

Reformation Sunday

New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ



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“Sharing the light, faith and love of Jesus with all people.”

October 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Welcome to New Goshenhoppen Church

Lift on Earth requires a lot of “fine tuning.” Our planet is just the right distance from the Sun to allow freezing and melting, and the planetary axis tilted just so for seasons. There is a moon for tides to circulate and cleanse shores and oceans, an atmosphere to distribute heat [otherwise the sun-side would cook as the night-side froze], and a magnetic field that contributes to our protection from harmful solar radiation.

When you ponder creation, it teaches a lesson – all of our needs are met by a Creator who perfectly put it all together for our good and God’s glory.

The other day while driving back from Holidaysburg, there was a spectacular rainbow. We don’t need rainbows and yet, as astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez recently noted, we’re on the only planet in the Solar System to get them. What’s needed for a rainbow is:

Suspended water droplets in the atmosphere and the direct sunlight that results from the sun being between the horizon and 42 degrees latitude. This typically occurs just after a thunderstorm has passed and small droplets are still in the atmosphere, and the sky is clearing in front of the sun. Seems like a simple setup. This must be a common phenomenon in the cosmos, right?

But it isn’t so simple. Our moon doesn’t have the atmosphere. Mars doesn’t have the moisture. Venus has too thin an atmosphere and as we head further out, the other planets don’t have liquid water. So, the only planet to have rainbows is the only one with people on it to see them. It is to get our attention and remind us of God’s promises to us.

We Praise and Confess
The * invites you to rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Triptych on "Foundation" – Alice Jordan

Chiming of the Trinity

Invitation to Worship

The mountains may shake,
but God is our God, and we are God's people.
The waters may roar and rage,
but God's love is unfailing.
The earth may crumble,
but God builds us up.
The waves may crash,
but we will dance with joy.
There may be times of great trouble,
but we have found grace in the wilderness.

*Hymn of Praise: No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – Ein feste Burg

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the grace that is at
work in us through the gift of our baptism---the sign of
your threefold name, the communion of your faithful
people, the promise of your glorious realm. By the power
of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, let your
grace and peace grow in us, until we gather at your

heavenly throne to give you thanks and praise forever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Confession

*Jesus says, if you continue in my word, you are my disciples;
and you will know my truth, and the truth will make you free.
We try to live in Christ's truth, but we still fall short and find
ourselves bound.*

Let us pursue God's Word through our confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**you have been faithful to us,
but we have not been faithful to you.**

**You have established covenants with us,
but we have not upheld our part.**

We have distorted your word for our own gain.

We have claimed you as exclusively ours.

We have focused on power more than discipleship.

We beg your forgiveness.

**Reform us again and make us into the image
of your true church.**

Silent Confession

Word of Pardon

*I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more, says
the Lord.*

***The story continues. God is not done with us. We are
forgiven! Thanks be to God!***

Invitation to Praise

O Lord, open our lips;
and our mouth shall declare your praise.

*Praise

Benedictus es, Domine — John Rutter

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are
wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the ra-di-ance
of your ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.
Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your
ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be-tween the
Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.
Glo-ry to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
hea-ven, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly
Spir-it; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

We Hear and Respond

From the Prophets

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." ¹

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

From a Letter of the Apostle Paul

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Je 31:31-34.

forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Hymn: No. 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St John 8:31-36

Hear the Gospel of Christ.

Glory to Christ our Savior.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

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³ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Jn 8:31-36.

Children of New Goshenhoppen Sing [10:30 a.m.] ***He Leadeth Me***

I am not afraid"

"I will not fear"

"I am not alone, God is here"

"Whatever I do, wherever I may go, if it is hard, He is leading me"

Chorus:

"He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me"

"It is faithful I will be, for His hand He leadeth me"

Verse 2:

"When the rain falls down, when the sun won't shine"

"I will simply place my hand in Thine"

"Content with the stormy sea, knowing it is my God that is leading me"

Verse 3:

"My God is my strength, my God is on His throne"

"My God is in control, I am never alone"

"With peace like a river that guideth me, I can soar like an eagle, forgiven and free"

Bridge:

"When my task on earth is done, when by grace the victory is won"

"When this world I finally free, it will be my God who is leading me"

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. Williams – "PD"

I Know Who You Are!

