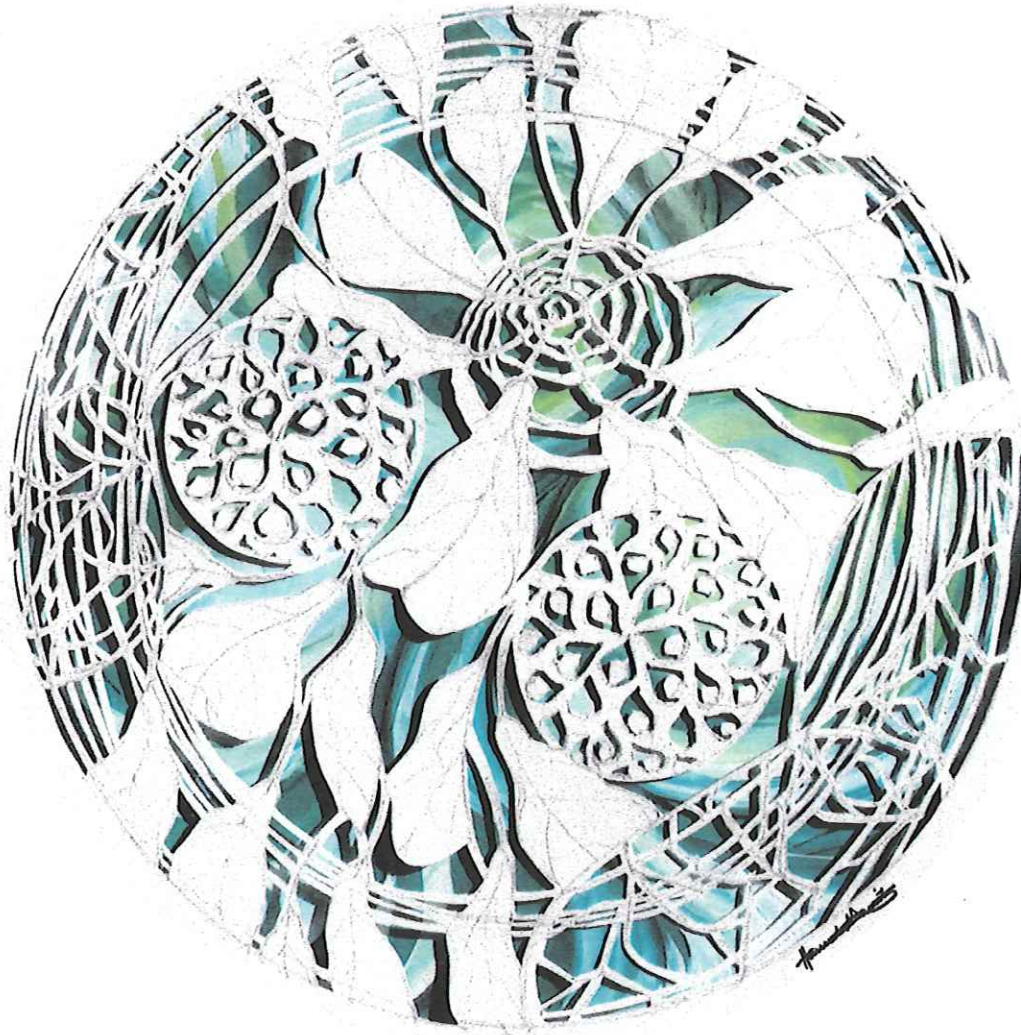


THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHIPPANY



**LENTEN WORSHIP**  
March 23, 2025, 10:15 AM



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*For contemplation: Imagine yourself in this piece. Where would you be and how would you interact with what surrounds you? Look at the images. What story do you assign to each of them? What emotions would you give to them? Finally, observe your own emotions. How does this image make you feel?*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti  
Elder Josh Willans

INTROIT

Christie Seyfarth

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Worship is a place to rest.  
**People: We breathe deeply here.**  
Leader: We still our aching bones.  
**People: We sit in the quiet.**  
Leader: We surround ourselves with music.  
**People: Worship is a place to rest.**  
Leader: Worship is a place to grow.  
**People: We listen for God's word.**  
Leader: We invite it to challenge us.  
**People: We lean in with curiosity.**  
Leader: We ask questions.  
**People: Worship is a place to grow.**  
Leader: So come into this space.  
Come rest and grow here.  
**People: For where two or more are gathered,  
God is always there.**  
Leader: Let us worship our gracious God.

