

When Christ who is your life is revealed,  
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.



First Presbyterian Church  
Staunton, VA



# Because I Knew Not When My Life Was Good 274

Sarah Williams, 1868: alt.

FEACE: 10. 10. 10. 6.  
George W. Chadwick, 1893

1. Be - cause I knew not when my life was good, And when there  
2. Be - cause I held up - on my self - ish road, And left my  
3. Be - cause I spent the strength Thou gav - est me In strug - gle  
4. Be - cause I was im - pa - tient, would not wait, And thrust my

was a light up - on my path, But turned my soul per -  
broth - er wound - ed by the way, And called am - bi - tion  
which Thou nev - er didst or - dain, And have im - per - fect  
will - ful hand a - cross Thy threads, And marred the pat - tern

verse - ly to the dark, O Lord, I do re - pent.  
du - ty, and pressed on, O Lord, I do re - pent.  
life to of - fer Thee, O Lord, I do re - pent.  
drawn out for my life, O Lord, I do re - pent. A-MEN.

**\*GLORIA**

**\*RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**

L: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

**THE READING**

*from Colossians 3:1-11*

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Putting On The New"*

*Rev. Allamon*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**Call**

**The Anthem**

**The Doxology #606**

*Old Hundredth*

**The Dedication and Lord's Prayer**

**A Celebration of the Gifts of Otto Pebworth**

**WE OFFER OUR GODSPEED**

L: Our church family is ever changing.

Loved ones are born into the family

and loved ones come to the end of their lives.

Individuals come and go in our church life.

It is important and right

that we recognize these times of passage,

of endings and beginnings.

Today we celebrate the gifts

you have brought to us as our pastor.

Hear Paul's words written to the Ephesians:

"Each of us was given grace

according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**P: The gifts he gave were**

**that some would be apostles, some prophets,**

**some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,**

**to equip the saints for the work of ministry,**

**for building up the body of Christ,**

**until all of us come to the unity of the faith**

**and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of  
Christ.**

*Ephesians 4:7-13*

L: Today we share the time of farewell with  
Rev. Karen Allamon, whose time as our pastor ends.  
She began as our pastor on November 15th, 2015.  
At her installation as the Minister of Word and  
Sacrament of this congregation, we heard this  
Scripture and we made vows to one another.  
Paul's words remind all of us today as we continue  
our journey with Jesus, to continue to

**P: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have  
been called, with all humility and gentleness,  
with patience, bearing with one another in love,  
making every effort to maintain the unity of the  
Spirit in the bond of peace.**

*Ephesians 4:1-6*

*Rev. Allamon:* I thank you, my sisters and brothers,  
for the love, kindness, and support shown me  
these past 7 years.

I am grateful for the ministry we have shared  
together.

With joy I recall what we accomplished with God's  
help, and with sadness those dreams not fulfilled.

I ask your forgiveness for mistakes made and  
expectations not met.

**P: We offer our forgiveness  
and celebrate all that God has accomplished among  
us.**

**We are grateful for your ministry  
and for your influence on our lives.**

**We ask your forgiveness for mistakes made  
and for expectations not met.**

*Rev. Allamon:* I receive your gratitude and forgive  
your shortcomings. And I release you from the vows and  
promises made at my installation.

**P: We release you from your promises to us,  
and we offer you our blessing as you  
leave to minister at Madison.**

L: Let us pray:

O God, you have bound us together for a time as  
pastor and people to work for your church in  
this place.

We give you thanks for the ministry we have shared.

*Silence*

We give you thanks for your patience with us  
despite our blindness and slowness of heart.

We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy  
when we have failed.

*Silence*

We especially thank you for your never-failing  
presence with us through these years,  
and for the deepened knowledge of you  
and of each other.

*Silence*

We give you thanks for those who have gathered  
with us as Christ's family in this season.

We thank you for opening our hearts and minds  
again and again to your Word,  
and for feeding us abundantly at your table.

We remember those who have gone before  
and we look with hope toward those who will  
come.

*Silence*

Now, we pray, be with Pastor Karen, with the Madison  
Presbyterian Church, and with your congregation at  
First.

Grant that all of us, by drawing closer to you,  
may come closer to each other in the communion of  
the saints.

All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son,  
our Lord. Amen.

**P: Unto God's gracious mercy we commit you.  
The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon  
you and give you peace, this day and forever.  
Amen.**

**+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +**

**HYMN #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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*Today's Litany for Departure of a Pastor is from the Reformed Church Press.*

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Please join us following worship for a reception  
on the Lawn for Pastor Karen Allamon  
and Mr. Otto Pebworth.

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The pulpit is filled through August and we have begun to  
fill for September.

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The Listening Team of the Presbytery presented their  
findings to the session and noted 4 major areas of work  
for the session and congregation:

1. Grief work over the changes in church during Covid,  
but also from the church known in the 1950's and 1970's.
2. Work on Reconciliation and Trust
3. Work on Communication to the Congregation
4. Administrative Function

The Listening Team is glad to present the findings  
first hand to a larger group.

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The Presbytery, at the request of the Session, is bringing in  
an Administrative Commission to help with our reset.

**Elders**

Sam Clem, Amanda Avery, Mary Meade, Ron Lowman

**Staff**

Dr. Renee Huff, Minister of Music  
Heidi Marsh, Office Manager  
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