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**
The third day he rose again from the dead.
**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty.**
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
**I 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.**

Morning Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer [using **debts** and **debtors**]

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings
Give via PayPal, a Credit Card, or Debit Card by
scanning the QR code with your camera



Offertory

*The Doxology: No. 606

Praise God!

**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.**

*Prayer of Thanks

*Hymn of Dismissal: No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

***We go. . .
To share the light, faith and love of Jesus
with all people!***

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Going Forth

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OCTOBER 25, 2026

The People of New Goshenhoppen, Ministers
Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Senior Pastor and Organist
Rev. Dr. Deborah Rahn Clemens, Pastor Emerita
Rev. Erick Kern, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elaine Ely, Minister of Grief Support
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WELCOME VISITORS ~ we're glad you are joining us for worship! Please sign the visitor card located in the pew rack and drop in the offering plate.

BRASS BUCKETS: Ally Kimmel, who works for the Nursery School in the area of Toddler Time and Lunch Bunch Assistant, lost her mother a week ago Friday to Brain Cancer. This past Monday evening she suffered a seizure resulting in Cardiac Arrest. Through heroic efforts of her husband and EMT's they were able to resuscitate Ally. She is now at St. Luke's Hospital, Anderson for extended treatment. The Brass Buckets return to help this family. Pastor Dave will seed the effort with a gift of \$500.00 from Emergency Needs. Nursery School Staff will cover for Ally until she is able to return to her position. The Kimmel Family will have significant medical bills and other needs going forward. Your generous gifts will help them in this difficult time.

BUDGET REVIEW OPPORTUNITY: TODAY at 9:15 a.m., there will be an opportunity to review and learn about the budget for 2027. Will Howe will be in the Confirmation Room and will present the budget. This is an opportunity to ask questions and get first-hand information regarding the 2027 budget. Copies are available at the Sanctuary entrances starting TODAY.

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE: The last full moon campfire for 2026 will take place on **Sunday, October 25th** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Hot dogs will be available for roasting. Bring a chair, a non-alcoholic beverage, and a shareable snack. Full moon is actually on Monday the 26th, but church meetings on that Monday will affect some of our attendees and leaders. Rainy weather cancels.

2027 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup. They are arranged alphabetically and are located on the upper level near the elevator.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026**. So, before retiring for the night, please turn your clocks back by one hour----
FALL BACK.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS: Open Link appreciates our yearly contributions of Christmas gift wrap such as wrapping paper, gift tags, tissue paper, bows, and tape. Please place your items in the container in the Social Room.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our November meeting will be on Monday, November 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the Confirmation Room. Mr. Tom Henry, UPV Historian, will share a power point presentation titled "**Lost to the Reservoir.**" This is a program about the farms and structures of the Upper Perkiomen Valley prior to the construction of the Green Lane Reservoir. *Everyone is invited.* Light refreshments will be served.

FIRST MONDAY MEAL: Chilly temps call for a warm, rich, savory bowl of chili! Join us Monday, November 2. The Upper Montgomery Joint Authority will be serving up a bowl of chili, slice of cornbread, and a piece of spice cake! *Take out style* serving will be from 6:00-7:00 p.m. here at New Gosh. If you prefer to dine in, Pennsburg UCC will be offering spaghetti and meatballs, side salad, garlic bread and a sweet treat (served by your New Gosh family and friends). Dinner there is served promptly at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Land Use Committee has scheduled a trail clean-up day on Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Plan on meeting in the upper church parking lot and bring your clippers along to help cut brush. Thank you!

"FACING GRIEF THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS" – A GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP will be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Memorial Parlor. Rev. Elaine Ely, our Minister of Grief Support, will share insights about grief, guidance for navigating holiday stressors, and resources to help you through hard times ahead. RSVPs are not required, but will be helpful. We encourage you to invite guests or tell others it is available. Questions can be directed to Pastor Elaine at 215-915-4370.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The church is grateful for financial gifts received in the name of loved ones and friends.

