



**Morning Worship**  
October 5th, 2025 | 10:55 am

**The Preparation for Worship**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**The Adoration of God**

**The Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #295**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

**\*Confession of Faith**

*(The Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Means of Grace**

**Scripture Reading**

1 Kings 13:1-10

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## **Confession of Sin**

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Your loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned, and done this evil in Your sight –that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Forgive us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen. *(from Psalm 51)*

## **Words of Pardon and Assurance**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)

## **\*Psalm #23**

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- 1     The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
- 2     He makes me down to lie. In pastures green, He leadeth me  
      The quiet waters by.
- 3     My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
      Within the paths of righteousness, ev'n for His own name's sake
- 4     Yea, thought I walk in death's dark vale, yet I will fear no ill;  
      For Thou art with me and Thy rod, and staff me comfort still.
- 5     A table Thou has furnished me in presence of my foes;  
      My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.
- 6     Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
      And in God's house forever more my dwelling place shall be.

## **The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Adult Choir**

"Sing Unto the Lord"

David Stanley York

### **\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Reading of God's Word**

Matthew 7: 7-11

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## **Sermon**

*"The Promise of Prayer"*

Dr. Bill Barclay  
Senior Pastor

**\*Hymn #457**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## **The Lord's Supper**

**The Bread+**

**The Cup**

## **The Response and Benediction**

**\*Hymn # 628**

"Come, My Soul, thy Suit Prepare"

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**

EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7.

*That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth*

*The Spirits and the gifts are our through him who with us sideth.*

*Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;*

*The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.*

+The cup in the middle of the bread tray contains gluten free bread

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

*On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12*

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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*Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12*

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1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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## Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare

*Ask and it will be given to you. Matt. 7:7*

1. Come, my soul, thy suit pre - pare: Je - sus loves to  
 2. Thou art com - ing to a King, large pe - ti - tions  
 3. With my bur - den I be - gin: "Lord, re - move this  
 4. "Lord, I come to thee for rest, take pos - ses - sion

an - swer prayer; he him - self has bid thee pray, there - fore  
 with thee bring; for his grace and pow'r are such, none can  
 load of sin; let thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, set my  
 of my breast; there thy blood - bought right main - tain, and with -

will not say thee nay; there - fore will not say thee nay.  
 ev - er ask too much; none can ev - er ask too much.  
 con - science free from guilt; set my con - science free from guilt.  
 out a ri - val reign; and with - out a ri - val reign.

5. "While I am a pilgrim here,  
 let thy love my spirit cheer;  
 as my Guide, my Guard, my Friend,  
 lead me to my journey's end;  
 lead me to my journey's end.

6. "Show me what I have to do,  
 ev'ry hour my strength renew:  
 let me live a life of faith,  
 let me die thy people's death;  
 let me die thy people's death."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Visitors Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us at Sovereign Grace. Please fill in the Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate, so that we may have a record of your visit.

***"Every morning and evening they present burnt offerings and fragrant incense to the LORD." (2 Chronicles 13:11).***

The morning and evening pattern of ancient worship is preserved in the Protestant and Reformed tradition of morning and evening worship on the Lord's Day. We are all under the obligation to keep the whole day set apart for God and the renewal of our covenant with him. How helpful, then, is the evening service to the keeping of God's commands! Join us tonight as Pastor Ben continues our study of the book for 1 Samuel.

**The Lord's Supper:** We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper this morning during our worship service.

**Please note that Sunday school class times will start promptly at 9:45 am and end at 10:30 am.** We look forward to enjoying some time of brief fellowship and preparation between the Sunday school classes and the beginning of worship.

**The youth will meeting for youth group this Sunday at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall!** All middle and high schoolers are welcome and invited to join for a time of fellowship and teaching before the evening service.

**Our Wednesday Night Activities this week begin with lasagna from the Youth for dinner at 5:45pm in Calvin Hall.** Bible Study, youth group, catechism class and nursery begin at 6:30pm. Please utilize the RSVP slips in the pews to let us know you'll be taking part in the dinner, or email the church office ([emma.parker@sovereigngrace.org](mailto:emma.parker@sovereigngrace.org)) by 2pm on Tuesday.

**Women's Fall Bible Studies:** Our Thursday morning study in John's epistles continues, and we are also adding two evening studies this fall. In South Charlotte, we will meet at Mary Nash's home to study the Psalms, and in East Charlotte (close to 485) we will meet at Michelle Ballou's home to study Ecclesiastes. Both studies will be at 7-8:30pm on Thursday evenings, beginning October 2nd and running for 8 weeks through November 20th. We would love to see you at one of these! For more information and to register, contact Catriona Anderson ([pathmum@gmail.com](mailto:pathmum@gmail.com)).

**Save the Date! A Celebration of the Ministry and Service of Dr. William B. Barclay.** Join us for a celebration of the ministry and service of our beloved Senior Pastor, Bill Barclay, on November 22, 2025 at 5:30pm, Christ Covenant Church, 800 Fullwood Ln, Matthews, NC. More details to come about ways that we can honor Bill. Childcare will not be provided.