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Presbyterian
Church*

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***Wedding Services
at
Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church
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We are honored that you are considering holding a Wedding Service at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. Your decision to be married in this church indicates your desire to have a Christian Wedding Service.

The marriage service is a service of worship consisting of: music, vows made and exchanged, prayers offered, Scriptures read and a blessing bestowed.

In order to enhance the dignity of the service, the Session of this church abides by the Book of Order of the PCUSA.

The information contained in this pamphlet will help guide you in the planning of a meaningful wedding service at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.



The Marriage Service involves personal preferences concerning the worship style, dress, decorations and the use of the church property. These preferences should be discussed during the consultation with the Pastors.

Premarital Counseling with the Pastor

A Pastor of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church must meet with the couple for premarital counseling before agreeing to perform the wedding service.

Setting the Appointment

Contact the church Office Manager, at (724) 327-0061 to make an appointment for premarital counseling with one of the Pastors.

- Coordination of the planning of your service and the setting of the day and time will proceed after premarital counseling sessions.

Planning your Wedding Service

A Pastor will guide you in the details of your wedding service during planning meetings scheduled between the Pastor and the couple. Our Wedding Coordinator must also be contacted to assist you with details that may enhance your wedding service and should be contacted as soon as the wedding time and date are set with the church office or pastor.

When planning your wedding, please remember that some wedding details are “Required”, some are “Optional”, and some are “Not Permitted”. These general categories are listed below with examples provided in each. Each item is described in greater detail throughout this brochure.

“Required” For Your Wedding

- Premarital Counseling with the Pastor
- Meetings (Wedding Planning) with the Pastor
- Wedding Rehearsal
- Marriage License
- Our Wedding Coordinator

“Optional” For Your Wedding

- Guest Clergy
- Family/Friends as participants in your wedding service
- Flowers
- Candles
- Music
- Crash or Aisle Runners
- Pew Bows
- Bulletins/Programs
- Photographs (including photographs with the Pastor)
- Videotaping
- Audiotaping/Sound Technician
- Celebration Following the Wedding Service
- Reception on Site

“Not Permitted” For Your Wedding

- Alcoholic Beverages
- Smoking

Planning Your Wedding Service-Required Procedures

- Premarital Counseling with a Pastor (see page 2)
- Meetings for Wedding Planning with the Pastor, (see page 2)
- Contact with our Wedding Coordinator

Rehearsal

Your wedding service rehearsal is arranged/coordinated by the Pastor.

- The rehearsal will take about an hour.
- It is important that everyone in your wedding party arrive at the rehearsal on time.
- If you would like to invite clergy to the rehearsal dinner or reception, please be sure to do so.

Marriage License

- The Pastor will need to have your marriage license before the ceremony, therefore plan on giving it to the Pastor at the wedding rehearsal.



Planning Your Wedding Service-Optional Considerations Guest Clergy

- Some couples prefer to have another minister officiate at their wedding. Please discuss this with the Pastor at your initial appointment.
- Any guest clergy may be invited, but only with the permission of The Session and the Pastors of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church.

Family/Friends as Participants in Your Wedding Service

Often family and friends serve as readers or acolytes during your wedding service. If this is your preference for your wedding service, please discuss this with the Pastor during the planning meetings.

Flowers

The Presbyterian Book of Order states that flowers are to “enhance worship and not be ostentatious.”

- Coordination of *Peace Roses* for the mothers (parents) may be planned as part of the service with the Pastor.
- Flowers should be attached in such a way that they will not damage furniture/pew finishes or surfaces within and outside the facility.
- Please discuss with the Wedding Coordinator to confirm arrangements for having the church open for the florist’s delivery on the day of the Wedding.

Candles

If you choose to use candles there are several considerations and cautions. Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church has brass candelabras and brass pew candle holders with globes that must be used, if candles are going to be used in the ceremony. The candles must be purchased through the church Wedding Coordinator.

- Even candles that are advertised as being “dripless” may not be. Wax removal is very costly and will be the responsibility of the Bride and Groom.
- The use of a *unity candle* in your service must be coordinated with the Pastor.

