

# FALKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE Roy Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

**LEADER:** O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**PEOPLE:** **You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**

**LEADER:** Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**PEOPLE:** **If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

**LEADER:** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

**ALL:** **Test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev John Robinson

INVOCATION

\* SINGING OF PRAISES Insert  
**Blessed Assurance  
Come, Now is the Time to Worship  
Change My Heart O God**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison

Lord God, who is sufficient for the healing of all of our infirmities hear our prayer. We have not trusted in you alone, O God, but have followed after false prophets. Too often we have taken the counsel of fools and seldom have we come to you in prayer. Help us to hear your world above the clamor of our lives. Forgive our wandering ways and restore us to a right relationship with you. Amen

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**LEADER:** God was in Christ reconciling the whole world to God, not counting their sins against them. Friends believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**PEOPLE:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven indeed!  
Hallelujah! Amen!**

## THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Surely The Presence" Roy and Congregation  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

READING OF THE WORD:

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 28:10-19

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

**L: This is the Word of God!**

**P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "God Is In This Place!" Rev John Robinson

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe Jesus Christ, born humbly in a manger this night, is the Son of God. He is the light in the darkness — sent from God to save us from our sins. We believe we are called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to share the good news of his birth, life, ministry and resurrection. On this night, as we celebrate Christ's birth, we affirm the mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD      -by the People of God

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\*HYMN      "Open My Eyes That I May See"      Insert

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*\*Congregation will stand if able.*

### **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

Chorus

### **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are, to worship.  
Come, just as you are, before your God.  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess  
You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now.

### **Change My Heart Oh God**

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God

May I be like You

You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray

Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You

### **Open My Eyes That I May See**

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

#### **Refrain:**

**Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit Divine!**

Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

Refrain

Open my mind that I may read  
More of Thy love in word and deed;  
What shall I fear while yet Thou dost lead?  
Only for light from Thee I plead.

Refrain