
Overbrook Presbyterian Church



Worship Service
September 24, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Overbrook Presbyterian Church
We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

Notes on Today's Service

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Leading Worship Today:

The Rev, Dr. Adam Hearlson, Pastor
Sharon Parker, Liturgist
Dr. Christopher Gage, Director of Music
The Overbrook Choir
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Today's chancel flowers are given by the glory of God.

Childcare is available during the worship service. Worship is for all ages, but excellent childcare is provided in our nursery should you wish to use it.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymns are Available.

Please speak to one of the ushers if you have special needs.

Following worship today, all are welcome to join Fellowship Hour
in the Wistar Morris Room.

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare for worship and remember to silence all cell phones before the service.

❖=Stand as you are able

GATHERING IN

PRELUDE

Prelude on “St. Columba”
 (“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”)

Henry Ley
(1887-1962)

INTROIT

I Bind unto Myself Today

Irish melody,
arr. C. V. Stanford

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.

Attr. St. Patrick (5th century)

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharon Parker

From St. Patrick

Leader: May the Strength of God pilot us.
People: **May the Power of God preserve us.**
Leader: May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
People: **May the Hand of God protect us.**
Leader: May the Way of God direct us.
People: **May the Shield of God defend us.**
Leader: May the Host of God guard us.
People: **Against the snares of the evil ones.**
Leader: Against temptations of the world.
People: **May Christ be with us!**
Leader: May Christ be before us!
People: **May Christ be in us,**
Leader: Christ be over all!
All: **May Thy Salvation, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore.**

❖HYMN No. 618 (*on next page*)

ST. PATRICK

I Bind unto Myself Today
(verses 2 through 4)



2. I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by power of
3. I bind un - to my - self to - day the vir - tue
4. I bind un - to my - self to - day the power of



faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
God to hold and lead, God's eye to watch, God's



Jor - dan riv - er, his death on cross for my sal -
giv - ing ray, the white - ness of the moon at
might to stay, God's ear to heark - en to my



va - tion, his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his
e - ven, the flash - ing of the light - ning free, the
need, the wis - dom of my God to teach, God's



rid - ing up the heav - en - ly way, his
whirl - ing wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the
hand to guide, God's shield to ward, the



com - ing at the day of doom, I
sta - ble earth, the deep salt sea a -
word of God to give me speech, God's



bind un - to my self to - day.
round the old e - ter - nal rocks.
heav - en - ly host to be my guard.

WELCOME

Adam Hearlson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND COURAGE (*unison*)

Sharon Parker

By David Adam

Leader: Lord, we heard that you were hungry and we did not share our food.

People: Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Leader: Lord, we heard you were thirsty
And we kept the drink for ourselves

People: Forgive us, Lord, forgive

Leader: Lord, we saw you as a stranger
And we closed our door and our heart.

People: Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Leader: Lord, we saw you go naked
And we fussed about our clothes.

People: Forgive us, Lord, forgive

Leader: Lord, we discovered that you were sick
And we avoided contact with you.

People: Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Leader: Lord, we heard that you were in prison
And we pretended we did not know you.

People: Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Leader: Lord, you came to us again and again
And we were closed up in ourselves.

All: Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*on next page*)

I Bind unto Myself Today

(verse 5)

5. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me,
Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me,

Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me,
Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

Christ be - side me, Christ to win me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ to com - fort and re - store me.
Christ in mouth of friend and strang - er.

SILENT CONFESSION

EMBRACING GOD'S GRACE

Sharon Parker

I Bind unto Myself Today

(verse 6)



6. I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name



of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of



whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther,



Spi - rit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my sal -



va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Romans 12:1-2

Pew Bible, p. 151
Sharon Parker

BIBLICAL STORYTELLING

Molly Andrews Burke

(Following the storytelling, learners in Pre-K through Grade 5
are encouraged to recess to Sunday School.)

