

A Year to Praise

In Psalm 51 David asks God to open his mouth so that his mouth might declare God's praise. This year we are praying that same prayer. We need God to open our hearts and our mouths to fill the whole sanctuary and all of Avery County with his praise.

To help us learn to sing more freely and fully we are going to focus on singing one hymn or song for each month. The hope is that can learn these hymns by heart and sing them from our hearts.



Our hymn for February is "*It Is Well With My Soul*", a hymn penned by Horatio Spafford and composed by Philip Bliss. This hymn was written after traumatic events in Spafford's life. The first two were the death of his two-year-old son and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which ruined him financially. His business interests were further hit by the economic downturn of 1873, at which time he had planned to travel to Europe with his family on the SS Ville du Havre. In a late change of plan, he sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business. While crossing the Atlantic Ocean, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sea vessel, the Loch Earn, and all four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife Anna survived and sent him the now famous telegram, "Saved alone ...". Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as his ship passed near where his daughters had died.

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today and would love to keep in touch. We have a nursery for infants and toddlers. After the Passing of the Peace, Pre-K through 2nd grade continue to worship upstairs. After worship, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Faithfulness Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday: Joy Group. Contact Brie Young-Powell 540-969-9523

Thank you for all your food donations to Feeding Avery Families! We are running short on volunteers almost every week, and would love to see you join us for this very important work. Sign up online at <https://signup.com/group/157016199751880090> Please see Patty for more information.

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* Congregation Stands

Prayer of Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
creator of all;
To you be glory and praise for ever!
You founded the earth in the beginning and
the heavens are the work of your hands.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence
among us, let the light of your love
always shine in our hearts
and your praises ever be on our lips,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever!

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with You.

All: And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 149

* OPENING HYMN

#3 Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what

our hearts can no longer bear, and what has
become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE GLORIA PATRI and PASSING THE PEACE



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end, amen, amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #409 Thanks to God
Whose Word Was Spoken

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON Matthew 5:17-20
The Law Fulfilled; The Words for Life

* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore we join our voices with
all the saints and angels and the
whole creation to proclaim the glory
of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power
and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY



* THE DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

* HYMN OF DEDICATION #705 It is Well
with My Soul

* BENEDICTION

After the service, please join us
downstairs for refreshments and
fellowship, followed by Sunday School for
both children and adults.