

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual | Arranger: Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
(Refrain Repeats)

Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.

(Refrain Repeats)

About the Anthem:

Arlen Ronald Clarke was born and raised in upstate New York before attending Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi. Arlen graduated a year early in 1976; he then headed to Southern Methodist University in Dallas for one year. He transferred to Texas Christian University where he earned the Master of Music in Vocal Performance. He then spent six years as a U.S. Army Officer. Upon his honorable discharge, Arlen worked as a singer and composer in residence at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Kansas City, Missouri. He was then appointed as Director of Choral activities at his alma mater, Belhaven University.

Arlen has since relocated to Greenville, South Carolina, where he serves as the choirmaster at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. He also directs Concordiae, a small a cappella ecclesiastical choir. Arlen has composed over three hundred pieces of music, primarily choral music for worship at St. Mary’s. He has also completed five works for choir with orchestra, two orchestral symphonic poems, and four orchestral concerti. In studying Mr. Clarke’s life, what impressed me most was his intentional rest in between projects and jobs. He is an excellent example of seeking mental and physical rest, as well as God’s peace, before taking up a new task or project. Upon revisiting this arrangement, I appreciate his development of a familiar tune and the interjection of very interesting harmonies during both the piano introduction and the second verse.

Music during Communion:

“Holy, Holy, Holy with Holy is the Lord” J.B. Dykes and Franz Schubert

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” R. Prichard/J. Zundel

and

“Fairest Lord Jesus” from Schlesischer Volkslieder, 1842

All settings by Tom Fettke

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Monday October 5	PW Circle 12:30pm
Monday October 5	PW Evening Circle 7pm
Tuesday October 6	Morning Bible Study 10:30am
Tuesday October 6	Handbells 5pm
Tuesday October 6	Property 5:30pm
Tuesday October 6	Ladies Dinner 6pm
Wednesday October 7	Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm
Thursday October 8	Choir 4:30pm
Saturday October 10	Sat. Lunch Ministry

*It’s CROP Walk Time! The CROP Hunger Walk is today at 3:00pm.

*The Presbyterian Women’s Day Circle will meet on Monday, October 5th at 12:30 p.m. in the Westminster Room. Everybody is welcome!

*The Evening Circle is starting a new study October 5, 2026. We will meet at the home of Ava Barrett. Joyce Perez will lead a study entitled “Jesus Calling -Putting Jesus First.” If you would like the book accompanying the study, they are available on Amazon or call Ava 434-250-5599 to reserve a copy.

*Wednesday Night Supper October 7th. Menu: “Marry Me” Chicken lasagna, mixed veggies, a salad, delicious dessert, and tea. Team 1 is in charge. Please use the reservation form in the bulletin or call the office by **noon Tuesday** if you plan to attend. “What we did last summer!” is the program.

*Church Picnic will be Sunday October 11th 4pm-8pm at Angler’s Park Picnic Shelter (350 Northside Drive)

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Video/Sound	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Richard Smith
Greeter	Harriet Beale
Side door/Offering	Barry Cutright
Counters	Reynolds/Ramey

List of Session members

Class of 2026: Ava Barrett, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer

Class of 2027: Harriet Beale, Pat Pinckney, Joan Reynold, Kent Shelton

Class of 2028: Eddie Blount, Jr., Kathy Dolianitis, Jackie Rockford, Alex Walthall

Trustees: Bob Newnam, Ray Beale, Gary Wimer

2026 Budget Update		
	August 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$33,862.99	\$273,510.34
Expenditures	\$43,840.04	\$312,404.03
Difference	(-\$9,977.05)	(-\$38,893.69)

Scan the QR code for today’s scripture readings.



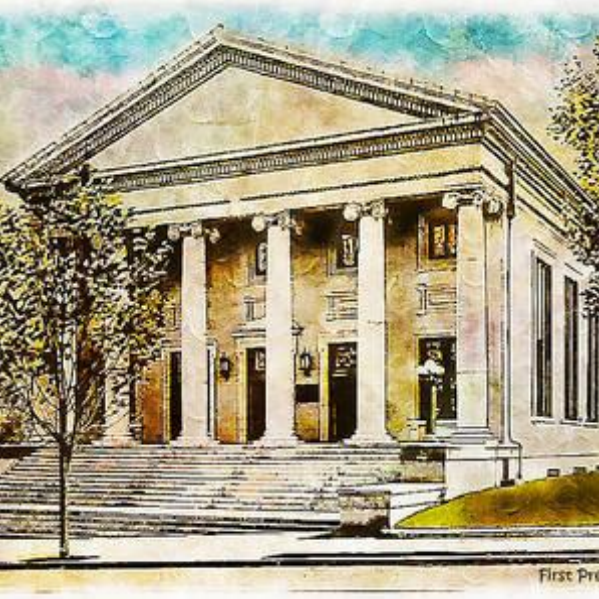
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October 4, 2026

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