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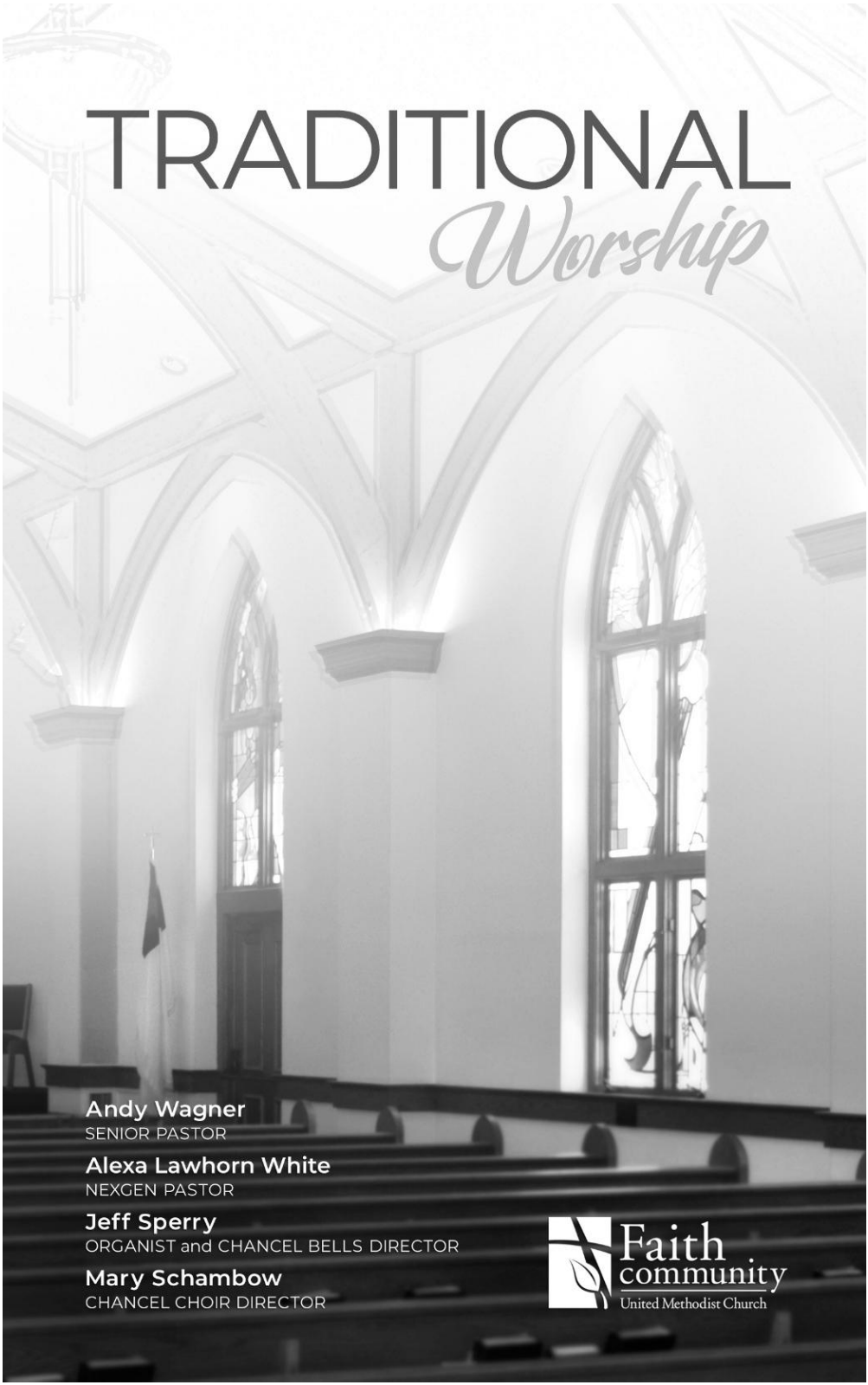

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Gathering

(As we prepare for worship, you are invited to use this as a time of reflection and preparation as we celebrate the presence of Christ around us.)

Welcome

Liturgist: Carolyn Godston

*Call to Worship

Leader: We wait with hope,

People: for God's promises are sure.

Leader: We wait with patience,

People: for God's timing is a mystery.

Leader: Come and worship.

People: We will wait upon the Lord together.[1]

*Opening Hymn

158 (UMH) *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*Opening Prayer

God of great love,
as the earth welcomes seed, we welcome
the presence of Your Holy Spirit in our midst,
and the truth of Your Word this day.
By day and by night may Your Word take root,
sprout, and grow within our spirits,
enabling us to become the people of faith
that you have created us to be.
With your Word hidden in our hearts,
may our lives bear fruit.
Sustained by Your Living Word
may we branch out to others,
offering ourselves in Your service,
for Your honor and glory. Amen.[2]

*The Peace

Music Ministry

Gaudete, Jason W. Krug — Chancel Bells

Bible Presentation

Leader: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds. Thank you. We will read and study the Bible together.

Leader: Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;

People: we rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship. We will grow in our love for God's word.

Children: The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Thanks be to God.[3]

Hymn of Commitment

601 (UMH) *Thy Word Is a Lamp*, verse 1

Sharing of Ministries

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** (UMH) 95

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.

***Offering Prayer**

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Music Ministry
It Is Well with My Soul, Philip P. Bliss, arr. Cathy Moklebust
— Chancel Bells; Laura Howell, violin

New Testament Reading
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
Weeds and Wheat — Pastor Andy Wagner

*Closing Hymn
189 (UMH) *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Blessing
Leader: May patience pave our path.
People: May hope comfort our world.
Leader: May love guide our lives.
All: Let us go with patience, hope, and love. Amen.[1]

*Congregational Response
2280 (FWS) *The Lord Bless and Keep You*

The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious, gracious.
The Lord bless and keep you,
the Lord lift his countenance on you
and give peace, give you peace. Amen.

*Postlude

God sends us forth to spread his gospel to all people!
Share the love of Christ!

*Please stand if you are able.
[1] *Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*
[2] *pccweb.ca/standrewsperth*
[3] *myredeemerlives.com*