked and shared with Helping Hands for their weekly food distribution on Wednesday afternoons. Volunteers are needed to help with weeding, watering and harvesting one week at a time throughout the summer. To volunteer, you can go to our website and scroll down to the bottom of our home page to find News and Announcements where you will see a link to sign up.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Deacon's flower ministry. We have several Sundays available this summer and throughout the end of the year. If you would like to place a dedication, you may go to our website to sign up or you can call the church office at (973) 635-2340 or email Gloria. You may also sign up on the flower chart in the upper lobby.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The summer sermon series on Family Reversals/Family Dynamics will pause for two weeks and resume on August 6 with a sermon by Rev. Mary Anne Collins-Stauffer and then continue through September 3. Stay tuned!

MUSIC NOTES

You can read all the music notes
for today's worship service by
using this QR



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GUEST PREACHER COMING UP!

Next Sunday, July 30, our guest preacher will be Patrick Allred who is the Youth and Young Adult Director at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown. We look forward to welcoming him and hearing his message!

PLEASE NOTE: *Please be reminded, Pastor Tom has now started the second part of his Sabbatical this week. Instead of calling or texting him over the next six weeks, please contact the church office by email or by phone to call on any of our office staff to help you find information on programming or to receive prayer and pastoral care.*