SOLO

Gaelic Blessing
Matthew Lulofs, baritone

Gwyneth Walker
(b. 1947)

GOSPEL LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 28:5-7

Pew Bible, p. 32
Adam Hearlson

SERMON

“Transformation and St. Patrick”
*(Following the sermon, youth Grades 6-12
are encouraged to recess for Sunday School.)*

Adam Hearlson

❖HYMN No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

❖AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the United Church of Canada (1968)

Adam Hearlson

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

LIFE AT THE CROSSROADS

Adam Hearlson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Marc Alfonce

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

Marc Alfonce

One: Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the son of Peace to you.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(The offering plate is beneath the lectern for your use during or after the service.)

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

God Is My Strong Salvation

The Overbrook Choir

Richard Shephard

(1949-2021)

God is my strong salvation; no enemy I fear;
He hears my supplication, dispelling all my care;
If he, my head and master, defend me from above,
What pain or what disaster can part me from his love?

I fully am persuaded, and joyfully declare,
I'm never left unaided, my Father hears my prayer.
His comforts never fail me, He stands at my right hand;
When tempests fierce assail me, they're calm at his command.

The ground of my profession is Jesus and his blood.
He giveth me possession of everlasting good.
to me his spirit speaketh many a precious word
Of rest to him who seeketh a refuge in the Lord.

My merry heart is springing, it can no more be sad;
With laughter and with singing, in God's own sunshine glad.
For Christ is now preparing his City new and bright;
Where saints his throne are sharing, and faith is turned to sight.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676),

tr. J. C. Jacobi (1670-1750)

❖ DOXOLOGY

HYMN No. 607

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

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sharon Parker

Redeeming God, transform these gifts. May they become food for the hungry, medicine for the sick, compassion for the needy, and companionship for the lonely. Redeeming God, transform our lives so that in giving, we might resemble you. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

❖ HYMN No. 694

AURELIA

Great God of Every Blessing

❖BENEDICTION

Adam Hearlson

CHORAL RESPONSE

O God, Who Has Called Us

Eleanor Daley
(b. 1955)

POSTLUDE

Postlude, op. 101, no. 3

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

*Please depart quietly for those who wish to listen to the postlude.
If you have a child or children who attended Sunday School,
you may meet them in the Chapel.*

Music Spotlight: Solo

Today's solo is a musical setting of the text that we currently say at the Sharing of Peace: "Deep peace of the running wave to you..." Composer Gwyneth Walker writes these notes about this movement of her set *Prayers and Blessings*:

"The text for this song is a series of blessings for peace. In keeping with the simplicity and repetition of the text, the music is formed by a series of four-measure phrases (blessings). The blessings are similar in contour, each spanning an interval of a fourth. Growth is achieved through repetition and some dynamic contrast. However, the principal aesthetic of this song is constancy and gentle flow.

"Only at the end of the song, when the voice descends into the deep range, is the melodic contour altered, and dynamic contrast introduced. As the voice ends on low tones, the [accompaniment rises], perhaps to the source of peace."

THIS WEEK AT OPC: 09/24-10/01

Sun	24	9:15 A.M. Adult Forum	Chapel
		10:30 A.M. Worship	Sanctuary
		10:45 A.M. Children's Sunday School	SS Rooms
		11:15 A.M. Youth Sunday School	Adam's Office
		11:45 A.M. Fellowship Hour	Wistar Morris
		12:00 P.M. Mission/Outreach Mtg	Chapel
		12:15 P.M. Youth Fellowship (Phillies Game)	Philadelphia
Mon	25	9:00 A.M. Youth Service Day (Farminary)	Princeton
Tue	26	7:30 A.M. Tuesday Morning Prayer Group	Online
Wed	27	10:30 A.M. Bible Study	Chapel
		7:00 P.M. Property Meeting	Online
Thur	28	6:30 P.M. Handbell Rehearsal	Bell Choir Rm
		7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal	Choir Rm
Fri	29	6:30 P.M. Women's Dining Circle	Cosgriffs' home
Sat	30	10:00 A.M. CFM Training	Chapel
Sun	01	9:00 A.M. Confirmation Class	Adam's office
		9:15 A.M. Adult Forum	Chapel
		10:30 A.M. Worship	Sanctuary
		11:45 A.M. Fellowship Hour	Wistar Morris
		12:00 P.M. CFM Family Gathering Training	Chapel
		12:15 P.M. Junior Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
		3:00 P.M. Blessing of the Animals	Parking Lot

