

# Welcome

**PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 10:00 am

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**Prelude**

Improvisation on *Guide My Feet*  
Shea Marshall, tenor saxophone • Aleks Izotov, piano

**Lighting of the Candles**

Taylor Parker

**Words of Welcome**

Wes Avram

**Call to Worship**

Wes Avram

**\* Opening Hymn**

*Guide My Feet*

No. 354, vs. 1-3, 6

1 *Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

3 *Stand by me while I run this race,  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

2 *Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

4 *Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!*

**Prayer of Adoration**

Taylor Parker

**Call to Confession**

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*  
Chancel Choir

Michael Hegeman  
South African Melody

**Common Confession and Assurance (unison)**

Michael Hegeman

Lord, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, hope for our despair, peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, forgiveness for our sin, love for our hates, thy Self for our self. Lord, Lord, open unto us! Now hear our silent prayers of confession. (Silence.)

**\* Congregational Response**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Jacques Berthier

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

**\* Passing of the Peace**

Michael Hegeman

Choral Response

Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Our Common Life

Wes Avram

Ministry Moment

Kim Bussey on behalf of the Fran Park Center

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online at [pinnaclepres.org/give](http://pinnaclepres.org/give)

Offertory

Musical Offering

*Let Everything That Hath Breath*  
Chancel Choir, Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, director  
Shea Marshall, tenor saxophone • Aleks Izotov, piano

Jeffrey L. Ames

*Sing unto the Lord a new song.  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.  
Declare His glory among the nations.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!*

*Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together.  
Hallelujah, bless His name for He's worthy to be praised.  
Clap your hands all ye people. Shout with a voice of triumph!  
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!*

*Come on and praise, let's all praise His name,  
Give Him the highest praise!  
Praise Him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance.  
Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands.  
Sing "Hallelujah," praise His holy name.  
For the Lord is worthy to be praised! Let's praise the Lord!*

\* Doxology (*Old Hundredth*, no. 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:1-10

Wes Avram

Sermon

*Losing Grip pt 2: Decenter Your Faith*

Wes Avram

Common Prayer, Lord's Prayer (unison)

Michael Hegeman

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*We'll Understand It Better By and By*

see bulletin music

*1 We are often tossed and driv'n  
On the restless sea of time,  
Somber skies and howling tempests  
oft succeed a bright sunshine.  
In that land of perfect day,  
When the mists have rolled away,  
We will understand it better by and by.*

*Refrain:  
By and by when the morning comes,  
When the saints of God are gathered home,  
We will tell the story how we've overcome;  
For we'll understand it better by and by.*

*2 We are often destitute  
Of the things that life demands,  
Want of food and want of shelter,  
thirsty hills and barren lands.  
We are trusting in the Lord,  
And according to His Word,  
We will understand it better by and by. [Refrain]*

*3 Temptations, hidden snares  
Often take us unawares,  
And our hearts are made to bleed  
for some thoughtless word or deed,  
And we wonder why the test,  
When we try to do our best,  
But we'll understand it better by and by. [Refrain]*

**The Charge**

Wes Avram

**Sending Music**

Improvisation on *We'll Understand It Better By and By*  
Shea Marshall, tenor saxophone • Aleks Izotov, piano

\* Please rise, lift your head, lift your arms, or lift your spirit.

Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer of Howard Thurman (1900-1981).

# Scripture

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## Hebrews 11:1-10

### The Meaning of Faith

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

### The Examples of Abel, Enoch, and Noah

4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." 6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7 By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

### The Faith of Abraham

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

# Notes of Interest

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**Ushers** are Mary & Chuck Goldthwaite, Beth Heisler, and Rick Hess; **Head Usher** is Lisa Ann Ranson.

**Student Greeters** are Addison & Alivia Juhl.

**The Flowers** are given by the Dodge family in memory of Fred and by John Mattox in memory of Jack & Dorothy Mattox.

**The Sympathy of the Congregation** is extended to the family of Gil Eckler.

**About the Lord's Prayer:** In response to our just completed worship emphasis on the Lord's Prayer, we are using the more recent translation of the Lord's Prayer from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, 2018 edition, in today's service. Worshippers may want to pray in versions or languages of their choosing. A variety of voices, words, and languages may join together in a shared voice of prayer.

