NORTH CHEVY CHASE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

8814 Kensington Parkway, Chevy Chase, MD 10815

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Sunday Worship

November 15th, 2026

11:00 a.m.

North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community.[1]

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The People of God Gather

If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any question you may have. We are glad you're here with us today!

WELCOME Rev. Stephen Tickner

Preparation for Worship Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

Congregation standing in body or spirit

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer[2] Richard Sherman, Worship Leader

One: People of God, tell it!

ALL: We are not alone! We are children of God!

One: People of Christ, tell it!

ALL: The Light has come in love and truth, teaching us to live in the Light.

One: People of the Spirit, tell it!

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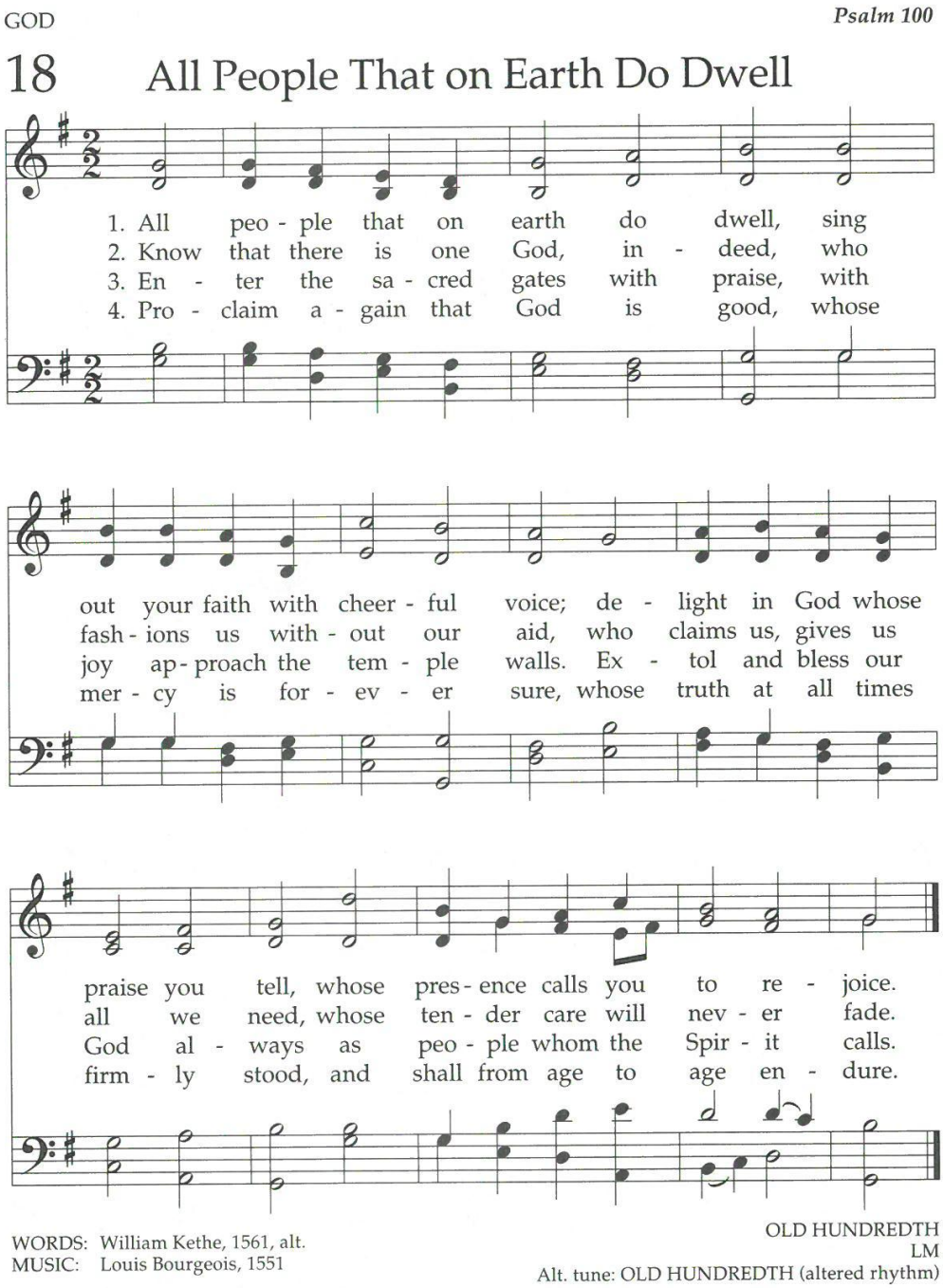
ALL: The Spirit of truth reveals hidden things, offering healing through honest confession.