Crash or Aisle Runner

- The aisle in the sanctuary will need a 75' runner.
- The woven paper or cloth variety is preferable to plastic (there is a tendency to slip on plastic).

Pew Bows

- There are 28 pews in the sanctuary – 14 on each side.
- Bows should not be attached with tape due to the possibility of damaging the finish of the pews.
- Pew bows attach nicely by using either ribbons or rubber bands.

Bulletins/Programs

- The Pastor will provide you with the order for your service if you choose to have bulletins/programs. You must keep that order.
- Families may produce their own bulletins or the church office can run camera-ready bulletins if the family provides the covers/paper to the church Office Manager by the Wednesday prior to the wedding service.
- Your camera-ready pages will not be proof-read before printing, so please be sure you are satisfied with the text.

Photographs and Videotaping

Photos and videos are a means to remember your wedding service. However, photography and videography must not interfere with the worship experience. You will need to advise your photographer and videographer of the preferences of the pastor.

Video Considerations: *one stationary unattended video camera in the choir loft and/or one stationary video camera in the back of the sanctuary.*

Photo Considerations: *no flash photos in the sanctuary during the service. Photos during the service may only be taken from the back of the sanctuary, without the use of a flash. Please arrange with the photographer to have the photos with the Pastor taken immediately after the service so the Pastor can change into his/her non-clerical attire.*

Music

Please make an initial contact with the Music Director and/or Organist as soon as the date is set with the Pastor in order to set the date with them. During this consultation, details concerning the organist and music selections will be discussed.

- Early planning will help ensure that suitable music can be prepared.
- In addition to the Wedding Service, the organist is also present at the wedding rehearsal and as a consultant.
- If a printed program is to be provided for the guests, the organist will prepare a list of the music, including composers.
- Music selections will be chosen in 1 to 2 consultations and finalized at least 6 weeks prior to the wedding rehearsal. The Organist will provide a list of appropriate selections to choose from. This includes:
 - Processionals
 - Hymn or special music
 - Recessionals
- If there is a request for the organist to accompany a soloist the additional fee is decided on an individual basis as to how much extra work and rehearsing is required.

Audio Taping/Sound Technician

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church has a sound system that may only be operated by a trained sound technician designated by the Pastor. Please specify your audio taping/sound technician needs during your meeting with the Pastor.

- Arrangements can be made with the sound technician to monitor the system in order for your guests to hear.
- The sound technician must be present if any taped music is to be played during your ceremony.
- An audio CD can be made of your ceremony.



Traditional Celebration following the Wedding Services

The blowing of bubbles or ringing of bells are recommended methods for your guests to celebrate your marriage.

Even though the tossing of rice, birdseed, flower petals (paper or real) or releasing of balloons is traditional, it is discouraged for the following reasons:

- Rice is harmful to birds.
- Birdseed attracts birds and rodents.
- Rice, birdseed and petals can become a hazard for people walking and are difficult to clean up.
- The releasing of balloons is against a Murrysville ordinance.

Receptions on Site

Please consult with the Pastor if you are considering hosting your wedding reception or rehearsal dinner at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church. Details can be discussed at that time.

Planning Your Wedding Service-Items which are not permitted

Alcoholic Beverages

The Session of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church does not permit the serving or drinking of alcoholic beverages on church property.

Smoking

Smoking is NOT permitted in the church facility.



Facilities

Sanctuary

- The Sanctuary seats 250 people and is not air-conditioned.
- The windows may be opened for cross ventilation.

Rest Rooms

- As you enter the church, the rest rooms are located to the left of the Sanctuary, in the Narthex.

Bride and Attendants Dressing Rooms

- The room located in the education wing adjacent to the Sanctuary can be used as the Bride's dressing room. This room is air-conditioned and has a full-length mirror.
- A rest room is located across the hall.
- The bridal attendants may change in a classroom, next door to the Bride's dressing room.

Groom and Groomsmen Dressing Room

- The men of the wedding party may use the Gathering Place, to the right of the Sanctuary.
- This room has a side door that leads directly into the Sanctuary for the Groom and Best Man to use at the beginning of the Ceremony.

