

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins
Liturgist: Denise Baker
Psalmist: Linda Hood
Greeters: Marie Fry & Birgitta Gustafson
Ushers: Bill Cox, Camille & Cory Hennek, Craig Kelley, Virginia Kelley
Flowers: Given by Virginia Kelley, In memory of Fred
Early Morning Security: Pat Gerlach
November Sanctuary Stewards: Liz Bushma & Sharon Glass
Director of Music: Nancy Leffler
Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *Intermezzo* - by Pietro Mascagni

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Minute for Stewardship Matuke Fomukong

Passing of the Peace
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Introit *As We Gather in This Place* Chancel Choir

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* - by J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (from Psalm 70) Denise Baker
Leader: Rejoice and be glad!
People: For God is our salvation.
Leader: Rejoice and be glad!
People: For God is great.

***Hymn: #350** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

Call to Confession Denise Baker

Prayer of Confession (unison): Denise Baker
God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably

come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy. Lord, hear our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Choral Response ***Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us***

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon Denise Baker

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri (Hymn #581)

Prayer for Illumination Denise Baker

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 70 Linda Hood

(This can be found on p. 521 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Word Through Music *All Who Believe* Chancel Choir

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13 Deborah Huggins
(This can be found on p. 903-904 of your pew Bible.)
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Waking Up in the In Between* Pastor Deborah Huggins

***Hymn: #349** *"Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

Choral Call to Prayer ***Hear Our Prayer, O Lord***
Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us; and grant us thy peace.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering Denise Baker

