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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MACOMB
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Sunday, August 16, 2026

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**indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.*

Bold type indicates the community's spoken response.

Ringling of the Church Bell

Prelude *The Day of Thy Power* Jack W. Hanford
Don and Kay Norton

You are encouraged to use these moments before the service begins for meditation and quiet reflection.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #395 *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* *Liebster Jesu*

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (unison)
Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be.**

(Time of silent personal confession)

In your mercy forgive us, **that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Assurance of God’s Grace
Receive the assurance of God’s grace from Psalm 103. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father* *Gloria Patri*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:25-32 (NRSVUE)
L: My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word.
P: When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me your statutes. Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
L: My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. Put false ways far from me, and graciously teach me your law.
ALL: I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your ordinances before me. I cling to your decrees, O LORD; let me not be put to shame. I run the way of your commandments, for you enlarge my understanding.

Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession & Thanksgiving & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:10-17, 34-35

Sermon *The Purpose of Parables*

*Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* *Open My Eye*

Special Music *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* arr. Robert Sterling
Don & Kay Norton

Recognition of Offering
Offerings can be placed in the plate at the entrance of the sanctuary.

*Doxology #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Old Hundredth*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* *Ar Hyd y Nos*

*Benediction

Postlude *God Be with You* J. Rankin/W. Tomer
Don & Kay Norton
You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude before leaving the sanctuary.

Thank you to this morning’s worship leaders:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey
Director of Music/Organist: Barb Gossett
Guest Musicians: Don and Kay Norton
Lector: Jeanne Stierman
Tech Director: Grayson DeWitt
Ushers: Charolette Megginson, Becky Fitzgerald, Donna Quesal

A Special Thank you to Don and Kay Norton for sharing their musical gifts with us today. They were members here for a long time and have recently moved back to Macomb! Thanks to Joanie Herbert for accompanying them!

Worship leaders for August 23, 2026:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey
Director of Music/Organist: Barb Gossett
Trombone: Jim Caldwell
Lector: Chuck Nicholson
Tech Director: Booker DeWitt
Ushers: Deb McDaniel, Charlotte Lowderman, Donna Quesal

Our Congregation’s Vision & Mission:

Vision:

A vibrant church growing in our faith and our relationship with the community.

Mission:

We are a church growing together in God's abundant grace.
We are a giving church, gathering to encourage all to shine out our gifts.

Joint Worship Service with Trinity Lutheran Church

August 30, 2026 at 10 a.m.
at
Trinity Lutheran Church
123 South Campbell Street

Lunch to follow



This Week’s Schedule

Today, August 16	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday, August 17	4:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Prairieland Barbershop Practice
Tuesday, August 18	10 - 3 p.m.	PGR Assembly meeting at FPC Springfield
	11:00 a.m.	Rotary meeting
Wednesday, August 19	9:00 a.m.	Bulletin announcements due
	5:00 p.m.	Session Meeting

Thursday, August 20	12:00 p.m. Giving Gardens Lunch
Friday, August 21	5:00 - 7 p.m. Visitation with Linda Miller's Family at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home
Saturday, August 22	10:30 a.m. WTLR for Linda Miller Committal & Luncheon to follow
Sunday, August 23	10:00 a.m. Worship

Happy Birthday to Janine Cavicchia, Nancy Chu, & Bill Sly this week!

Happy Anniversary to Brian & Donna Locke, and Mike & Marsha Davey this week!

Announcements

PW Sunday Morning Circle Team is accepting **donations for the Little Red Wagon**. With your donations we are able to purchase or order the supplies and deliver them directly to Lincoln School. We will be collecting your monetary donations through August. Please make your check out to: Presbyterian Women, with LRW on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

August 30, 2026 we will participate in the first of our joint services with Trinity Lutheran Church. As you have read in the newsletters the Session accepted the invitation from Trinity to host worship services together each time there is a 5th Sunday in the month. Trinity is hosting us this first time, and making us lunch. We will host the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th. We encourage you to come and join with our neighbors for worship, good food, and conversation.

If you are able to help with **Linda Miller's luncheon**, please let Barb Knox know.

We are in need of **lectors for the fall**. If you can serve September - December please sign-up on the sheet on the table outside the office. Thank you.

395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

TEXT: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt.

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

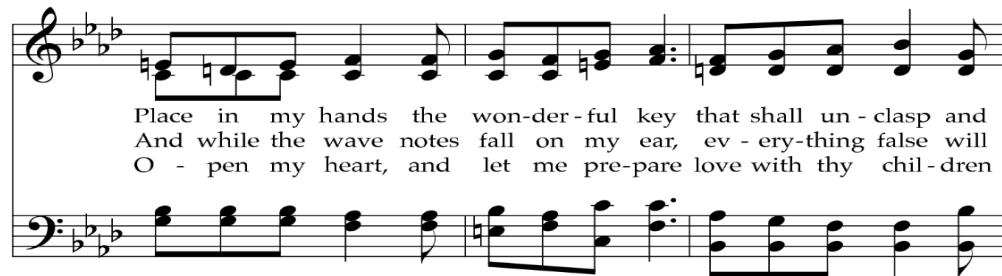
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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

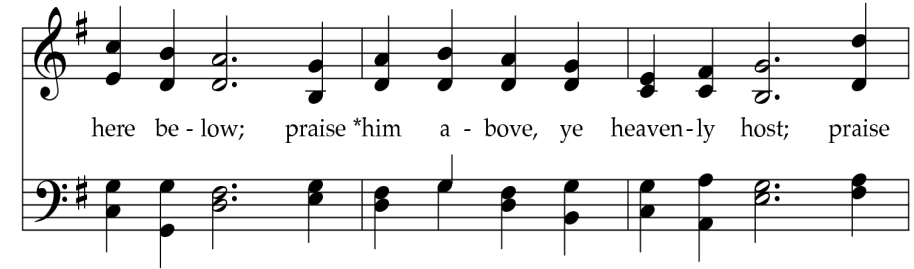


will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

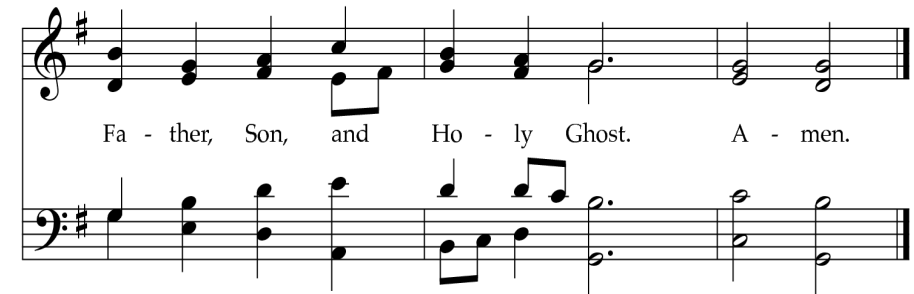
The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

606 Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow
Doxology


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 HUNDREDTH
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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my child - ren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my child - ren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my child - ren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
MUSIC: Welsh Melody, c. 1784
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Music used:
The Day of Thy Power
MUSIC: Jack W. Hanford © 1976 *Mandina Music*

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Open My Eyes, That I May See
TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
MUSIC: arr. Robert Sterling © 1984 *GlorySound*

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MUSIC: Welsh melody
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God Be with You
MUSIC: J. Rankin/W. Timer