Personal items of the wedding party should be removed at the conclusion of the service.



Schedule of Fees

One check should be given to the church Office Manager ONE MONTH prior to the ceremony for all fees and services, except where noted.

Members of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

- Members of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church are requested to pay a Janitorial fee of \$60.
- A fee of \$200 is customary for the Pastor performing your wedding service.
- A fee of at least \$200 is required for the organist.
The organist fee covers a consultation, the wedding rehearsal and the wedding ceremony.
- The organist fee is increased if there is a soloist and that fee is decided on an individual basis as to how much extra work and rehearsing is required.
- A fee of \$100 is required for the Wedding Coordinator.

Non-Members

- A fee of at least \$720 must be given to the church Office Manager one month prior to the ceremony. This includes janitorial services (\$60), rental of the facilities (\$160), wedding coordinator (\$100), organist (\$200), and (\$200) for the Pastor.
- The fee is reduced by \$100 when a guest Pastor performs the service.
- The fee is reduced by \$100 when the services of an organist are not used.
- **A separate check of \$200** must be given to the church Office Manager ONE MONTH prior to the ceremony as a deposit. This \$200 check will be returned the week following the service if no additional costs are incurred by Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church as a result of the Ceremony.

Members and Non-Members

- The cost for the candles used in the brass candelabras or on the pews is \$60. Arrange for these with the Wedding coordinator.
- The soloist/instrumentalists fees are determined by those individuals and should be paid directly to those individuals. The organist will receive an additional fee from the couple for services where soloists or instrumentalists are used.
- A fee of \$50 is required for the audio recording of your ceremony and the monitoring of the sound during the rehearsal and ceremony.
- The sound technician fee should be paid directly to the technician, preferably at the rehearsal.

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church Staff/Resources

- Pastors
Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II
Rev. Marion N. Silbert, Associate Pastor
724-327-0061
- Office Manager
Ms. Shelley Earhart
724-327-0061
- Wedding Coordinator
Ms. Debbie Wallisch
724-744-0164
- Organist
Ms. Becky Gard
412-414-2214
- Sound Technician
Mr. Denny Bank
724-325-4440





WEDDING POLICY

The integrity of the wedding service is grounded in the fact that it is, first and foremost, a worship service. The point of a wedding service is to glorify and honor God-to give thanks to God for the gift of marriage between a man and a woman, and to ask God's blessing upon the vows they take as they commit to one another in the covenant of marriage, a covenant based upon God's everlasting covenant with creation.

This being true, there are a number of questions which I, as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament who represents the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Redstone Presbytery, wish to ask of the bride and groom before agreeing to officiate at/during a service of matrimony:

1. Are you currently active members of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church? Are you the son, daughter, father, or mother of active members of Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church?
2. How long have you been active at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church and how have you committed yourself to the ministry of Christ?
3. If you're not a member of Newlonsburg, where are you a member and how have you been active in the ministry of that congregation? May I contact the clergy of that congregation to confirm your commitment to Christ's ministry through the church?
4. Are you willing to meet with me, the presiding pastor, on at least three occasions at Newlonsburg during the office hours of Newlonsburg for premarital consultation? Are you willing to complete the third session no later than a month before the scheduled date of the service?
5. Are you willing to commit yourself to the financial costs of having a wedding service at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, including custodial, use of building, and ministerial?

After receiving satisfactory answers to these questions, I would like to speak with them about possible dates for the worship service-dates which *must* be agreed upon by the Newlonsburg organist, as well as the Newlonsburg wedding coordinator.

Should the pastor, organist, or wedding coordinator *not* be available for the selected dates, I reserve the right to inform the couple that the date is not possible and that another date must be selected-one that will work for the pastor, organist, and wedding coordinator.

Rev. Curtis Lane Paul II

Newlonsburg Prebyterian Church

Sample Bulletin

Sample Hymns

Sample Scriptures

We thank all of you for coming and sharing this special time with us. Your love and friendship are an important part of our lives. We would like to especially thank our families for their support and love as we begin this new adventure together. Pray with us that God will continue to guide and bless us with new opportunities for service. Blessings on you all.

