

## CORNER

*"...Grace be unto you,  
and peace, from God,  
our Father, and the Lord  
Jesus Christ."  
I Thessalonians 1:1(b)*



On November 12, 2017, the Sanctuary Choir sang the offertory anthem that blessed my heart, as I know most of you were also blessed. As with all the choir pieces, the words to "In Christ Alone" rings true to the Word of God, and tells the story of the love of Christ. Here is the first verse:

*In Christ alone, my hope is found.  
He is my Light, my Strength, my Song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of Love, what depths of Peace  
When fears are stilled, when striving cease.  
My Comforter, and all in all.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

Long, long ago, the Lord revealed to His prophets, and they proclaimed the promise of His love. We are able to now read those words preserved for us. Because Jesus came in the form of a little baby, to grow up, call disciples to follow Him, teach and minister to the people, was crucified, buried and rose again, we can sing and claim these words and the other verses of the song. Prophecy fulfilled in this song are - that *He is my Light, my Strength, my Song*, declares the gifts given - that He is *This Cornerstone, this solid Ground* declares the basis and foundation of our faith - He reveals His Love, and He is our Peace - He is our Comforter and Hope of eternal life all because of the wondrous sacrifice He gave.

Jesus Christ in us is the power we have in this life, and He commands our destiny. The last words of the last stanza of this song completes the story of why Jesus came:

*Here in the power of Christ I stand.*

May God bless First Presbyterian Church as He works in us our mission statement this Christmas and throughout the New Year - - - "To be disciples, to make disciples."

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