One: People of God, tell it!

ALL: We are not alone! We are children of God! Amen.

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

OPENING HYMN "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" CH 18



PASSING OF THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

SONG "A Harvest of Thanksgiving"

words by Roger Thornhill; Music by Stacey Nordmeyer

Vocal Ensemble

David Lonkevich, Penny Whistle

Joseph McIntyre, Bodhran

Celebration of Baptism

OPENING REMARKS Rev. Stephen Tickner

INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATE Dr. Kristina Darnell

AFFIRMATION & COMMUNAL VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION & VOW

Minister: Members and friends of NC4 I invite all of you to stand in support of Kristina. Do you affirm their decision to be baptized and do you commit to supporting and walking with her in her journey of faith?

If so, please say "I do."

Congregation: I do.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Please join in unison

Kristina – with joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome you into Christ's church;
for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage, and support you;
to share the good news of the gospel with you,
and to help you know and follow our Lord and Savior. Amen

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

SOLO "Take Me to the Water"

Joy Burgess, soloist

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Minister: Do you confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and do you accept and proclaim him to be the Lord and Savior of the World?

Candidate: I do.

Minister: Looking to your baptism
Do you believe in God the Source, the fountain of life;
And in Christ, the offspring of God,
Embodied in Jesus of Nazareth and in the church;
And in the liberating Spirit of God, the wellspring of new life?