Love,

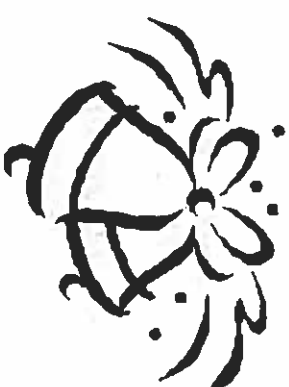
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Our Address:
(Add address and phone number)

The Marriage of

(Bride's name)
and

(Groom's name)



(Date)

Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church

The Ceremony

Prelude

"Ode to Joy"
"Jesus, Joy of Mans Desiring"

Processional "Trumpet Voluntary"

Call to Worship

Blessing of the Union

Hymn #376 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Scripture Reading Old Testament
Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 and 4:9-12

Scripture Reading New Testament
Romans 12:9-18

Homily

Exchange of Wedding Vows

Exchange of Wedding Rings

Hymn #467 "How Great Thou Art"

The Charge to the Bride and Groom

The Pastor's Prayer

The Pronouncement

Introduction of the Families

The Benediction

The Recessional Mendelssohn's "Wedding March"

The Wedding Party

Matron of Honor
Best Man

Family of the Bride

Family of the Groom

Celebrant

Reverend Curtis Lane Paul, II

Organist

O Perfect Love

PERFECT LOVE 11.10.11.10

Dorothy Frances Gurney, 1883

Joseph Barnby, 1859

1. O per - fect love, all hu - man thought tran - scend - ing.
 2. O per - fect life, be Thou their full as - sur - ance
 3. Grant them the joy which bright - ens earth - ly sor - row.

Low - ly we kneel in prayer be - fore Thy throne,
 Of ten - der char - i - ty and stead - fast faith,
 Grant them the peace which calms all earth - ly strife,

That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing,
 Of pa - tient hope, and qui - et, brave en - dur - ance,
 And to life's glo - rious un - known mor - row

Whom Thou for - ev - er more dost join in one.
 With child - like trust that fears not pain nor death.
 That draws up - on e - ter - nal love and life.

The Grace of Life Is Theirs

RHOSYMEDRE 66666EE

Fred Pratt Green, 1970

John David Edwards, 1940

1. The grace of life is theirs Who on this wed - ding day
 2. Where love is, God a - bides And God shall sure - ly bless
 3. And when time lays its hand Oe all we hold most dear,

De - light to make their vows And for each oth - er pray.
 A home where trust and care Give birth to hap - pi - ness,
 And life, by life con - sumed, Full fills its pur - pose here.

May they, O Lord, to - geth - er prove The last - ing joy of
 May they, O Lord, to - geth - er prove The last - ing joy of
 May we, O Lord, to - geth - er prove The last - ing joy of

Chris - tian love, The last - ing joy of Chris - tian love.
 such a love, The last - ing joy of such a love.
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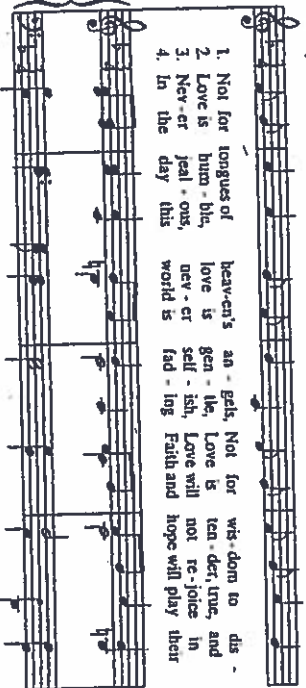
531 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1985