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

October Adult Forum—Sundays, 9:15 to 10:15 A.M. Begin the day in the Chapel with opportunities for shared learning and fellowship. The coffee will be perking, and the welcome will be warm. The Adult Forum schedule for next Sunday, October 1, is as follows:

October 1 *"Salting the Earth: A Call to Protect Our Watersheds"*—Steven Goldsmith, Associate Professor of Environmental Science, Villanova University, convener

***CFM Participation Form Deadline October 1st** -Caregivers: a new, easy-to-fill online form has been rendered for your convenience. For more detailed information, please see **CFM Announcements** on page 15 of the bulletin.

Women's Dining Circle—Friday, September 29, 6:30 P.M. The Women's Dining Circle returns on Friday evening. We will gather at the home of Elizabeth Cosgriff and Joe Piatt to support the New Sanctuary Movement, the agency that is receiving the immigrants being sent to Philadelphia from Texas. More information and an evite will follow shortly, but mark your calendars now. If you would like to be added to the email list, please contact Carol Rozmiarek (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

The Women's Dining Circle is a mission of Overbrook Presbyterian Church. The group is comprised of Overbrook women and friends who dine together, socialize and learn about and support a non-profit organization. Donations are collected at each meal and matched by the Mission & Outreach Committee and sent to further the work of the sponsored organization.

Sing with the Junior Choir!—Sunday, October 1, 12:15 to 1:00 P.M. Anyone aged 6 to 12 is invited to join Director of Music Chris Gage for an afternoon of singing in the Choir Room. We will rehearse every Sunday for four weeks, then sing in worship at the end of the month. This opportunity is a wonderful short-term commitment for children who enjoy singing joyfully and learning about music in a fun environment. And for the parents, the Junior Choir teaches children important lessons and skills, such as the fundamentals of music, teamwork, and religious values. For more information, contact Chris Gage (music@overbrookpresb.org).

The Blessing of the Animals—Sunday, October 1, 3:00 P.M. All creatures great and small are invited to gather on the church lawn for a special blessing. Pastor Adam and Seminarian Marc welcome special companions, whether they bark, meow, sing, swish, or slither. If your companion pet is unable to travel, please feel free to bring their picture. Favorite stuffed animals are also welcome. In the event of inclement weather, the Blessing of the Animals will take place in the Sanctuary.

Fall Inquirer's Class—Sundays, October 15 and October 22, 9:00 A.M. Have you been attending OPC and considering membership here? Are you curious to know more about Presbyterianism and how our church is organized and makes decisions? Do you want to know more about our members and opportunities to serve our community? Bring your burning questions and join Adam Hearlson in the Williamson Room for an exploration of all things Overbrook. Coffee and refreshments will be served to fortify our robust discussion. RSVP to Elizabeth Mendoza (egmendoza@comcast.net), and please let us know if you would appreciate childcare during these classes.

Kensington Project—Sunday, October 8. For some time, members of Overbrook have been visiting neighbors in Kensington to deliver food, toiletry items, clothing, blankets, and more. What we also bring is the love of God. This is a mission of charity, kindness, and respect for those who are unhoused, addicted, and unwell. In partnership with Dawn McGinnis and Krista Dorseneo of the Kensington Project, we will be increasing our presence in Kensington with one visit per month through the end of 2023. Youth will be making meals and preparing other items to deliver. We are also setting aside space in the church to collect needed items on an ongoing basis. Please consider donating of any of the following items:

Adult Clothing (season appropriate)	Suitcases/large tote/duffel bags
Socks and Underwear	Toiletry items (body wipes, travel size shampoo, disposable razors, chapstick lotion, hand and foot warmers)
Blankets	
Sleeping Bags	
Suitcase/large tote/duffel bags	

Our next visit is scheduled for October 8. Youth will gather before church to prepare a hot breakfast to take and serve. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Taste of Overbrook—Saturday, October 21, 5:30 P.M. It's time! We are starting earlier in the evening this year so you can enjoy the patio and have a little bit more fellowship before the festivities kick off. For those of you who are new to OPC, "Taste of Overbrook" is a celebration of the many cultures that bring us together.

