

# GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Glorify God  
Plant seeds of Faith  
Cultivate Disciples

ALL ARE  
WELCOME!



**GILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**needs of our neighbors. Heal our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the restoration that comes with your all-powerful Word.**

Leader: Now in silence, let us continue our confession  
(Time of silent prayer) Amen

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: This is our blessed assurance: that Christ died for our sins, and we have been raised to new life with him. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*RESPONSE *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me***

Hymn 582

### **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **GOD'S WORD FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**Pastor George Prohaska**

All children are welcome in the front *Parents - livestream in progress (kids in front will be viewed online)*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC *When the Saints Go Marching In***

Jim Moser-Harmonica Solo

Congregation-Chorus

*O when the saints go marching in  
O when the saints go marching in  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE**

**Liturgist – Jim Moser**

*Generous God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

**Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18**

**Epistle Lesson: I John 3:11-24**

**SERMON**

***That We Should Love One Another***

Pastor George Prohaska

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      **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.**

**In everlasting love,**

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people**

**to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,**

**God delivered the children of Israel**

**from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,**

**God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,**

**like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

**God is faithful still.**

**OFFERTORY**

***Let All Things Now Living***

arr. Krug

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Holy God, we praise you... We praise you, Almighty Father, through Christ your Son, and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***\*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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen***

**HYMN**      ***What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine***      Hymn 837

**\*BENEDICTION**      Pastor George Prohaska

**POSTLUDE**      ***He Lives! Sound Praises!***      Lani Smith  
Susan Martinez

**\*If you are able, please stand.**



**Thank you to our Worship and Tech Teams, Susan Martinez, Amy Johnston, Gaill Blackburn, David & Jennie Burel, Roy & Alex Martin.**

**Thank you to those Serving today:**

Liturgist: Jim Moser

Hymn Leader/Choir Director: Amy Johnston

Ushers: Karen Gallagher, Sean Gallagher, Lyn Goodbar

## ***Announcements***

### **NEW MEMBER CLASS TODAY!**

If you are looking for a new church home, Pastor George will lead a new members' class TODAY, after worship. All are welcome.

### **EVMC - PREPARING LUNCHES**

We will be preparing sack lunches for (EVMC) today following our worship service in the Palmer Center. All are welcome to come and lend a hand! *Many hands, make light work!!!*

## **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

Our Book Group meets tomorrow night (4-22) @ 7:00 pm via Zoom. We are discussing ***Freeing Congregational Mission A Practical Vision for Companionship, Cultural Humility, and Co-Development*** by B. Hunter Farrell. You may purchase this book on Amazon. All are welcome!

## **SPRING RECITAL – PIANO SUSAN**

You are invited to attend two piano recitals with Susan Martinez and her students here in our sanctuary on Saturday, April 27 and Saturday, May 4 both at 4:00 pm. All are welcome!

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

You are invited to attend a service in recognition of the National Day of Prayer on **Thursday, May 2 at 7:00pm** at First Presbyterian Church of Mesa, 161 N. Mesa Drive. The evening will consist of prayers and brief comments will be shared by several faith and community leaders. Hosted by Mesa's Faith Leaders' Coalition & First Presbyterian Church of Mesa.

## *GPC General Information*

**FIRST TIME GUESTS** - Welcome to our first-time visitors. A packet of information about our church is available in the entryway or from an usher. We're glad you're here!

**OFFERINGS/DONATIONS** – You may donate to Gilbert Presbyterian by going to <https://www.azgpc.org/giving-options.html>. Thank you for your support.

**REMINDER** – Please silence all phones/electronic devices. Thank you.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – **NOT THIS WEEK!** We meet in Room 7 at 11:00 am each Sunday. All are welcome!

**VIDEO SUNDAY SCHOOL**- **NOT THIS WEEK!** The Video Sunday School Class meets in the Chapel in the Palmer Center at 11:00 am each Sunday. Join us for great discussions and fellowship following a video lesson.