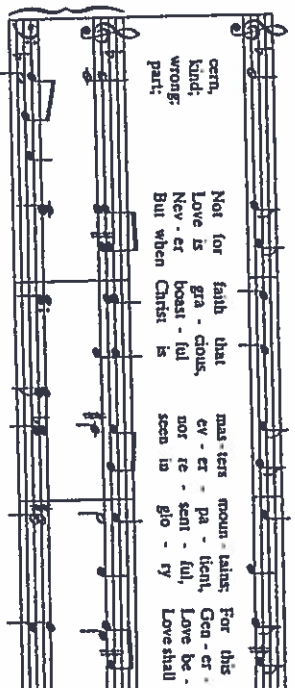
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Peter Cullis, 1989

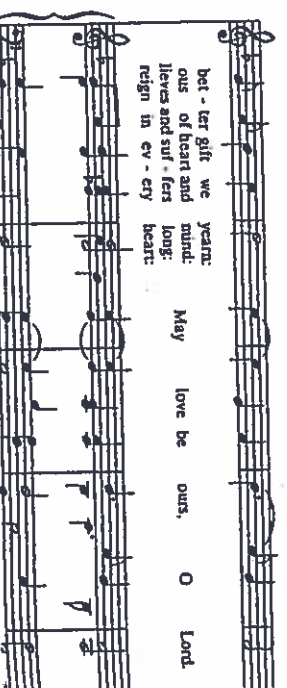
1. Not for tongues of heaven's an - gels, Not for wis - dom to dis -
2. Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, Love is ten - der, true, and
3. Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, Love will not re - joice in
4. In the day this world is fed - ing Faith and hope will play their



cern, Not for faith that mas - ters moun - tains. For this
kind, Love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, Gen - er -
wrong, Nev - er boast - ful, not re - joice in
part, But when Christ is seen in glo - ry Love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn, May love be ours, O Lord,
ous of heart and mind: long,
Heaven and suf - fers heart:
reign in ev - ery heart:



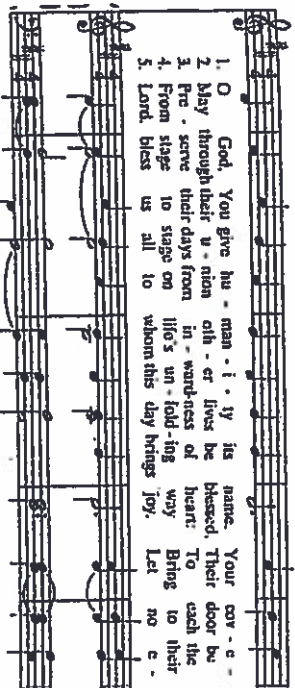
O God, You Give Humanity Its Name 532

Fred Kana, 1988

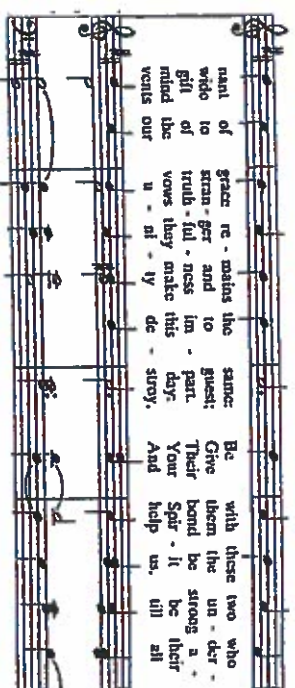
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Alfred Morton Smith, 1941

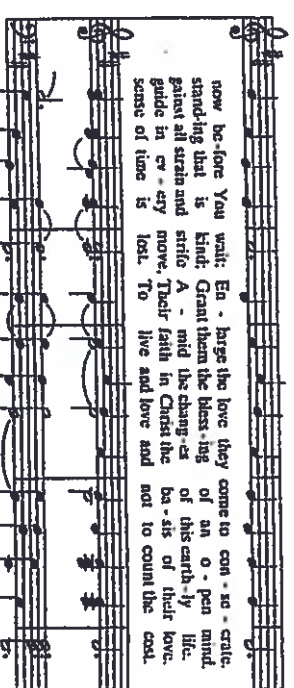
1. O God, You give hu - man - i - ty its name, Your cov - e -
2. May through their u - nion oth - er lives be blessed, Their door be
3. For - serve their days from in - ward - ness of heart, To each the
4. From stage to stage on life's un - fold - ing way, Bring to their
5. Lord, bless us all to whom this day brings joy, Let no e -



