

## ***Glory to God* hymnal purchase**

The Session voted its unanimous approval in September for the Worship Committee's proposal to buy the *Glory to God* hymnals from which many of our Sunday hymns are taken.

The Presbyterian Church USA authorized research into a new hymnal in 2004 and formed a committee in 2008 to study other denominations' hymnals, global music, and contemporary trends. This committee anonymously reviewed new submissions and selected hymns based on various factors, including hymns that addressed new topics or filled gaps. It was published in 2013.

This new book of congregational songs will include:

- Over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.
- Approximately 50% of the included hymns will be from the 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal*. The remaining pieces will come from previous Presbyterian hymnals, other denominational songbooks, and individual authors and composers.
- A musical setting of almost every Sunday lectionary psalm.
- Music from six different continents.
- Music covering all major historical and contemporary sacred genres, including approximately 35 African American/Gospel hymns.

Because many of the hymns we have been printing for the Sunday bulletin come from this new hymnal, we won't have to continue printing extra inserts when these books arrive. The books have been ordered, and we look forward to receiving them in the coming weeks.