Offertory *Take the Name of Jesus With You* - by Jan Alexander

***Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication Denise Baker

***Sending Song: #269** *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

Charge and Benediction

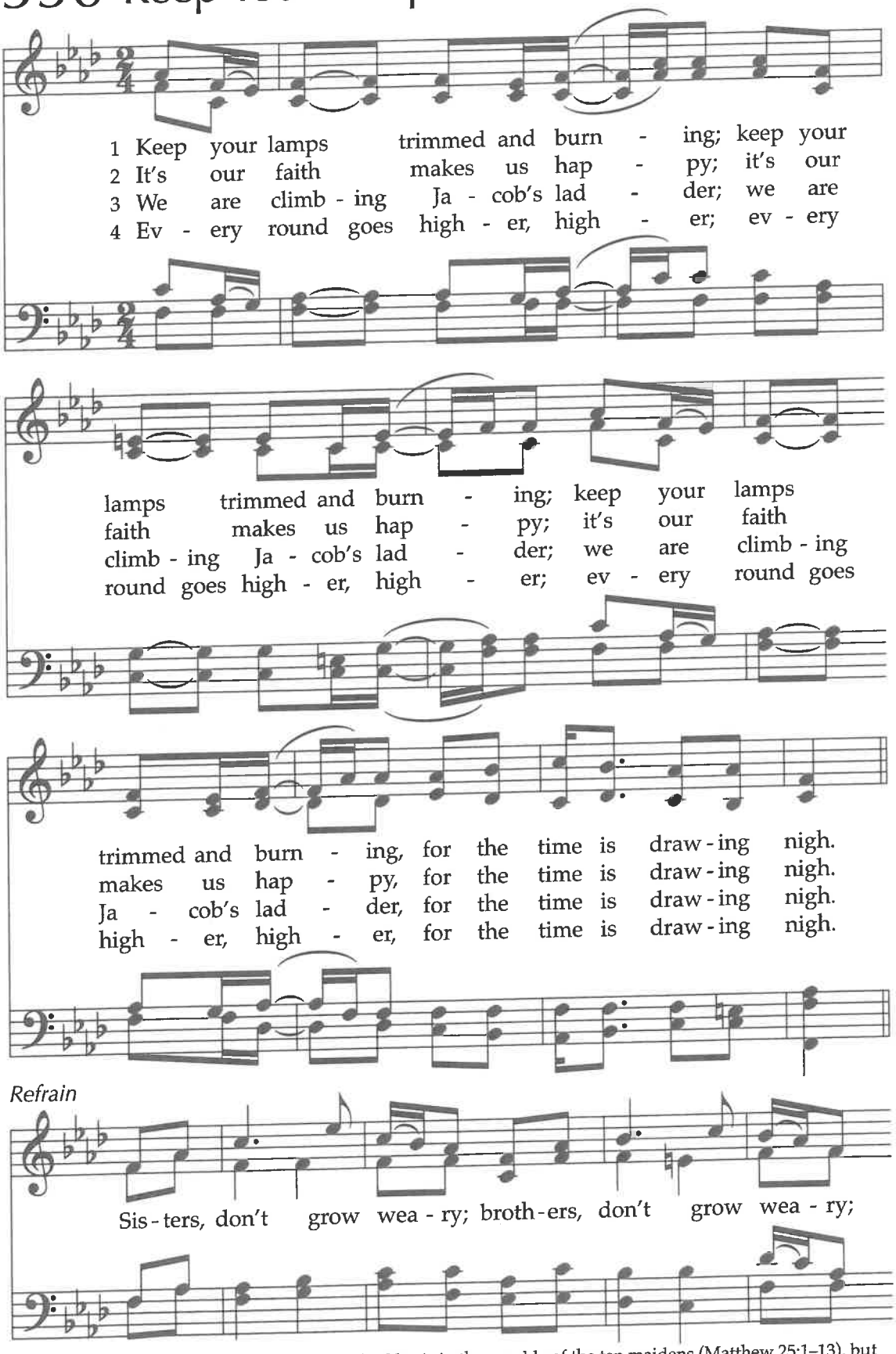
Benediction Response *Go With God*

Postlude *Fanfare of Praise* - by Jason W. Krug

*Please rise in body or spirit as you are comfortable. Photo by Dipu Chandran on Unsplash

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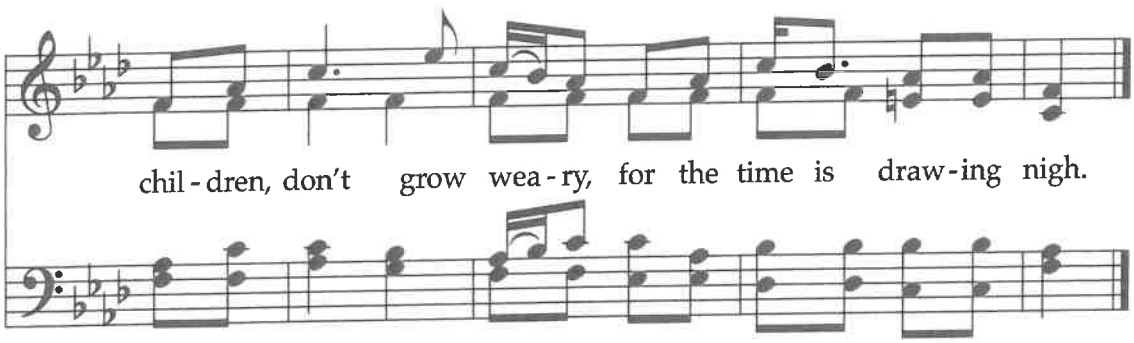
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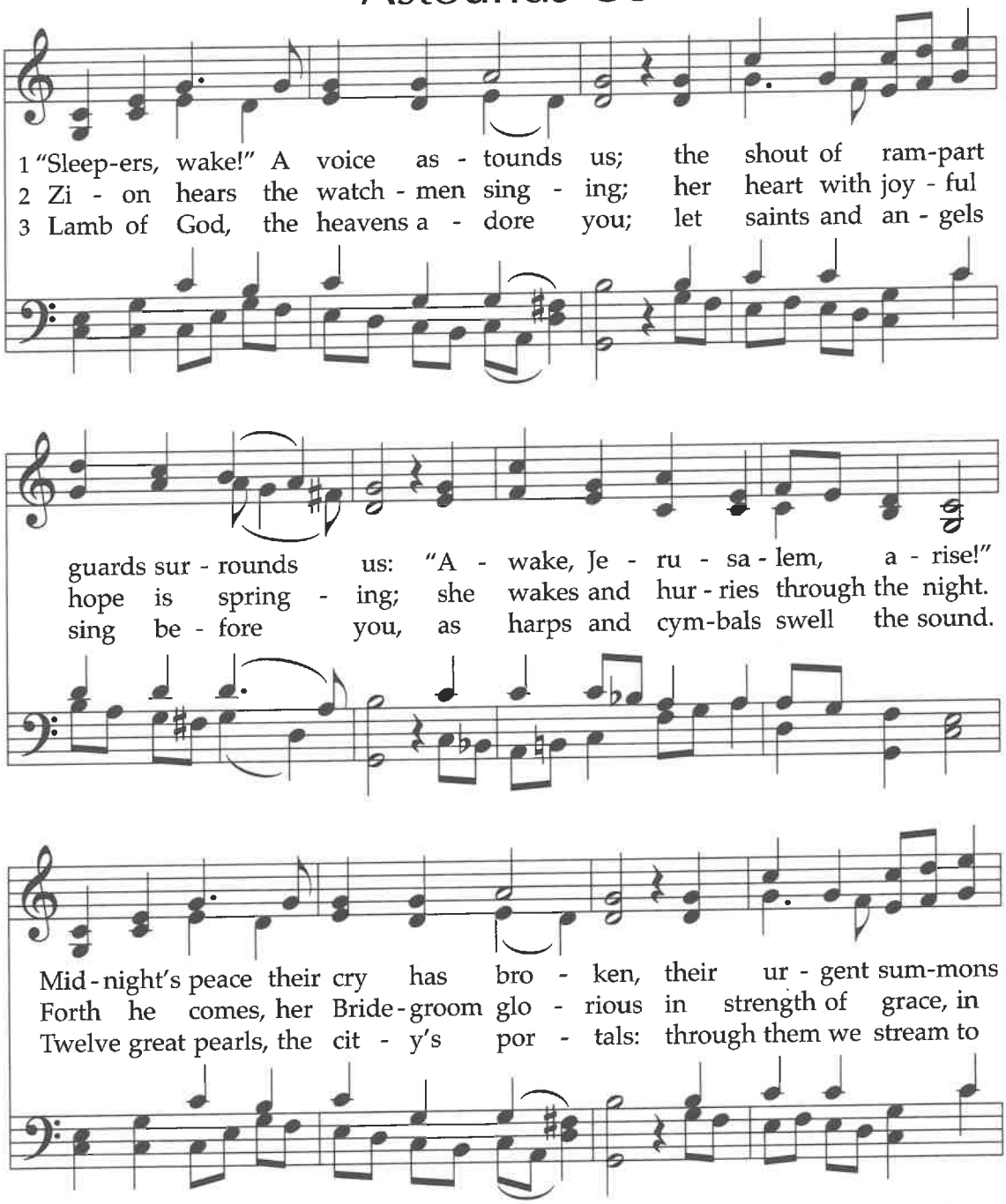
This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1–13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10–17).