ment of grace re - mains the same: Be with these two who
wido to stran - ger and to guest: Give them the un - der -
gill of truth - ful - ness im - part. Their bond be strong a -
mind the vows they make this day, Your Spir - it be their
vents out u - ni - ty de - stiny, And help us, till all



now be - fore You wait: En - large the love they come to con - so - late,
standing that is kind: Grant them the bless - ing of an o - pen mind,
gainst all strain and strife: A - mid the chang - es of this earth - ly life,
guide in ev - ery move, Their faith in Christ the ba - sis of their love,
scene of time is lost. To live and love and not to count the cost.



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How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD 31 10 11 10 with refrain

Carl Gustav Boberg, 1883
English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953
Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yee, 1989Swedish folk melody
Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

1. Joo ha nah nim jee eu shin mo dun seh geh Nae ma um
2. Soop sok ee mah hum hah sahng gol jiek eh sub jee juh gee
1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der Con-sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the

so geh geu ree uh bol tiae Ha neul eh byul ool
nun juh sae so ree deul gwa Ko yo ha geh heu
all the "worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from

lyuh paw jee nun nweh sung Joo nim eh kwon nung oo joo eh chan
reu nun see nae moo reu Joo nim eh son seee no rae ha doh
hear the "roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through-out the u - ni - verse dis -
loft - y moun-tain gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle

Refrain
Joo nim eh nap go wee dae ha shin ul
neh dah
played: Then sing my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee.
breath:

Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh Joo nim eh nap go
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sing my soul, my
wee dae ha shin eul Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh
Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

3. Joo ha nah nim tok seung ja ak kim up 3. And when I think that God, His Son
see not sparing,
Oo ree rul wee hae ddang eh bo nae uh Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
Seep ja ga eb pee heul lyuh juk keth ha Seel on the cross, my burden gladly
sae bearing,
Nae mo dun chway rul goo sok ha shun He bled and died to take away my sin,
neh *Refrain*
Hoorjuni

4. Nae joo Ye su seh sahng eh dah see ol 4. When Christ shall come with shout
tiae of acclamation
juh chun goo geu no nai in doh ha ree And take me home, what joy shall
Na kyun son bae up deu ryuh byung fill my heart!
bae ha eyuh Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
Young wan nee joo rul chan yahng ha And there proclaim, my God,
ree rah bow great Thou art!
Hoorjuni *Refrain*

*Original English words were "works" and "mighty."

Holy God, We Praise Your Name 460

Att. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774
GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 2.8.7.17
Trans. Clarence Alphonius Walworth, 1858, alt.
Allgemeine Katholische Gesangbuch, c. 1774
Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we
2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As Your sa - cred
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it

bow be - fore You; All on earth Your steep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bin and ser - a - phim,
name they hal - low, Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
Three we name You, While in es - sence on - ly One;

All in heayn a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your
In un - cess - ing cho - rus praise-ing, Fill the heayns with
And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, And a - dor - ing

vast do - main, Ev - er last - ing is Your reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 464

Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.
HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1795-1867), alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee Earth and heayn re - flect Thy rays;
3. Moral - ity, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - dore.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the bloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - er - mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779
Stanza 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

Virgilia Harmon, 181
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - mar - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved.
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

LIFE IN CHRIST

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Though I May Speak

O WALD WALT LM

1 Centuries 13

Hal Hopman 1977

English folk melody
Harm. John Weaver, 1986

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And sin - ing
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its

- gift to all in - spi - re, And have not love, my
- so my love pro - fess, But not be - lyg'n by
- long to be made whole, Let in - ward love guide

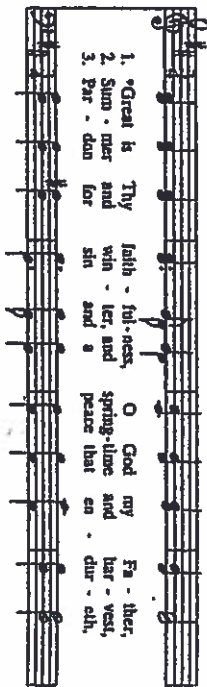
- words are vain, As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain,
- love with - in, The pow - er soon turns strange - ly thin,
- ev - ery deed, By this we wor - ship and are freed.