# Prayer Requests

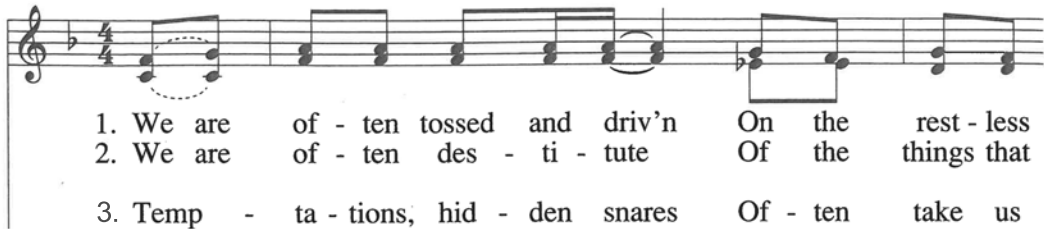
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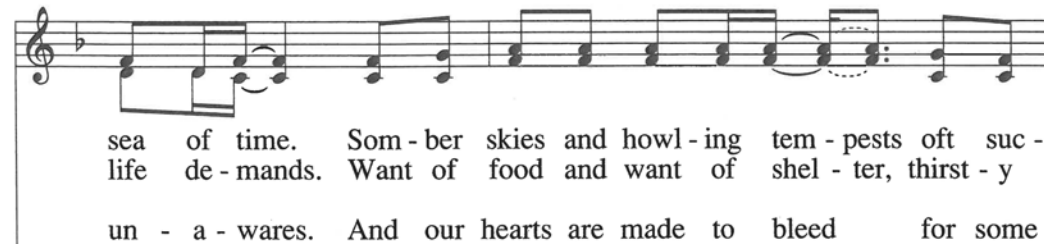
- *For 3-year-old Lucy in Texas, fighting leukemia;*
- *For Ted's disappearance of prostate cancer following radiation;*
- *For Eddie, in hospice;*
- *For Ave, as her husband Joe has passed away;*
- *For our men and women in the military.*

Contact Lisa Boswell at [prayer@pinnaclepres.org](mailto:prayer@pinnaclepres.org) or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.

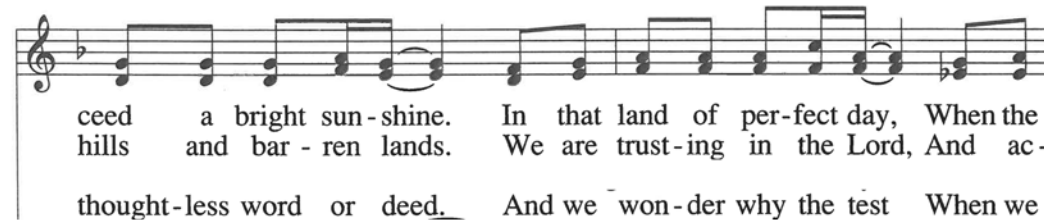
# WE'LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY



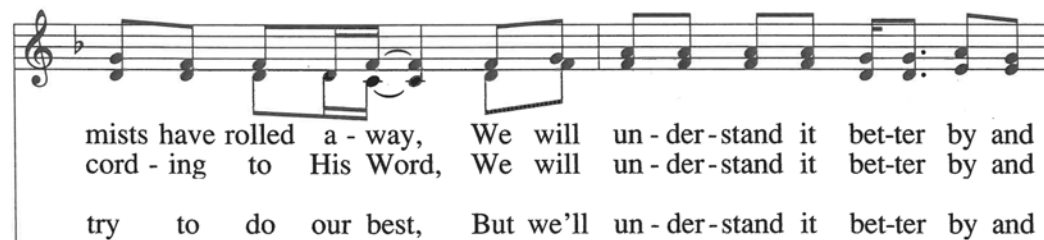
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2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute Of the things that  
3. Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares Of - ten take us



sea of time. Som - ber skies and howl - ing tem - pests oft suc -  
life de - mands. Want of food and want of shel - ter, thirst - y  
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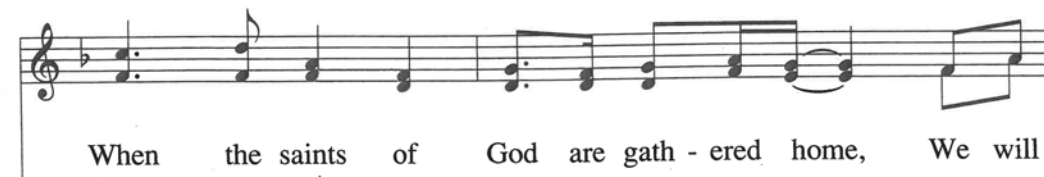
ceed a bright sun - shine. In that land of per - fect day, When the  
hills and bar - ren lands. We are trust - ing in the Lord, And ac -  
thought - less word or deed. And we won - der why the test When we



mists have rolled a - way, We will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and  
cord - ing to His Word, We will un - der - stand it bet - ter by and  
try to do our best, But we'll un - der - stand it bet - ter by and



by. By and by when the morn - ing comes,



When the saints of God are gath - ered home, We will



tell the sto - ry how we've o - ver - come; For we'll



un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by.