



Morning Worship
October 12th, 2025 | 10:55 am

The Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Adoration of God

The Call to Worship

***Hymn #297**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

We believe that God is holy, and that every sin deserves His anger and curse, both in this life and in the life to come.

We believe that since the fall no ordinary man or woman perfectly keeps the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word and action.

We believe that to escape God's anger and curse, which we deserve for our sin, God requires from us faith in Jesus Christ and repentance unto life.

We believe that faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.

We believe that repentance unto life is a saving grace, by which we, being truly aware of our sinfulness, understand the mercy of God in Christ, grieve for and hate our sin, and turn from it to God, fully intending and striving for a new obedience.

adapted from The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English

The Means of Grace

Sacrament of Baptism

Elizabeth Ruth Gillespie

***Psalm 22 (v.1-12)**

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- 1 My God, my God, O why have You forsaken me?
O why are You so far from giving help and from my groaning cry?
- 2 By day and night, my God, I call; Your answer still delays
- 3 And yet You are the Holy One Who dwells in Isr'el's praise.

- 4 Our faith put their trust in You; from You their rescue came.

- 5 They begged You and You set them free;
They were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and not a man at all.
To men I am despised and base; their scornings on me fall.

- 7 All those how look at me will laugh and cast reproach at me.
Their mouths they open wide: they wag their heads in mockery.
- 8 "The Lord was his reliance once; now see what God will send.
Yes, let God rise and set him free, this man that was His friend.

- 9 You took me from my mother's womb to safety at the breast.
- 10 Since birth when I was cast on You in You my God, I rest.
- 11 Be not far off, for grief is near, and none to help is found;
- 12 For bulls of Bashan in their strength now circle me around.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Adult Choir

"Put on the Whole Armor of God"

Paul Liljestrand

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day.
For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of this present darkness.
Stand having girded your loins with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace
Above all, taking the shield of faith whereby we shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of wicked.
And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
Which is the word of God!

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Intercession

Ron Barnwell

***Hymn #499**

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

The Reading of God's Word

Matthew 7: 12-14

p. 812

Sermon

"The Golden Rule and the Narrow Gate"

Rev. Ben Thomas
Associate Pastor

The Response and Benediction

***Hymn # 707**

"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

Phil. 2:9

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall,
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call,
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm- wood and the gall,

let an - gels pros-trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
 who from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod,
 ye ran - somed of the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
 the worm- wood and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet,

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and crown him, crown him,
 and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,

crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!
 him, and crown him

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 (Refrain)

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall,
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song,
 (Refrain)

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776
 Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815

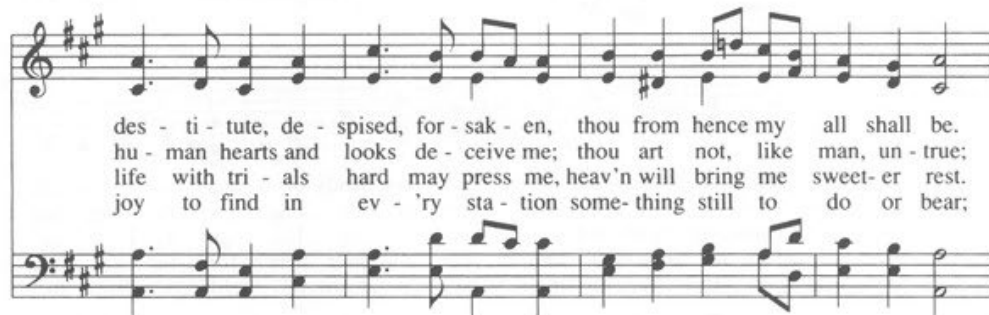
TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.
 Thomas Hastings, 1830

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34



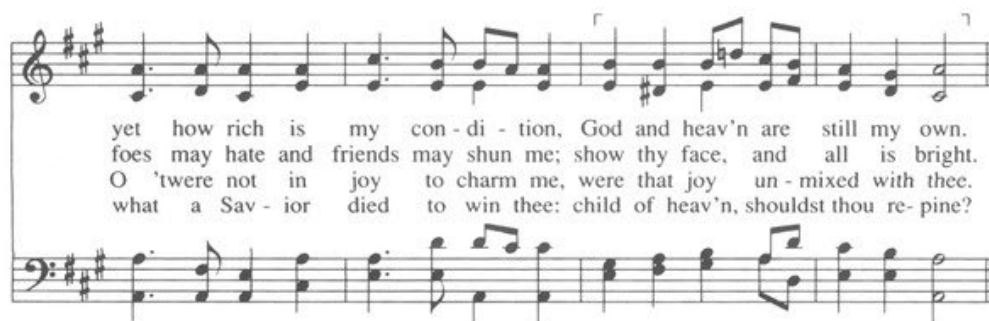
1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and fol - low thee;
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me, they have left my Sav - ior too;
 3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast;
 4. Take, my soul, thy full sal - va - tion, rise o'er sin and fear and care;



des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, thou from hence my all shall be.
 hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; thou art not, like man, un - true;
 life with tri - als hard may press me, heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.
 joy to find in ev - 'ry sta - tion some - thing still to do or bear;



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped or known;
 and, while thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love, and might,
 O 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;
 think what Spir - it dwells with - in thee, what a Fa - ther's smile is thine,



yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own.
 foes may hate and friends may shun me; show thy face, and all is bright.
 O 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed with thee.
 what a Sav - ior died to win thee: child of heav'n, shouldst thou re - pine?

5. Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
 heav'n's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
 Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
 hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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.

Sunday Evening Worship Service: Scripture tells us to “call the Sabbath Day a delight” by setting it apart from our regular, weekday activities and concentrating fully on worship and spiritual things. The evening service enables us to do that, as it frames the Lord’s Day as a day of worship. It also testifies to the priority of things spiritual and eternal. This evening, Pastor Will will be bringing us a message from 1 Samuel.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Elizabeth “Libby” Ruth Gillespie was welcomed into the world on August 5th, 2024 by her parents Jack & Elise Gillespie. In humble obedience to God’s Word, they offer her for baptism in accordance with Scripture as a sign and seal of the covenant of grace into which she was born and will be raised. It is their hope that she will remember her baptism and, in time, place her faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

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 BBQ 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) 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).

Join SGPC & other local churches at the Love Life Prayer Walk on November 8th, from 9:00 - 10:30 as we peacefully pray and worship at the largest abortion center in the southeast. This is not a protest or picketing, this is simply a time that we can spend time in prayer and worship. Location: 3236 Latrobe Dr. Charlotte, NC 28211. More details to come!

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 Saturday, November 22, 2025 at 5:30-8:30 pm, Christ Covenant Church, 800 Fullwood Ln, Matthews, NC. We are collecting notes, favorite photographs, and short videos to present to Bill and Kristy; please send these items to: drbarclaycelebration@gmail.com. Childcare will not be provided. See the weekly newsletter for more information.