Candidate: I believe.
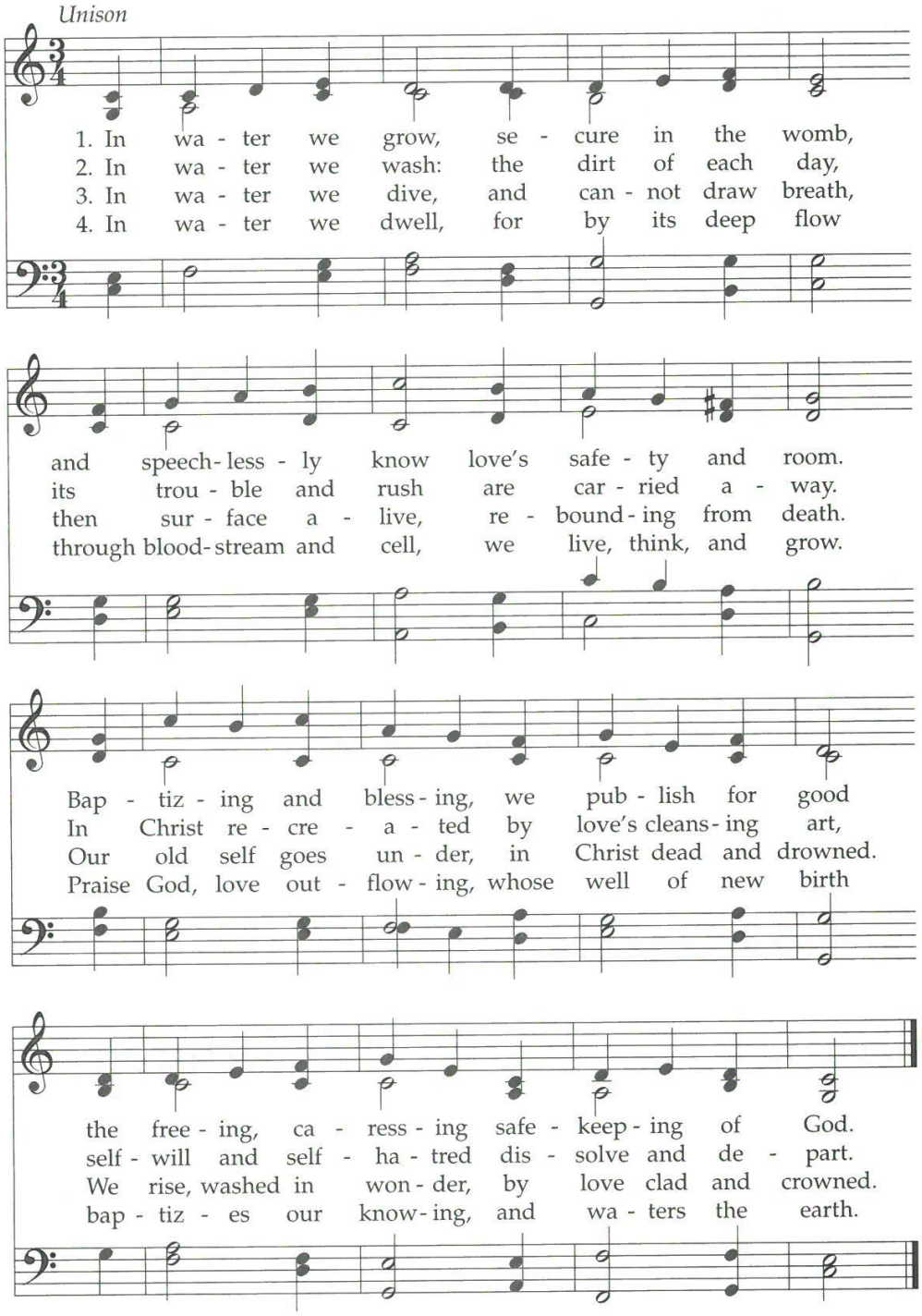
ACT OF BAPTISM

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

HYMN "In Water We Grow" CH 375

375 In Water We Grow

Unison



WORDS: Brian Wren, 1989
MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1987

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL — Romans 6:3-11
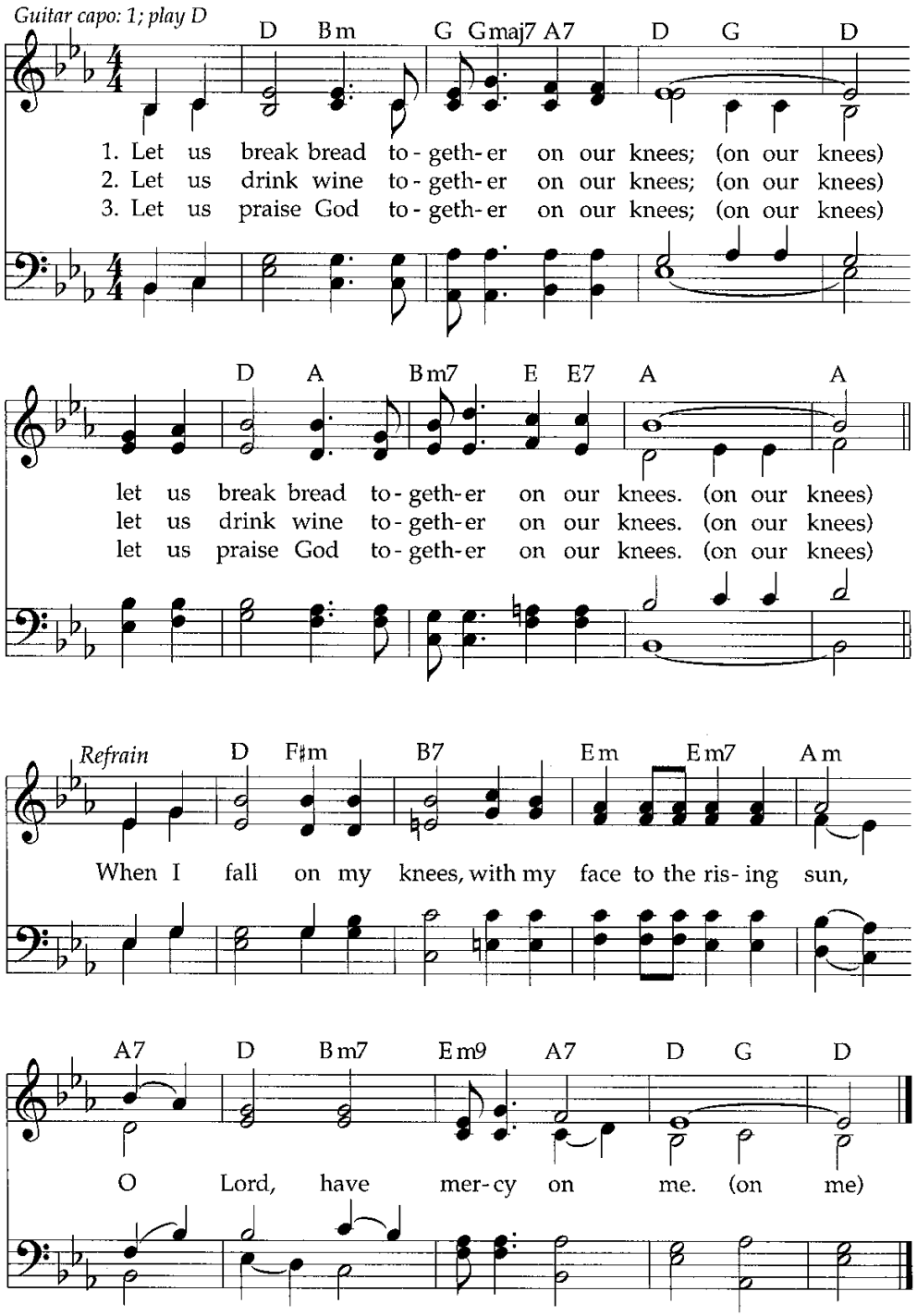
3 Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into
Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore
we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of
the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection
like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with
him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we
might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has
died is freed[a] from sin. 8 But if we died with Christ, we
believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that
Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he
died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he
lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves
dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

