

# The United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield

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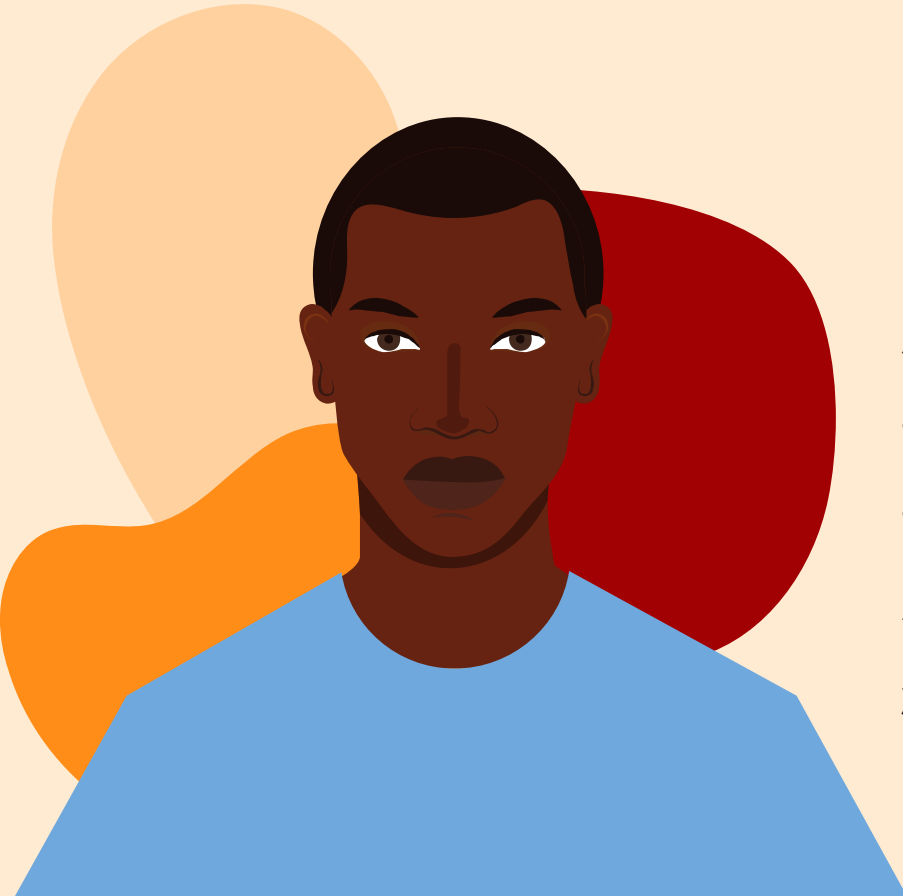
# PRELUDE



This Little Light of Mine

# WELCOME



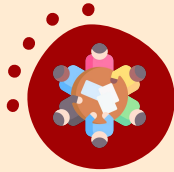


# OPENING

## PRAYER

God, Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us we pray to be grounded and settled in your truth by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Reveal that which we do not know. Fill us with the good things we lack. Affirm the good things we know and do. Keep us blameless in your service. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 19, immediately following morning worship.

## Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, February 21, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



## Ash Wednesday

February 22, the beginning of the 7:00 pm UPC Daily Lenten Study via ZOOM



## CliftonStrengths Talent Assessment

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 am -12:00 pm



## Agape Meal

Sunday, February 26, Contact Elder Marcia Marsh-Hinds for more information



# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP



Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.**

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**



Glory to God Hymnbook # 65

**OPENING HYMN**



# RESPONSIVE READING



Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.



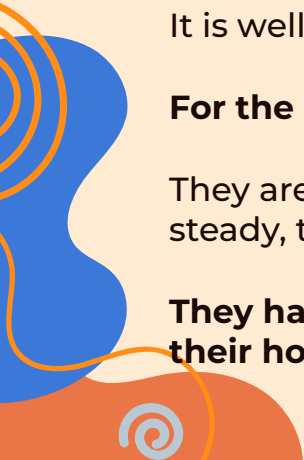
**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD. Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end, they will look in triumph on their foes.

