

## First Presbyterian Church

Statesville, North Carolina

Founded 1753  
Organized 1764

Upon entering the sanctuary, let us be reverent in silence, fervent in prayer, hearty in praise, and expectant of God's presence.

Please sign and pass the register and, noting one another's names, return it.

The Latin text from which this hymn has been translated may well be older than its earliest printing in a 17th-century collection published in Cologne. It is set to an adaptation of a portion of the Gloria Patri section from a 16th-century choral version of the Magnificat.

**Notes on the Bulletin:**

- (\*) Those who are able in the congregation are asked to stand
- (\*\*) Ushers will seat late arrivers

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

**April 15, 2018**

**Eleven o'clock**

**THE PRELUDE**

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

arr. Rotermund

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**Leader:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another or exchange, by words and gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**THE PRELUDE** *(continued)*

**\*\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen, indeed!**

**Leader:** Beloved, we are God's children now;

**People: when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God.

**\*\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 119**

*"The Strife Is O'er"*

VICTORY

**THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**God of all hope and joy,  
we confess that we continue to live in fear.  
You sent the Lord of life among us  
yet we gave him up to die.  
You raised him from the dead  
yet we still do not believe.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Help us to receive with gratitude  
the great gift of love you offer,  
and live as your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**THE SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** . . . Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

HYFRYDOL (376)

*Breathe, O breathe  
Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.*

**THE CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN**

*This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
This is where children belong.*

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**THE FIRST READING**

Acts 3:12-19

*(following each reading)*

Pew Bible, N.T., pp. 120-121

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE ANTHEM**

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

arr. Christiansen

**THE SECOND READING**

1 John 3:1-7

Pew Bible, N.T., p.240

**THE SERMON**

"Children of God"

Wes Pitts

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust that God has created human beings a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator.**

**God has created male and female  
and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death  
in a succession of generations  
and in a wide complex of social relations.  
God has endowed humans with capacities  
to make the world serve their needs  
and to enjoy its good things.**

**Life is a gift to be received with gratitude  
and a task to be pursued with courage.**

**People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:  
to develop and protect the resources  
of nature for the common welfare,  
to work for justice and peace in society,  
and in other ways to use their creative powers  
for the fulfillment of human life.**

**God expressed love for all humankind through Israel,  
whom God chose to be a covenant people  
to serve him in love and faithfulness.**

The Congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward. Children younger than kindergarten age may go to the nursery following the children's sermon.

After healing a man in the temple, Peter responds to the astonishment of the religious authorities.

John proclaims the depth of God's love to his community.

– from The Confession of 1967, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Written in the midst of the Civil Rights movement, the confession highlights reconciliation through Jesus Christ as its theme.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.  
His faith and obedience were the response  
of the perfect child of God.  
He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel,  
the beginning of the new creation,  
and the pioneer of the new humanity.  
He gave history its meaning and direction  
and called the church to be his servant  
for the reconciliation of the world.**

**\*THE HYMN**

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*"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

**THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*"Our Father in Heaven"*

Telemann

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH (592)

***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.***

**\*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*THE HYMN 375**

*"Lord of All Good"*

TOULON

**\*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

*"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"*  
Sanctuary Choir

Tomer

**\*THE POSTLUDE** *"Lord of All Power and Might"*

Smith

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line.

The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, April 22, 2018

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Psalm 27:1-5

Matthew 6:5-14

Bob DeWitt Preaching

Sermon: "Deliver Us from Evil"

**A WARM WELCOME** in the name of Jesus Christ is extended to everyone worshiping with us. If you have any questions about our church or if you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please speak to a minister or one of the elders. You may join the Presbyterian Church by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer of your letter from another church.

#### **APRIL RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **Elders on Call:**

April 15 — 21

John Gilbert III, Jane Lentz

##### **Sanctuary Guild:**

Robin Downs, Sally Parker

##### **Opening/Closing the Church:**

Rhyne Scott

#### **USHERS TODAY**

Don Searcy, Ryan Oliphant, Katie Long,  
Calvin Alexander, Will Long,  
Jeremy Kauffman, Isaac Kauffman

#### **USHERS APRIL 22**

Jim Tarman, Sloan Goforth, Jason Petree,  
Bob Spencer, Rada Spencer, Lamar  
Austin, Deacon Petree

#### **NURSERY TODAY**

Janice Searcy, Lauren Oliphant

#### **NURSERY APRIL 22**

Sherry George (and girls), Melinda  
Childress

**THE FLOWERS** in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Violet Culler Morrison by Thomas, Melody, Violet, and Lilli Beaty.

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Ann Brady

Mattie Meech

Mary Sanders

Genesis Elder Care

550 Glenwood Dr.

Mooresville, NC 28115

Maureen Snoddy

Elaine Steele

The Pines Health Center, Room 151

Fielding Deaton

Dennis Woodall

Brookdale Peachtree

Bill Gilliam

The Gardens

Becky Kirkman

John Frazier

At Home

**COVER ART:** "John's First Epistle" by Christop Weigel. Description: John writes his first epistle as the image of a dove representing the Holy Spirit and the Latin AMOR (love) appear in the sky.

#### **CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS**

The first of three congregational conversations was held last week. Thanks to all who made it a point to attend. If you were unable to attend, please see David Jones, or another member of the Mission Study Team, for an opportunity to share thoughts and ideas. The next meetings will be April 29 and May 20. They begin at 8:45 am and end at 10:30 am, are held in lieu of Sunday School, and include breakfast provided by the Fellowship Ministry and the Young Men's Bible Class.