STEEPLE FUND

In loving memory of father, Russell Adam, Sr.

by Delores Schuler

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE APPLE DUMPLING FUND-RAISER – JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING! It's autumn and that means apple season! What better way to enjoy a fresh, local apple than to add spices and bake it wrapped in warm, flaky dough! OMC is taking orders for apple dumplings provided by Coventry Parlor at Laurel Locks in Pottstown. Each delicious apple dumpling costs \$7.00. Or, purchase a twin pack for \$13.00. An order form is available in the vestibule outside Fellowship Hall and in the Social Room. Orders may also be placed by contacting Delores Schuler, Debra Brauner, Lois Anastas, or Donna Fried. Email orders may be placed at dfried@newgoshucc.org. **The deadline to order apple dumplings is Monday, November 2nd.** **Apple dumpling orders may be paid for and picked up on Sunday, November 15th in the Social Room after each service.** An OMC member will receive your cash or check made payable to "New Goshenhoppen OMC." Thank you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: **The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 8th, 2026. There will be only one service that morning at 10:30 a.m.** Plan to attend this meeting when we adopt the 2027 budget, elect new Consistory members, and review the designated Meadows Funds. Copies of the budget are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

GAME NIGHT will return on Sunday, November 8 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!!! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided for supper. Kindly bring along a side dish, munchies, or dessert to share. Also bring along any board games or card games you'd like to play. Let the fun begin!

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CALENDARS FOR MEN AT PHOENIX PRISON. Collection boxes are in the Social Room and in the vestibule at the Fellowship Hall entrance. Please remember to conform to the guidelines enforced by the PA DOC: restrictions against all spiral-bound calendars, photo themes that include children, the slightest examples of sexually provocative pictures, and "stickers" of any kind.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have been asked to again assist in preparing hot meals for the Code Blue Shelter in Pennsburg. Our first assignment to prepare meals will be **Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m.** We will be preparing three meals for 10 individuals. If you are interested in helping to prepare and package the meals, please contact Lori Horning at 267.261.7273 or Horningduo@gmail.com. If you are interested in supporting this project by making a monetary donation, please place your donation in the offering plate or submit it to the Church Office. Please be sure it is clearly marked Code Blue meals. Thank you all for your support.

REFORMATION SISTERS THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND FEAST – NOVEMBER 22: The Reformation Sister Congregations will gather for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service and Feast on Sunday, November 22 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Lane beginning at 4:00 p.m. This year, The Rev'd Paula Lebo, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA, will be the guest preacher. Moyer's of Boyertown will cater the meal. We are asked to bring desserts. I know that we know how to make those things well! A sign-up sheet will be on the Social Room bulletin board. The meal is free! Bring your friends and family to worship and to the feast!

BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, November 25 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. *(note: This is a date change from Nov. 10th).* MKBC will be here with a mobile unit collecting blood. If you are able to donate, please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry of the Health and Welfare Committee. You can schedule an appointment by calling MKBC at 1-800-223-6667 and mentioning Group Code E064 or going online to:

https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/89812

WILL YOU PRAY? The Prayer Vigil is fast approaching, and so many need to be uplifted in prayer. Can you spare some time to help with this much needed ministry on Saturday, November 28th between the hours of 12 noon and 10:00 p.m.? The sign-up sheet is in the lower narthex. You can pick up the devotional booklet ("25 Days of Advent" by Kenneth Boa) when you sign up. If you would prefer to pray at home, please call the Church Office, and we will make sure you get the information you need. Any questions can be directed to the Friendship Committee members.

PRAYER REQUESTS: During the Sunday Church service at Phoenix prison, a time is provided for the men to write a prayer request. These prayers are then sent to Rev. Gates to be shared among many churches and individuals. We will be providing opportunities for you to pray for them by putting a few of the prayer requests in the bulletins. First prayer: We are in need of prayer. Our brother, Aaron II, is battling cancer and other ailments—mostly pain and discomfort. We are praying for strength and healing and comfort while the Holy Spirit ministers to him. Amen. Second prayer: I would like to pray for the homeless that are out on the streets. John

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP is Sunday, November 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The advent committee has samples of the crafts on display in the Social Room available at this year's event. We have crafts for all ages! Welcome back Bev Kalb to lead 2 small canvas painting sessions. If you say, "I'm not crafty", no worries; if you find something you would like to make, sign-up. Each craft station will have a leader to guide you through the steps to create your project. Please stop by the Social Room--sign-ups are available starting today, Oct 25 through Sunday, November 15. We do ask that you denote the recommended age listed for specific crafts. Parents are asked to stay and help your little one if needed. This event is free; all are welcome. Snacks will be provided and available during a short break between sessions. We look forward to seeing you there! Should you have questions, please reach out to Denise Fox, Lori Horning or Sheri Ackerman.