**They have distributed freely and given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.**

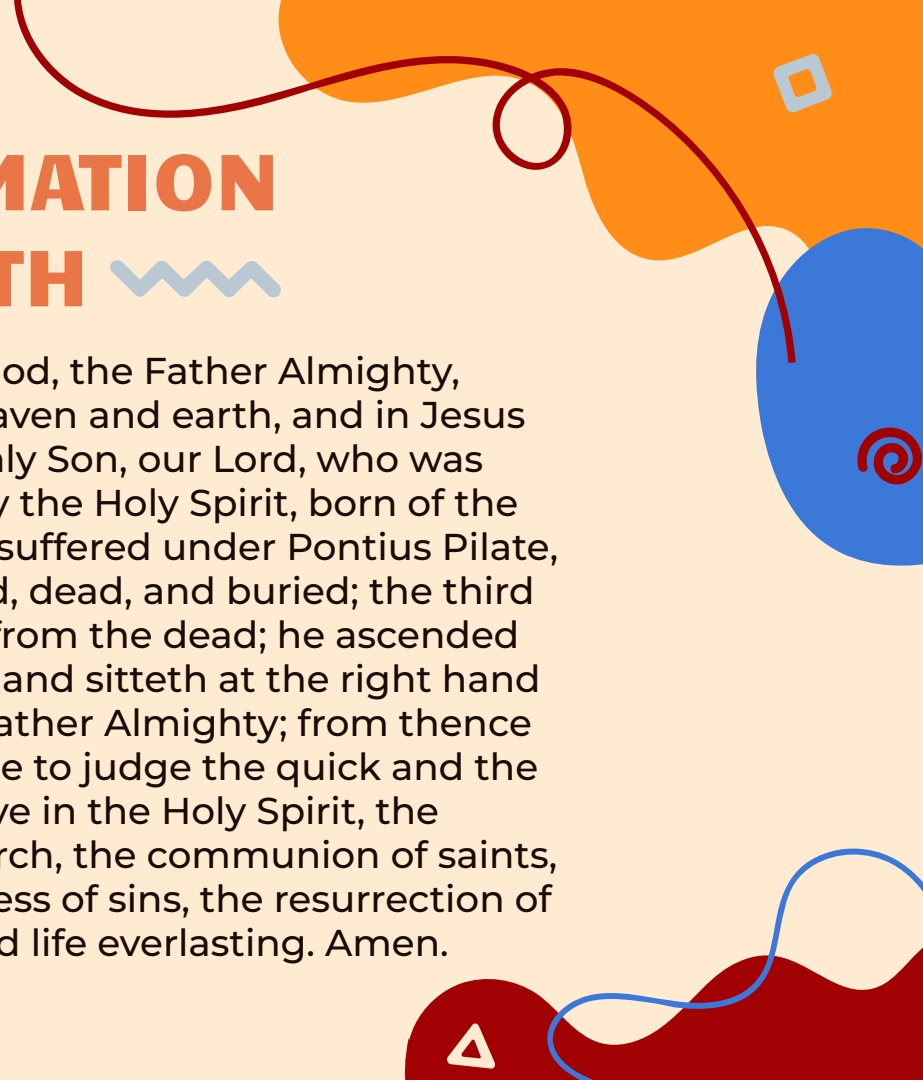






# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



# CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us humble  
ourselves before God  
and pray, confessing  
our sins and asking  
for forgiveness.



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION


God grant me the grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed. Courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Please forgive my transgressions and keep me from evil. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON



The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance. In the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that if you have earnestly confessed your sin and repented, you are forgiven.



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# PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.



# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, in your mercy, please hear our  
prayer!