Thomas Obediah Chubb, 1923

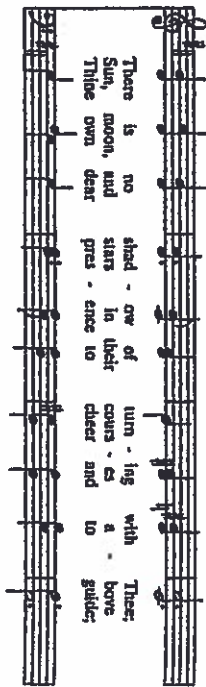
FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

William Marion Runyan, 1923

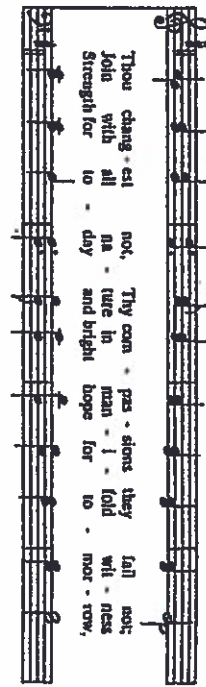
1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther,
 2. Sun-mer and win-ter, and spring-tide and har-vest,
 3. Per-dun for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth.



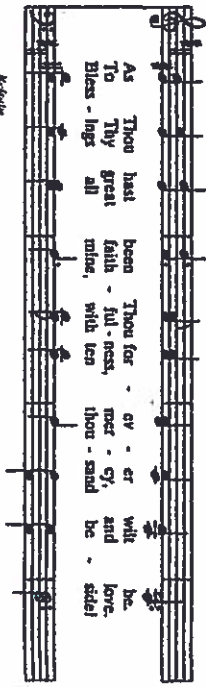
There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove
 Thine own dear pres-ence to direct and to guide;



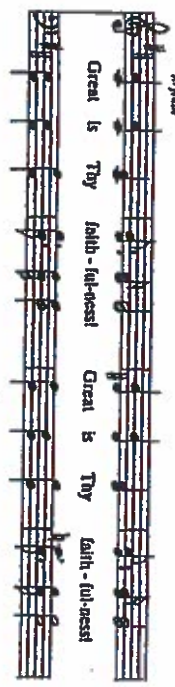
Thou chang-est not, Thy com-passions they fall not;
 Joy with all na-ture in man-i-fold wil-ness
 Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,



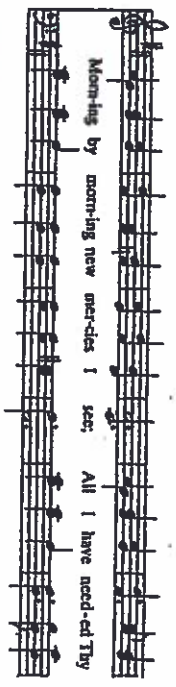
As Thou hast been Thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith-ful-ness, met-cy, and love,
 Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!



Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!



Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy



hand hath pro-vid-ed; Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!