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

KEEP YOUR LAMPS
7.7.7.7 with refrain


chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

349 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us



This text is based on the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1–13), but contains allusions to many other New Testament passages. Because one person created both text and tune, they combine majestically to form what is often called "the king of chorales."

TEXT: Philipp Nicolai, 1599; trans. Carl P. Daw Jr., 1982
MUSIC: Attr. Philipp Nicolai, 1599; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1731
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WACHET AUF
Irregular


clear-ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid-ens wise!
truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
join the im-mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur-round.
Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, in-car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -
sight. Al-le-lu-ia! Your lamps pre-pare and has-ten there,
Word, Al-le-lu-ia! We fol-low all and heed your call
light: Al-le-lu-ia! There-fore we sing to greet our King;
that you the wed-ding feast may share."
to come in - to the ban-quet hall.
for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

269 Lead On, O King Eternal!



Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

TEXT: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888, alt.
MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

LANCASHIRE
7.6.7.6.D
(this tune in a higher key, 233)

Welcome to Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church!

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Deborah Huggins
Today's Sermon: *Waking Up in the In Between*

Next Week's Volunteers:
Liturgist: Steve Sproul
Psalmist: Bill Cox
Greeters: Pat & Leah Gerlach
Ushers: Sharon Glass, Mike & Liz Bushma, Karen Williams
Security: Bill Cox

Monday, Nov 9
10am Bible Study with Pastor Deborah, her office
3-4pm Deacon's Meeting, Library
7pm AA

Tuesday, Nov 10
9-12pm New Horizon Band Rehearsal
10am Personnel Meeting, Pastor's office
10am PW Women's Bible Study, Classroom C
7-8pm Al Anon

Wednesday, Nov 11
7-8pm Al Anon

Thursday, Nov 12
10am Gentle Exercise
11:30 am Yoga
5:00pm Worship Committee, Library
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 - 9pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov 13
7pm AA

Saturday, Nov 14

Thanksgiving Pies



Sign up for Thanksgiving Pies! Don will gladly take your order before AND after church. They tend to sell out fast so order TODAY. Sales to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Potluck

Thursday, Nov. 26th
11am – 1pm
Hosted by Paige Furlano and family. Join us for a meal with friends as we celebrate Thanksgiving together! See sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Calendar of Weekly Events



Sunday, November 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship
11:15am Fellowship & Refreshments
11:30 – 3pm Teen Group – Main Event

Find us on Facebook



Clean-Up Day
Saturday, November 21st
8am-1pm

Please volunteer to help church ready for Advent/Christmas season. We need your help!! Refreshments and drinks provided. Many hands will make this so much fun! Please see the poster and sign up sheet in the narthex. See Pat or Leah Gerlach or Dave Sternberg.

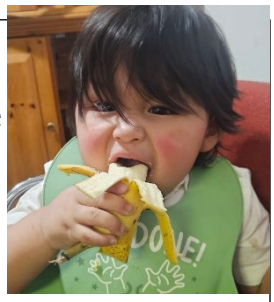


New Members Class
Sunday, November 29th
9:00am
Pastor's Office
All are welcome!



November is
Storehouse West Month
(See Display in Narthex)
Please remember the less fortunate when grocery shopping this Month. Needed are canned and boxed food donations. On Sunday, Nov. 29th, the 2¢ a meal offering will be received and given to Storehouse West. Thank you for supporting this mission!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Toddler Time!



We had such a great time playing, learning and singing! If you know of someone with a toddler, please spread the word!!