**THE MACDOWELL MUSIC CLUB** Spring Variety Show and Dessert will be on Friday, April 27 at 7:00 at Broad Street UMC. The Cherub and Junior Choirs are asked to join in a Community Children's Choir for this event. Songs will include repertoire from *Annie!* Tickets sold at the door. Proceeds benefit music scholarships for local students.

**CHURCH KEYS:** Anyone who is in possession of an old church door key needs to get a new one from the church office.

## THE RESULTS OF MARCH MISSION MADNESS ARE IN!

1. University of Kentucky: 595.2 lbs.
2. NC State University: 432.5 lbs.
3. Wake Forest University: 216.7 lbs.
4. University of Notre Dame: 74.3 lbs.
5. Appalachian State University: 69.5 lbs.
6. University of North Carolina: 51.1 lbs.

We collected a total of 813.1 lbs. of food, 173.4 lbs. of hygiene products, 16 lbs. of pet food, and 436.8 lbs. of water for Iredell Christian Ministries. The total of the donation is 1439.3 lbs. - a great effort all around, for which all teams should be proud. Thanks for your participation, and we hope for increased competition next year!

**CLINKERS** meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Reservations should be made with Kathy Carpenter by calling her at (704) 929-3920 by next Tuesday.

**CHERUB AND JUNIOR CHOIRS** will sing on Youth Sunday, April 29 and on Sunday, May 6.

# The Lake Norman Orchestra



**The Lake Norman Orchestra**  
*Eduardo Cedeño, Conductor*

**HOPE IN SPRINGTIME**  
**A BENEFIT CONCERT**

**Sunday, April 22, 2018 3:00 p.m.**

**1st Presbyterian Church**  
125 N Meeting St  
Statesville, NC 28677

**FREE Admission**

*Donations will benefit American Territories affected by recent natural disasters.*

**Website: [lknorchestra.org](http://lknorchestra.org)**

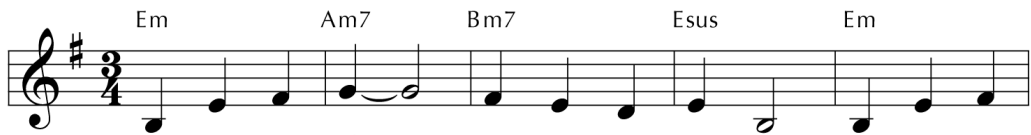


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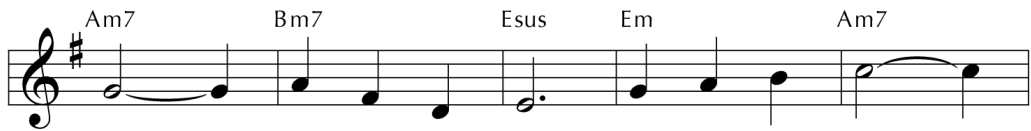
FPC will host the Lake Norman Orchestra on April 22 at 3:00. The orchestra will be joined by guest organist, Dreama Lovitt of Winston-Salem and the Sanctuary Choir.

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

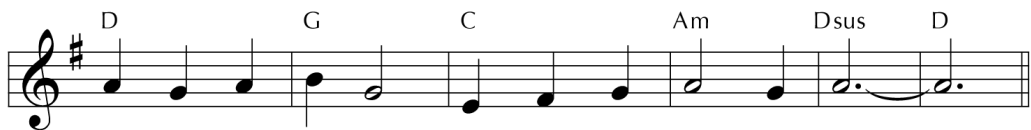
## Christ, Be Our Light



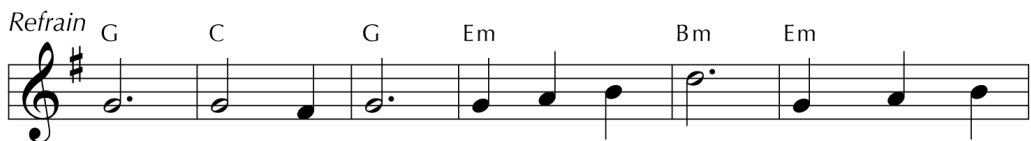
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



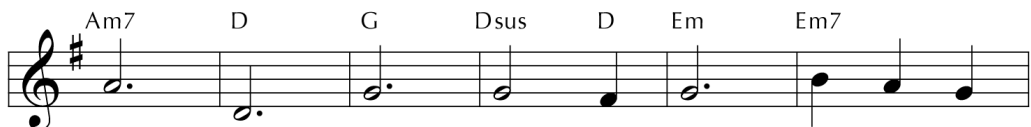
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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# THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday April <b>15</b>	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. CE Ministry 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth Group
Monday April <b>16</b>	6:30 p.m. Water into Wine
Tuesday April <b>17</b>	12:30 p.m. O.W.L.S. 6:30 p.m. Circle 3
Wednesday April <b>18</b>	10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. The Gospels 4:00p.m. Cherub Choir 4:45 p.m. Junior Choir 5: 45 p.m. Handbell Choir 6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thursday April <b>19</b>	6:30 p.m. Clinkers
Sunday April <b>22</b>	9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Lake Norman Orchestra 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner 6:30 p.m. Youth Group FCJ Deadline

Wes Pitts      Director of Christian Education  
 Melody Morrison Beaty      Director of Music  
 Neal Hayes      Organist



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