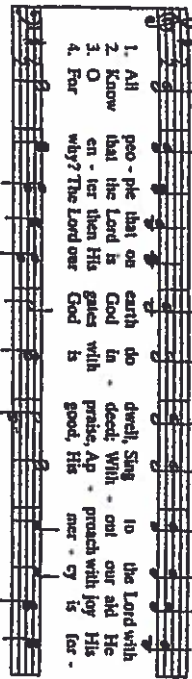
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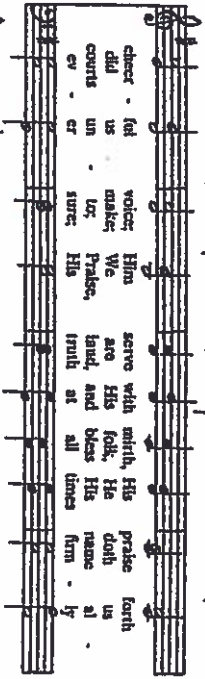
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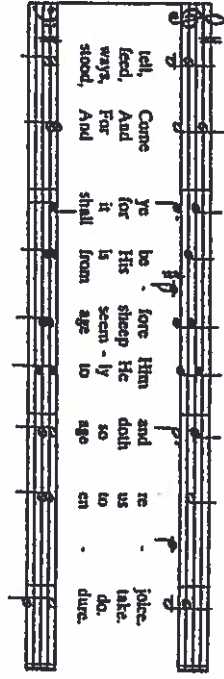
1. All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with
 2. Know that the Lord is God in-deed: With-oul our aid He
 3. O en-ter then His gates with praise, Ap-proach with joy His
 4. For why? The Lord our God is good, His mer-cy is for-



direct - let voice Him serve with truth, His praise forth
 did us make: We are His folk, He doth us
 count us un-der, We are His flock, He doth us



tel, Come ye be-fore Him and re-joice,
 lead, And for His sheep He doth take,
 ways, For it is so to do,
 stood, And shall from age to age direct.





SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

The following readings are particularly appropriate for use in the service of Christian marriage. An asterisk * indicates that the text of that particular reading is included in this resource (pp. 895-902).

LIST OF SUGGESTED READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT

Gen. 1:26-31	Humankind created in the image of God
* Gen. 2:18-24	Bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh
* Song of Sol. 8:6-7	Set me as a seal upon your heart
* Prov. 3:3-6	Trust the Lord with all your heart
* Isa. 54:5-8	Your Maker is your husband
Jer. 31:31-34	The Lord will make a new covenant

PSALMS

The following psalms are appropriate for singing or reading in the service.
For another translation of the psalms see pages 611-783.

Ps. 8	Mortals crowned with glory and honor
* Ps. 67	May God be gracious to us
* Ps. 95:1-7	O come, let us sing to the Lord
* Ps. 100	Make a joyful noise to the Lord
* Ps. 103:1-5, 15-18	Bless the Lord, O my soul
Ps. 117	Great is God's steadfast love
Ps. 121	Lift up my eyes to the hills

SCRIPTURE READINGS

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 2:18-24

1

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

2

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of his house,
it would be utterly scorned.

3

Proverbs 3:3-6

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord
O give thanks, for God is good
I will exalt you, O God my King
Praise the Lord
Everything that breathes praise the Lord

EPISTLES

* Rom. 12:1-2, 9-18 A living sacrifice . . . let love be genuine
* 1 Cor. 13:1-13 Faith, hope, love . . . greatest is love
Col. 3:12-17 Clothe yourselves with love
1 John 4:7-12 Let us love one another . . . God is love
Rev. 19:1, 5-9 Rejoicing at the marriage of the Lamb

GOSPELS

* Matt. 5:1-10 The Beatitudes
* Matt. 5:13-16 Salt of the earth . . . light of the world
* Matt. 19:3-6 No longer two, but one flesh
* Matt. 22:35-40 Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind
* Mark 10:6-9 What God has joined, let no one separate
John 2:1-11 The wedding at Cana
* John 15:1-17 Jesus, the true vine

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

4

For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.
For the LORD has called you
like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off,
says your God.
For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with great compassion I will gather you.
In overflowing wrath for a moment
I hid my face from you,
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,
says the LORD, your Redeemer.

PSALMS

For another translation of the psalms see pages 611–783.

5

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Isaiah 54:5–8

6

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!

7

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Psalms 100

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

8

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

Psalms 103:1–5, 15–18

who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

9

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the LORD of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
O give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

10

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

Psalms 136:1-9, 26

Psalms 145

One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

EPISTLES

11

Romans 12:1-2, 9-18

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

12

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPELS

13

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

14

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp 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.

15

Matthew 22:35-40

A lawyer asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

16

Mark 10:6-5

From the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh." Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.