Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service **All Saints' Day** **November 1, 2026**

A warm welcome is extended to all.

CHIMES

Three chimes initiate our worship representing the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who calls us into being and worship.

WELCOME Rev. Troy Thomas

THE LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION and THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
- Barry Holmes/finance and pledge update

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Aurelia"* John S Dixon

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP Kaylee Hilston

One: From the east and west, south and north,
All: God leads us, and we give thanks.
One: Through wastelands and wilderness,
All: God leads us, and we give thanks.
One: Out of desperation,
All: God leads us, and we give thanks.
One: Praise to the Gatherer and Redeemer.
All: Your promise awaits.

*HYMN #756 *O God of Every Nation* LLANGLOFFAN

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

*TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: May the Lord bless us with peace! (Worshipers are now invited to turn to their neighbor and to the camera extending the peace of Christ. Please be considerate of others who may choose to sign or elbow bump with concerns of passing illness and infection.)

*HYMN #581 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (**unison**) Laurie Wesely

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING Joshua 3:7-17 (OT- p.186)

ANTHEM *O God Beyond All Praising* arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:

We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept our love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:

To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Kaylee Hilston

SECOND READING Matthew 23:1-12 (NT- p.24)

SERMON *The Least and the Greatest* Rev. Thomas

to Respond to the Word,

*HYMN #824 *There Is a Place of Quiet Rest* MC AFEE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **(unison)** The Nicene Creed (hymnal p.34)

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHP – Christian Education Committee Jen Gardner
Stewardship from the Pew Syd Cuningham

OFFERTORY *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Matt Schinske

*DOXOLOGY #698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am* TAKE ME AS I AM

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE – We welcome all to the Lord's Table

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 35, hymnal

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Ushers will invite you to the table by rows where an elder will give you bread.
*The center station is **gluten free**. Please eat your bread and move to the second elder who will give you an individual cup. Drink the cup and return to your seat using the outside aisles OR you may return to your seat with both elements and consume them when you are ready.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION – remembering the saints

and to be Sent with the Word.

*HYMN #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES

Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
signal the end of our worship sending us forth into a new week of service.

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***Please stand as you are able.**

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the **Glory of God** by Jim Farlow in memory of his beloved wife Carol, honoring her birthday on October 27.

Members of Clemmons Presbyterian Church who entered the church triumphant since Nov. 2025

Mary Brookwell	Andy Dinkins	Cindy Nance
Bonnie Nicol	Hank Odem	Nancy Shelton
Donald Tedder	Larry Welch	Terry Whitlatch

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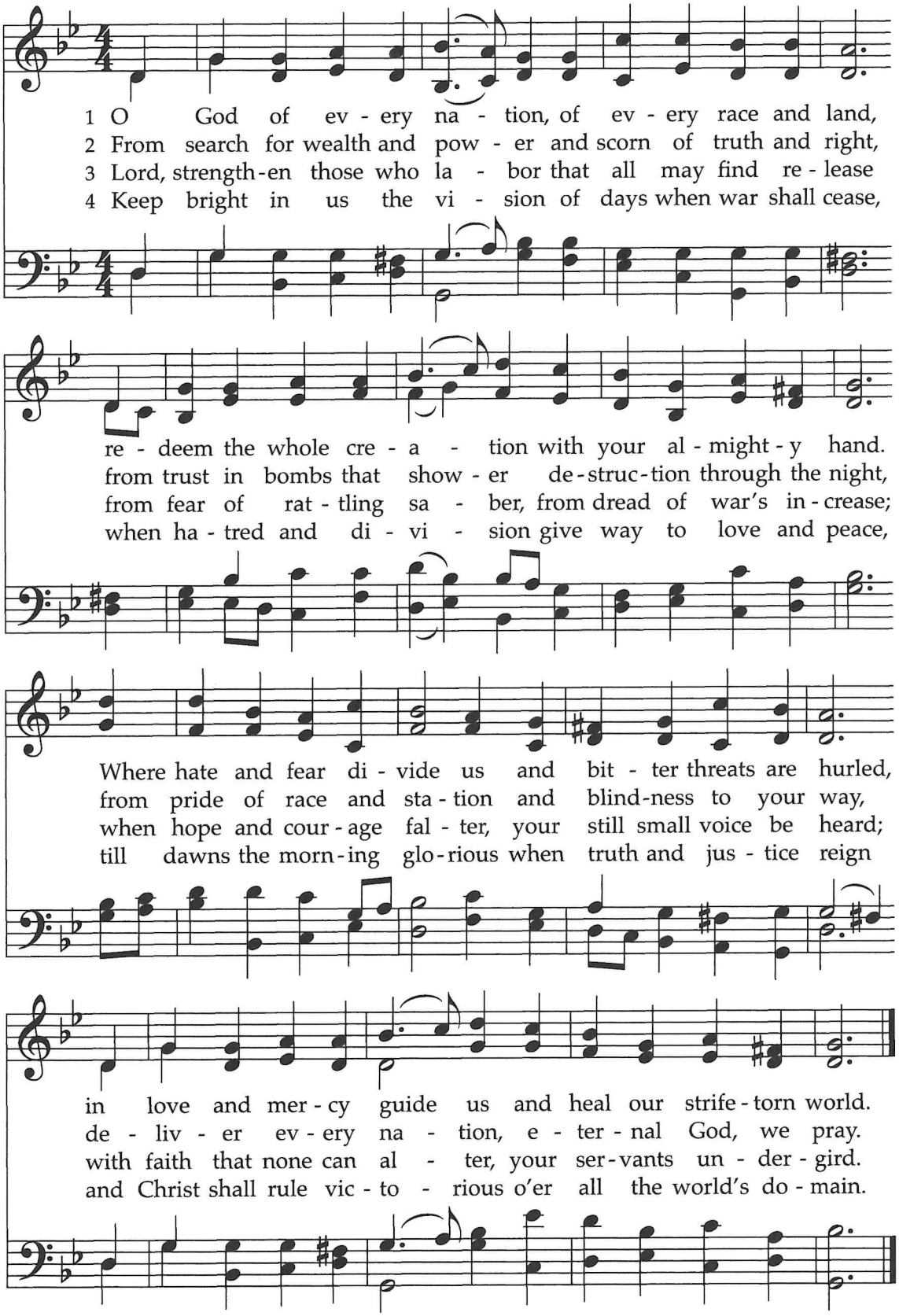