## **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY**

Join us each Thursday for our Mid-week Bible Study. We are studying the book, **Revelation** by NT Wright. This book can be purchased on **Amazon**. We meet in Room 7 in the Palmer Center at 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** - If you're thinking about joining Gilbert Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), or would like a refresher course on what being a Presbyterian Christian means, please call the church office at 480-892-6753 to let us know of your interest.

**NURSERY CARE** - Nursery care is available in the Palmer Center for Nursery/Toddler care thru 5 years old with our Nursery Attendant Britney Blackburn.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** - We invite everyone to join us following our worship service this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Palmer Center.

### ***Be Sure to Visit us Online...***



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## ***THIS WEEK AT GPC***

### **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**9:30 am – Online & In Person Worship Service**

**10:30 am – EVMC Lunch Prep**

**10:30 am – New Member Class**

**10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center**

**11:00 am – Revival Presbyterian Church Bible Study**

**1:00 pm – Revival Presbyterian Church Service**

### **Monday, April 22**

**7:00 pm – Book Discussion Group**

### **Tuesday, April 23**

**8:00 am – Men's Breakfast**

### **Wednesday, April 24**

**6:00 pm – Mission Cmt. Meeting**

### **Thursday, April 25**

**4:00 pm – Mid Week Bible Study**

**7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal**

### **Saturday, April 27**

**4:00 pm – Susan Martinez Spring Piano Concert**

### **Sunday, April 28**

**9:30 am – Online & In Person Worship Service**

**10:30 am – Coffee Time in the Palmer Center**

**11:00 am – Video Sunday School**

**11:00 am - Adult Sunday School meets in person and via Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/j/4808926753?pwd=K3J3bk9CNDZsdll2ZCtuOGxCL2FzZz09>**

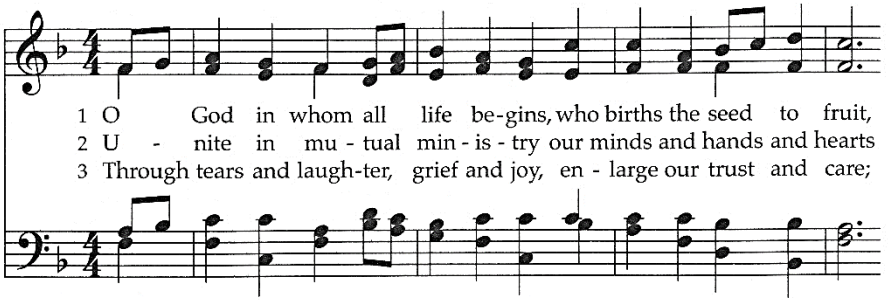
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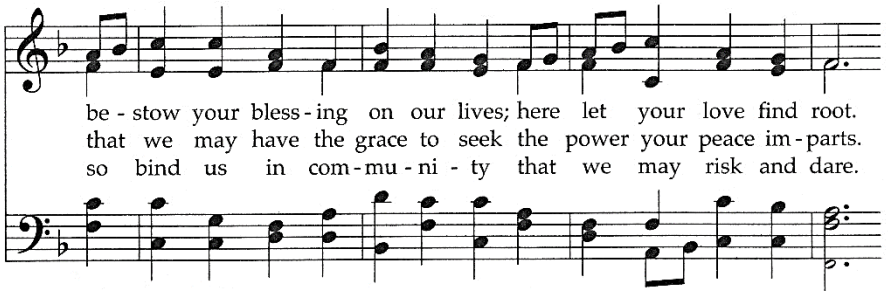


