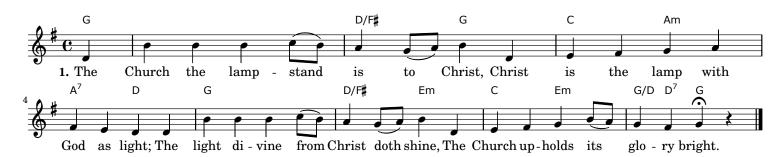
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The Church — The Lampstand of Christ

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- The light which shines within the lamp
 Is God as life, unique, divine;
 The stand must therefore be of gold
 To match the glory which doth shine.
- 3. Amid the darkness of this age
 The light of life divine doth beam
 In many centers of mankind
 Where Jesus' testimony's seen.
- **4.** To be this testimony pure "First love" to Christ the Church must keep; Then from the "tree of life" she may The overcomer's portion reap.
- 5. She must the persecution bear That she the "crown of life" may gain; Adult'ry spiritual o'ercome, The "hidden manna" to obtain.
- 6. The deeds of "Jezebel" desert, That she may rule the earth with might; Defiling deadness overcome To be arrayed in "garments white."

- 7. Like "Philadelphia" she must be To keep Christ's word, confess His Name; All "lukewarm" pride she must o'ercome To feast with Him who overcame.
- 8. Thus will the Church be purified

 To be the lampstand of pure gold,

 To match the testimony pure,

 The life of Jesus fit to hold.
- 9. The local churches here on earth The lampstands in this age should be; The glorious new Jerusalem The lampstand in eternity.
- 10. That city as pure gold will be, The final lampstand consummate; Christ as the lamp she e'er will hold And God's full light will radiate.