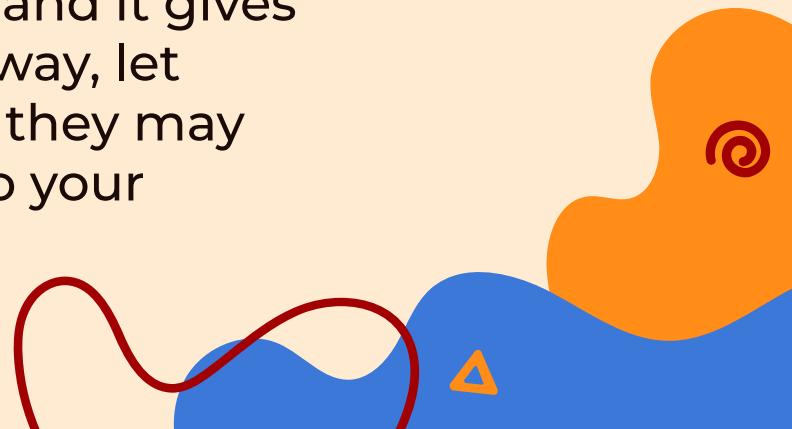
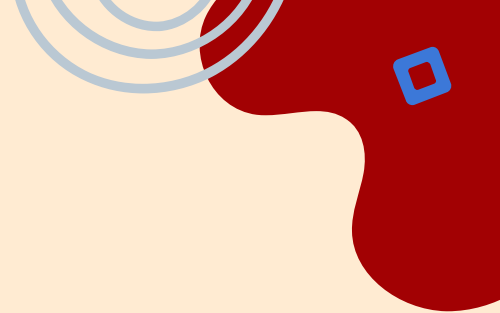


# THE SERMON TEXT

## Matthew 5:13-16



"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. After lighting a lamp, no one puts it under the bushel basket but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.





# COMMUNION HYMN

Glory to God Hymnbook # 525 (A  
Negro Spiritual)



# INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER



All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering, and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known to us and present within us in your son Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us, to reconcile all creation to life and life everlasting. By him, with him, and in him, the web of your love is made whole, and we, with it.

Jesus gathered his disciples and said, “Remember me.” And so we do. We remember that he gathered not only his friends but even his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the first fruits from the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us, that we may follow him even beyond death into your eternal love.

Gather us now at your table, O God, so that we may be sustained in our faith journey. May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present, made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.





# PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS



The gifts of  
God for the  
people of God;  
let us keep the  
feast.



The body of  
Christ given  
for you;



The blood of  
love poured  
out for you.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Prayer of  
Adoration