## HYMN INSERTS


# O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



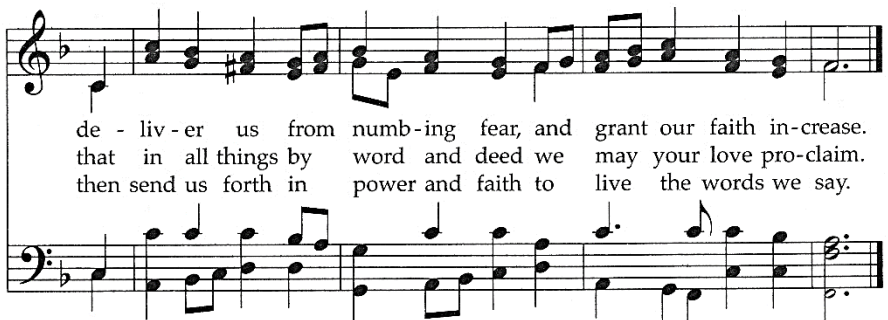
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

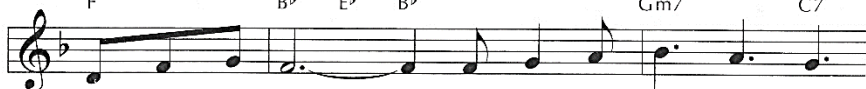
# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



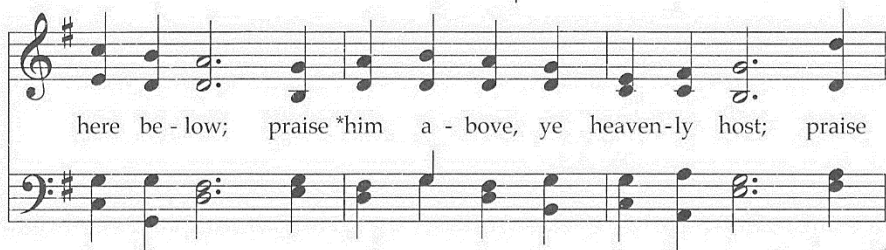
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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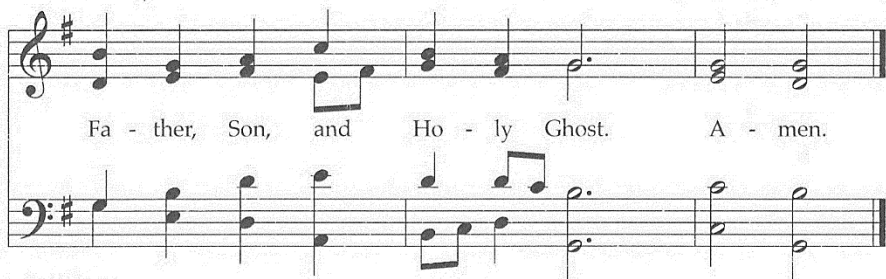
Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow  
Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures



here be-low; praise \*him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise



Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDRETH  
LM

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-



last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

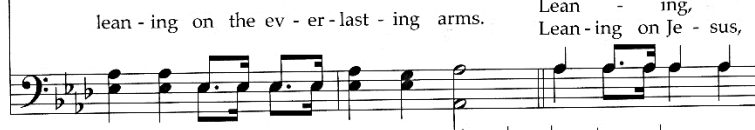


*Refrain*

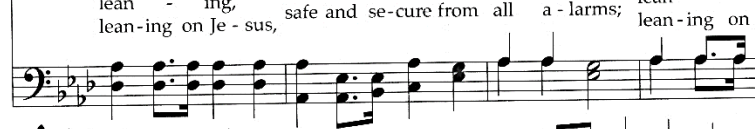


lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

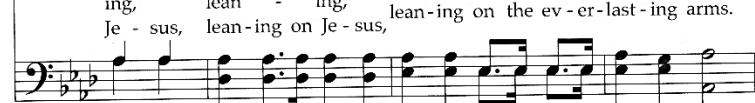
Lean-ing,  
 Lean-ing on Je-sus,



lean-ing, safe and se-secure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
 lean-ing on Je-sus,



ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,



The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

## Scripture Readings – April 21, 2024

### GOSPEL LESSON

Jim Moser

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes<sup>a</sup> it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### EPISTLE LESSON

Pastor George Prohaska

I John 3:11-24

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. <sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.