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

TEXT: William W. Reid Jr., 1958, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant,* 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906
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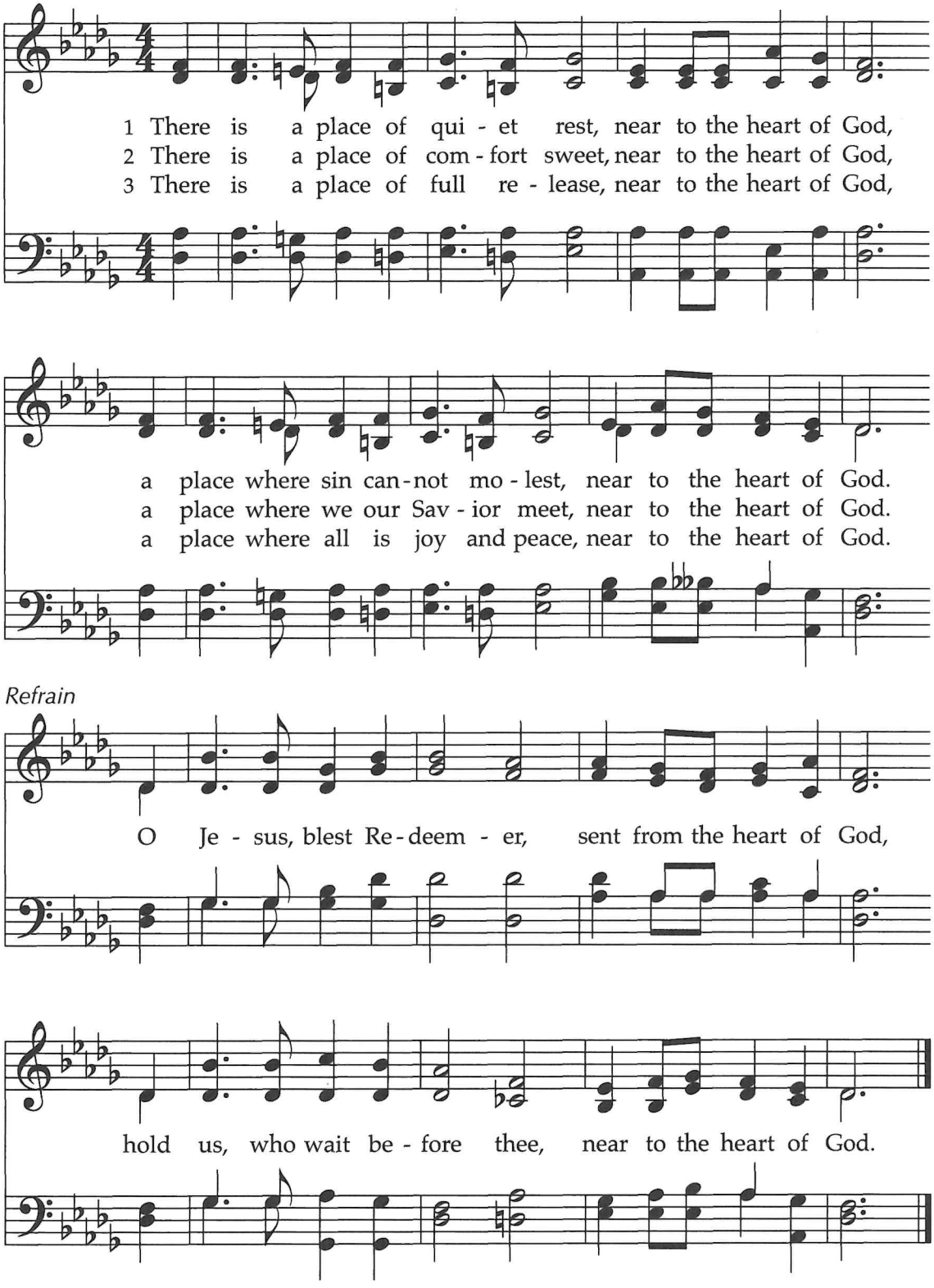
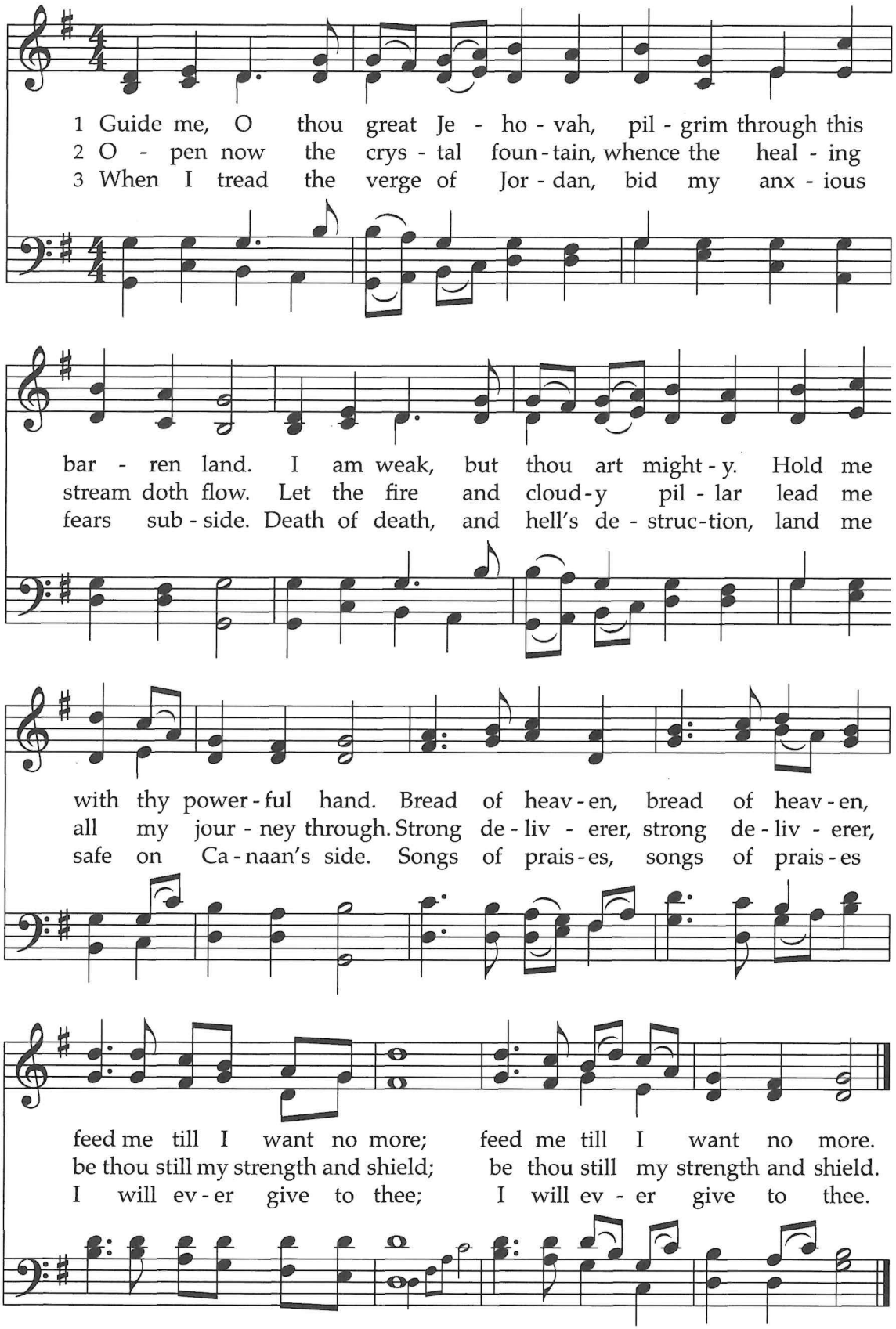
There Is a Place of Quiet Rest 824

Near to the Heart of God

A Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director in Missouri wrote this simple but moving hymn in response to the death of two young nieces from diphtheria. By distilling such personal grief into the shared assurances of faith, these words have brought comfort to many.

TEXT and MUSIC: Cleland Boyd McAfee, 1901

MC AFEE
CM with refrain

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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