BLESSING BOX: Please keep the Blessing Box in your thoughts when you go to the grocery store. One item might be a blessing to a person in need. You can place the item in the Box at your convenience.

YOUTH GROUP OUTREACH-WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Youth Group is partnering with "A Women's Place", a domestic violence support organization. They will be collecting after school snack items for use in their safe houses for the children affected in this way. Please look for boxes in the Social Room and Fellowship Hall for your donations.

THANK YOU from Rene Whary for the birthday and sympathy cards she received, as well as for the many expressions of love, support, and concern.

BULLETINS are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of Gary D. Batzel by sister, Joyce Batzel; and in memory of Steven Miller, husband, father and Pop by Stacie Miller and family.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented in loving memory of our departed members by the quilters of New Goshenhoppen.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (left) are presented in memory of the birthday anniversary of father, Wilmer Gery by daughters, Janis Croisette, Gail Gerhard, Lynn Gery and Lauren Scholl.

THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE PULPIT (right) are presented in loving memory of baby, Ryker Treffinger by parents, Brendan & Molly Treffinger; grandparents, Lisa & Alan Treffinger and family; great-grandmother, Rene Whary; and uncle/aunt, Jeff & Maryellen Whary and family.

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE PULPIT are presented in loving memory of Specialist Ray I. Haas by sisters, brothers, and their families.

ATTENDANCE: 10/18/26 – 8:00 a.m. 44; 10:30 a.m. 49; Livestream 60; Sunday School 44.

OPERATING INCOME 10/18/26: Current & Benevolences including EFT \$3,751; Building, Improvement & Maintenance including EFT \$264.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS:

Year to Date Income	\$499,006.05
less transfers from investments	\$39,446.00
Net	\$459,560.05
Year to Date Expenses	\$493,482.95
Special Income	\$1,264.00
Special Projects Expenses	\$20,149.34
Capital Campaign Income	\$11,325.00
Meadows Paid Back Year to Date	\$23,200.00

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
	9:15 a.m.	Budget Review Opportunity (Confirmation Room)
	9:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class (Senior High Room)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education building)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed)
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Group (Savidge Farm)-pumpkin patch/corn maze
	7:00 p.m.	Full Moon Campfire (Prayer Meditation Wall)
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Consistory (Bible Fellowship Room)
Tues.	8:00 a.m.	Quilting (Pathfinder Room)
	9:30 a.m.	Life Long Learning (various classrooms)
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts (lower-level classrooms)
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (Senior High Room)
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary) – Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School (Christian Education Room)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary & Livestreamed) - Communion

Thank you to our Service Participants

8:00 a.m. Narthex: Stacie Miller
 Roberts' Church Office: Bruce Adam
 Elevator: Donna Fried
 Upper Narthex: Melissa Jamison
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Will Howe

10:30 a.m. Narthex: Denise Fox
 Roberts' Church Office: Cindy Roma
 Elevator: Theodore Kutt
 Upper Narthex: Terry Dworkin
 Liturgist/Acolyte: Thomas Bancroft

THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW GOSHENHOPPEN

As time ticks on, it is now time to begin the celebration of the rich 300-year history of New Goshenhoppen Church. To kick off New Goshenhoppen's 300th anniversary year, the 300th Anniversary Committee will be offering the following items for sale beginning on October 4th until October 25th after each service in the Social Room. Please pay for your purchases when they are ordered.

TOTE BAGS WITH LOGO—\$15.00 EA

ALL CLOTHING ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE IN SIZES YOUTH SMALL TO ADULT XXL AND COLORS GRAY OR WHITE WITH A LOGO IN THE CENTER OF THE CHEST. ANYONE CAN SUPPLY THEIR OWN SHIRT TO BE PRINTED OR EMBROIDERED.

T SHIRTS—\$15.00 EA

SWEATSHIRTS— \$25.00 EA

HOODIES—\$30.00



GOLF SHIRTS WITH A 3 INCH LOGO ON THE
LEFT SIDE OF THE CHEST.

PRINTED LOGO— \$20.00 EA OR
EMBROIDERED LOGO— \$25.00 EA

CONGREGATION SUPPLIED RECIPE COOKBOOKS—
\$15.00 EA

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS— \$5.00 EA

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: '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.'

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

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly host; praise

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

**Or "God"*

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

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