

* **Call to Worship:** *Jeremiah 9:23–24 (ESV)*
Thus says the LORD: “Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD.”

* **Opening Prayer**

* **To God Be the Glory** #363:1,2 (HFG)
To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

* **I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord** #169:1,2 (PH)
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known
Your faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God’s praise forever
For the things he has done.
All the hosts of the angels sing God’s praise forever,
All the hosts of the angels sing God’s praise.
Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?
Who can be compared to God
In faithfulness to all generations?
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

* **Have Thine Own Way, Lord** #287 (PH)
Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Open mine eyes, my sin show me now,
As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord!
Have Thine own way!
Hold o’er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit ‘til all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 34
Why do you call him "our Lord"?
Because not with gold or silver,
but with his precious blood,
he has set us free
from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,
and has bought us, body and soul,
to be his very own.

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Evening Prayer

* **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** #420:1,2,3 (PH)
Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love,
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with yours,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
For all eternity.

* **Scripture:** *I John 2:28-3:3 (ESV)* pg. 1279
²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Children of God*

* **Come, All You People, Praise Our God** #242:1,2,3 (PH)
Come, all you people, praise our God
And tell his glorious works abroad,
Who holds our souls in life;
He never lets our feet be moved
And, though our faith he often proved,
Upholds us in the strife.

We come with offerings to his house,
And here we pay the solemn vows
We uttered in distress;
To him our all we dedicate,
To him we wholly consecrate
The lives his mercies bless.

Come, listen, all who fear the Lord,
While I with grateful heart record
What God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress,
And now his wondrous grace I bless,
For he has set me free.

* **God’s Blessing**

* **Doxology** #384 (HFG)
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.

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1 John 2:28-3:3

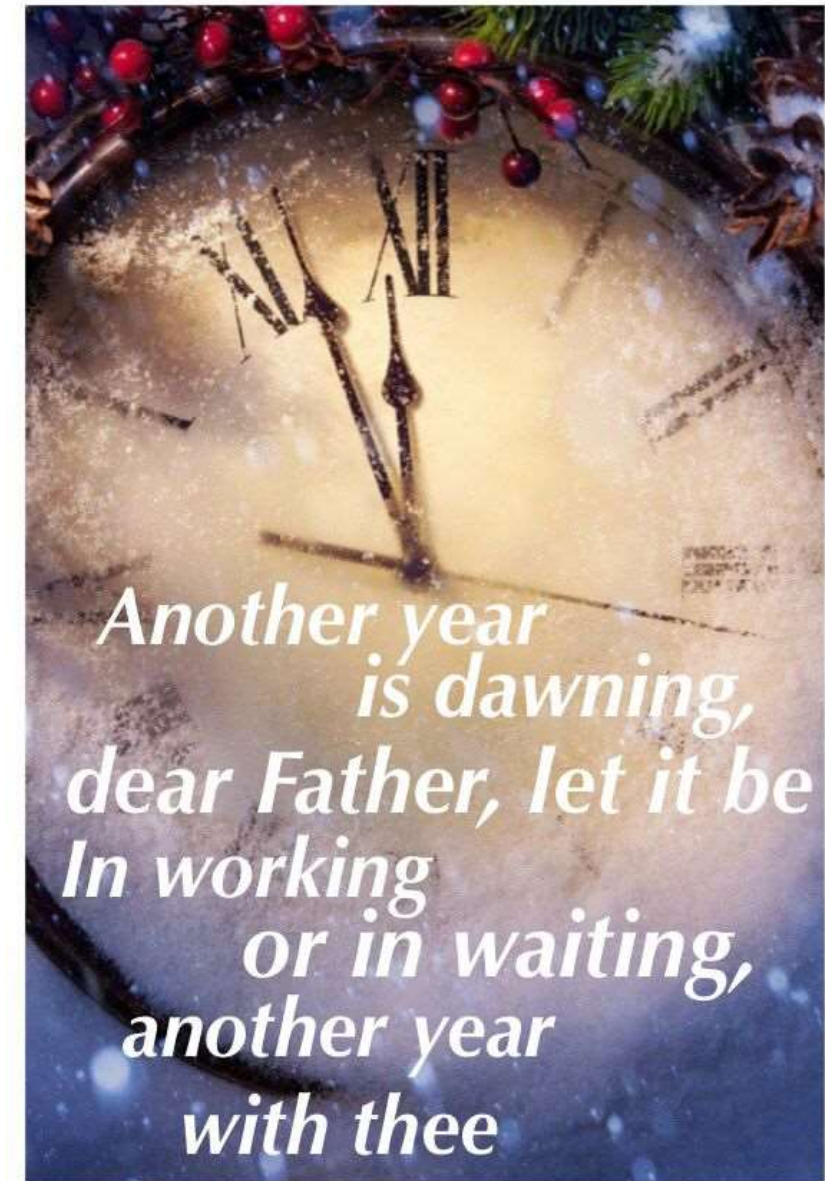
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