Organizing this event is a big task, and the Stewardship Committee needs your help! Currently, at the top of our to-do list, is gathering items for the live auction. Perhaps you have a mountain or beach house weekend to share? Tickets to a local sporting or music event? Willingness to prepare dinner for friends? Contact Keedra Carroll (keedracarroll@gmail.com) with any ideas or if you would like to help gather items for the live auction.

If you have a favorite dish you'd like to make, sign-up sheets will be available, or you can contact Carol Rozmiarek (carol@overbrookpresb.org).

In the meantime, **early bird ticket sales end today.** These tickets offer a \$5 discount off the regular price of \$30 for adults, \$20 for teenagers (ages 13-17) and \$10 for children (ages 5-12). Tickets can also be purchased by scanning the QR code at right.



Youth Announcements

Confirmation Class of 2023-24—beginning Sunday, October 1, 9:00 A.M. Pastor Adam and Director of CFM Anthony are thrilled to announce that OPC's next Confirmation Class will begin in October. For now, age-eligible individuals (12+) can expect to receive an invitation via their caregiver's email address. If you or someone in your family is 12+ and has not received a personal invitation, please reach out to Adam and Anthony (cfm@overbrookpresb.org).

Youth Kick-Off Weekend Service Day—Monday, September 25, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Youth of OPC are invited to service at the Princeton Seminary Farminary. We will help weed, spread mulch, and harvest produce at the farm. We will also discuss the call of God to steward our world with love and tenderness. After a day of work, we will eat lunch and have ice cream downtown in Princeton. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. to depart for the Farminary. This service opportunity is free to all who want to attend. Please sign up now with the QR code above. If you have any questions or want to be a driver or chaperone, please contact Adam (adam@overbrookpresb.org).



CFM Announcements

*CFM Participation Form Deadline October 1st -Caregivers: a new, easy-to-fill online form has been rendered for your convenience. The CFM Participation Form takes only five minutes to complete, and is essential for leaders to cater to the unique needs of every child. Please head to tinyurl.com/CFM-register by October 1st to register your child in our programs. We appreciate your commitment to our shared goal of producing meaningful and memorable experiences for all our children.

The Chanticleer Wonder Walk—Sunday, October 22, 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Join the Children and Family Ministry for a journey through Chanticleer Gardens! Our hearts will open up to wonder and awe as we encounter God's creation as children do — with pure joy and curiosity. Sign up by going to tinyurl.com/CFM-wonderwalk or using a sheet found in the Wistar Morris Room. If you can offer a carpool or need a ride, please let us know in your response. **Parking note:** Chanticleer requires parking reservations well in advance, and spaces will fill quickly. If you plan to drive, please inform the CFM immediately. Payment for the event is handled directly at the venue by attendees; no money is exchanged at the church. Children 12 and under are admitted for free; for everyone else, admission is \$12. Cost is not a barrier to attending this event, and those seeking support may contact Anthony (anthony@overbrookpresb.org).

Family Meal Packing Event @ Kids Against Hunger | Sat. November 11th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ Kids Against Hunger, Broomall. Roll up those sleeves and gather the whole family for a transformative service opportunity at the Kids Against Hunger warehouse in Broomall. Together, children, families and our multigenerational team will work to assemble over 2,500 meals that, with just the addition of water, turn into nutritious sustenance for individuals experiencing hunger throughout our region. The entire community of OPC is welcome at this event. Still, the youngest children (0-5 years old) must participate closely with a caregiver. Independent volunteer tasks during the meal-packing are suited for elementary school-aged children and beyond. Signup by going to tinyurl.com/CFM-Mealpack or by using the sheet found in the Wistar Morris room.