\*HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Holy God,  
There are days when we fail to rest.  
We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation.  
We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.  
There are also days when we fail to act.  
We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.  
We find excuses and justify our inaction.  
God, forgive our imbalance.  
Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly.  
Show us how to do the same. Amen.**

*Silent prayer...*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

**People:** **God's grace is deeper than the ocean.  
God's love is wider than the sky.  
We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven.  
May this realization change and inspire us.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*SHARING SIGNS OF CHRIST'S PEACE

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

\*SONG

"Sanctuary," 3x

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### A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:6-9

*The Parable of the Fig Tree*

SERMON

"Rest & Growth"

The Rev. Sarah J. Cairatti

\*HYMN

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*You are invited to share your joys and concerns.*

"For N. and N. we pray to the Lord." **Amen.**

"For N. and N. we praise the Lord!" **Amen.**

### 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.**

\*OFFERTORY HYMN      "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"      GTG#543

God be the love to search and keep me  
God be the prayer to move my voice  
God be the strength to now uphold me  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me

Bind to myself the name of Holy  
Great cloud of witnesses enfold  
Prophets, apostles, angels witness  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight  
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind  
Depth of the sea to soil of planet  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me

Walking behind to hem my journey  
Going ahead to light my way  
And from beneath, above, and all ways  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me

Christ in the eyes of all who see me  
Christ in the ears who hear my voice  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Christie Seyfarth

Please take a seat to enjoy the postlude.

\*Those who are able may stand

## **WELCOME, VISITORS AND OLD FRIENDS...**

We're glad you are with us this morning, and we invite you to participate fully in all parts of the worship service. Throughout the week, if you would like more information about the church, to ask a question, or if you would like to share a prayer concern, please email [fpcwhippany@gmail.com](mailto:fpcwhippany@gmail.com) or call the church office and leave a message 973-887-2197.

**Calendar of Events** -For a full calendar of church events, please visit [www.whippanychurch.com](http://www.whippanychurch.com)

### **Sunday, March 23**

9:30 AM Choir Warm-up  
10:15 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

### **Monday, March 24**

7:30 PM Deacon Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 25**

10:00 AM Brunch Club at Whippany Diner

### **Wednesday, March 26**

10:00 AM Bible Study

### **Friday, March 28**

6:30 PM Family Night: Jesus Loves You S'more

### **Sunday, March 30**

9:30 AM Choir Warm-up  
10:15 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

*If you would like to make a donation to the church,  
please access our online giving page  
at [www.whippanychurch.com/give](http://www.whippanychurch.com/give) or  
mail your gift to the church office.*



**Friday March 28, 2025**

**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

(Come and go as you please)

**Join us for an evening of fun!**

**Crafts ~ Scavenger Hunt**

**Community Outreach**

**&**

**YUMMY S'MORES!!**

*\*Make it a whole evening of fun -  
get a pizza for dinner at Whippany Pizza  
(right next door) before the festivities begin!\**

## 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this  
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing  
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me  
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me  
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.  
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

# Sanctuary

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Therefore honor God. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and

ho - ly, tried and true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a

liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You. Lord, pre -

*Optional repeat chorus setting*

pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true;

With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs  
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

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PURITY AND HOLINESS

slowly

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3. The melody starts on D3, moving through E-flat3, F3, G3, A3, B-flat3, and C4, ending on a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3. The accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line: G2, F2, E-flat2, D2, C2, B-flat1, A1, G1, F1, E-flat1, D1, C1, B-flat0, A0, G0. The piece concludes with a final whole note chord of G2, B-flat2, and D3.

You. I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 172

RESIGNATION CMD

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

C C G C G Am AmG C Am Em F C G C

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is His name:  
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;  
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

In pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream.  
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way.  
O may Your House be my a-bode, And all my work be praise.

G C F C Dm G C Am Em F Dm Am

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back, When I for-sake His ways;  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta-ble spread;  
There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.  
My cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, Your oil a-noints my head.  
No more a strang-er, or a guest, But like a child at home.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHIPPANY

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