MESSAGE — Rev. Stephen Tickner

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" CH 425

Let Us Break Bread Together 425



WORDS: African-American spiritual
MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1964, alt.

LET US BREAK BREAD
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We Give and Receive

Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people.
Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

PRAYER BY THE ELDER Nancy Longo

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION
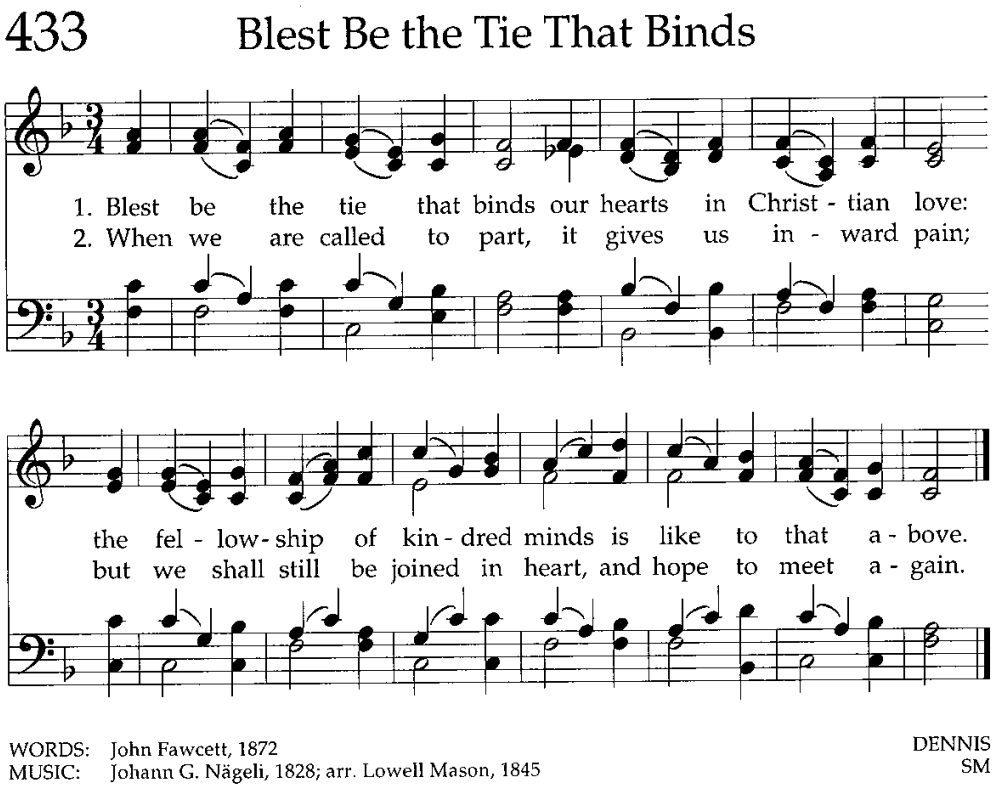
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

…And Go Forth to Serve

SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation standing

CLOSING HYMN "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" CH 433



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

Please be seated and allow the music to offer a moment of reflection as you prepare to exit the Sanctuary.

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Please join us for coffee hour in Harlow Hall following the conclusion of the Congregational Meeting

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister
Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist
NC4 Vocal Ensemble
Cheryl Tatham, Soprano Sally Coberly, Alto
Richard Sherman, Tenor Robert Solomon, Bass
David Lonkevich, Penny Whistle
Joseph McIntyre, Bodhran
Joy Burgess, Soloist
Richard Sherman, Worship Leader
Nancy Longo, Elder at the Table
A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,
Devi Rambarran

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For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.