Prayerground Update-Excitement and anticipation is growing as the CFM continues its progress on the prayerground. A comprehensive update has been prepared for the congregation by Anthony, Molly, and Judy. Log on to tinyurl.com/PGUpdate-Sept23 to learn more or read about the updates in the upcoming October Newsletter.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Name	Monthly or Next Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Eileen Wiggins
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	Sun. 10/8, 12:00 P.M.	Bill Baker
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Sunday, 12:15 P.M.	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	1 st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	Sun. 11/19, 12:00 P.M.	Molly Andrews Burke
Personnel personnel@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Cosgriff
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Bill Baker, Ted Dillon, and Jeff Bowker
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Keedra Carroll and Will Schick
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth and Family pastor@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Adam Hearlson

An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.

For more information about any of the committees,
please contact the chair or co-chairs using the email address above.

Prayer List

- Prayers of comfort and healing for Jan Lovely as she recovers from a broken leg.
- Prayers of comfort and healing for Judy Williamson as she recovers from a broken foot.
- Prayers of consolation for all who mourn the passing of Peter Lasalle, former member of the Overbrook community.
- Prayers for healing and comfort for Susan Leach, mother of Becky Lazo, as she receives medical care for shingles.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Caroline Skinner as she continues under medical care.
- Prayers of hope and healing for August, infant great-grandson of Estalene Ferrillo.
- Prayers for restoration of health for Ellen Carnahan, daughter of Lillian Carnahan and sister of Rachel Carnahan, as she continues treatment for breast cancer.
- Prayers for comfort and restoration of health of Colleen Granada, mother of Brad Biedermann.
- Prayers for comfort and well-being of Milton Stokes, husband of Nickie Stokes.
- Prayers for restoration of health for all in our congregation who have recently tested positive for COVID.
- Prayers for restoration of health and well-being for Natalie DeShields, mother of Sabrina Johnson.
- Prayers for compassionate care, comfort, and peace for Jacqueline Cole, sister of Lois Davis.
- Prayers for all who are facing health challenges, especially Gwen Harden, Luis Wong, Ed Harvey, Aqueelah Folwell, Stephanie Stokes, Bill Long, and Jean Long.

Please contact Bill Baker (wbaklava@aol.com) or Sharon Parker (sharon@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.

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OPC SESSION MEMBERS:

Adam Hearlson, Moderator

Raelyn Harman, Clerk of Session; Stephanie Morris, Treasurer

** indicates second consecutive term

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Keedra Carroll	Herb Brabham**	Elizabeth Cosgriff**
Andrea Gosfield	Elizabeth Mendoza**	Bob Harden, Jr.**
Solomon Hunter	Brian Taussig-Lux	Linda Huff-Paul**
Becky Lazo**	Christoph Von Andreae	Corinna Bowser
Nathalie May	Mimi Winkler	Cheryl Davis

OPC DEACONS:

Bill Baker, Moderator, Board of Deacons

Jason Sheau, Treasurer; Mary Lou Ryce, Secretary

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Peju Adebajo**	Gloria Brabham	Dela Geraldo
Miriam Harden	Nancy Gilhool**	Gretchen Boger
Ginny Leagans	Mike Rottinger	Bill Baker
Leah Mayne	Mary Lou Ryce**	Bob Kaercher
Jason Sheau	Will Schick	Philip Brown

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The Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson - Pastor

The Rev. David McMillan - Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Christopher Gage - Director of Music

Anthony M. Carrella - Director of Children and Family Ministry

Sharon Parker - Parish Care Associate

Lisa Faso - Office Manager

Carol Rozmiarek - Financial Secretary

Leonard Robbins - Church Custodian

The Overbrook Quartet:


Iris Fairfax, soprano; Allison Chang, alto;

Toffer Mihalka, tenor; Matthew Lulofs, bass

“Overbrook Presbyterian Church actively seeks to worship God, serving each other and the world through a welcoming, loving, and inclusive ministry.”


Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.