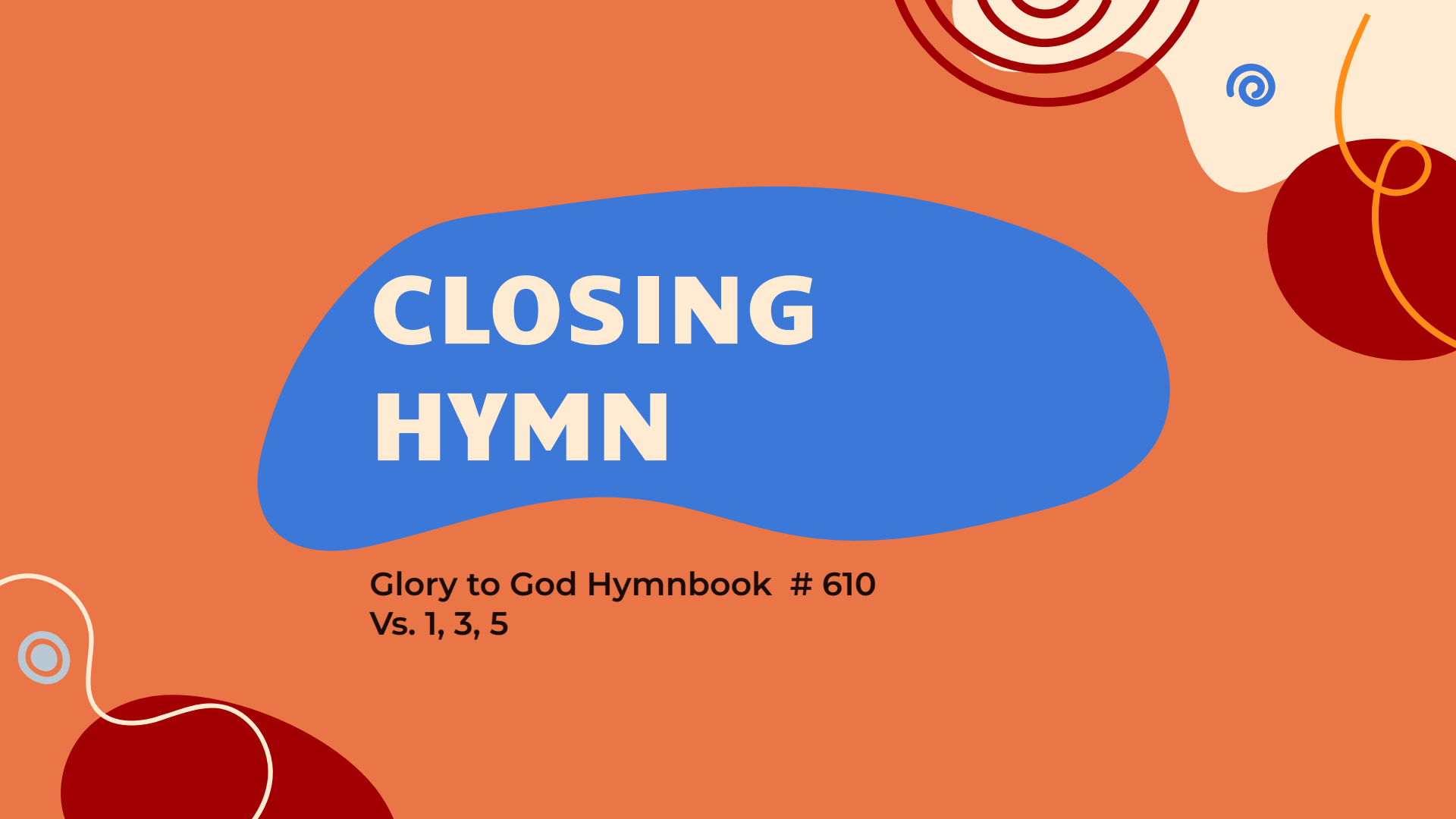
Prayer of  
Thanksgiving



Intercessory  
Prayer

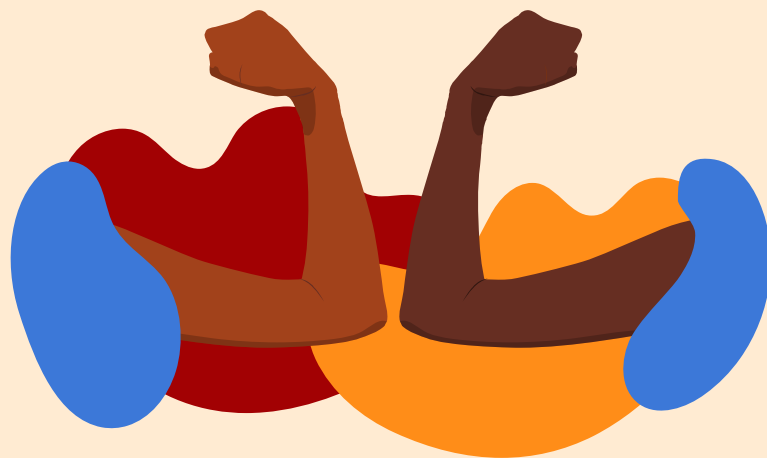
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



# CLOSING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnbook # 610  
Vs. 1, 3, 5



# POSTLUDE



Take the Name of Jesus with You  
Arr. R. Daniels