



Morning Worship

November 30th, 2025 | 10:55 am

The Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Adoration of God

The Call to Worship

Hymn #196

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Confession of Faith**

We believe that the only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, forever. We believe that as our Redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king. We believe that as our prophet, Christ reveals by His Word and Spirit the will of God to us for our salvation. We believe that as our priest, Christ offered Himself up once, as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and that He continually intercedes for us. We believe that as our king, Christ subdues us to Himself, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and our enemies.

(adapted from the Westminster Shorter Catechism)

The Means of Grace

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 15:1-24

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Confession of Sin

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors; cleanse us from our secret faults and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

***Hymn #193**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Adult Choir

“In The Bleak Mid- Winter”
Harold Darke

***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.

Prayer of Intercession

Rev. Ben Thomas
Associate Pastor

***Hymn #226**

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

The Reading of God’s Word

Luke 1: 46-56

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Sermon

“The Magnificat”

Rev. Ben Thomas
Associate Pastor

The Response and Benediction

***Hymn #198**

“Life Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates”

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

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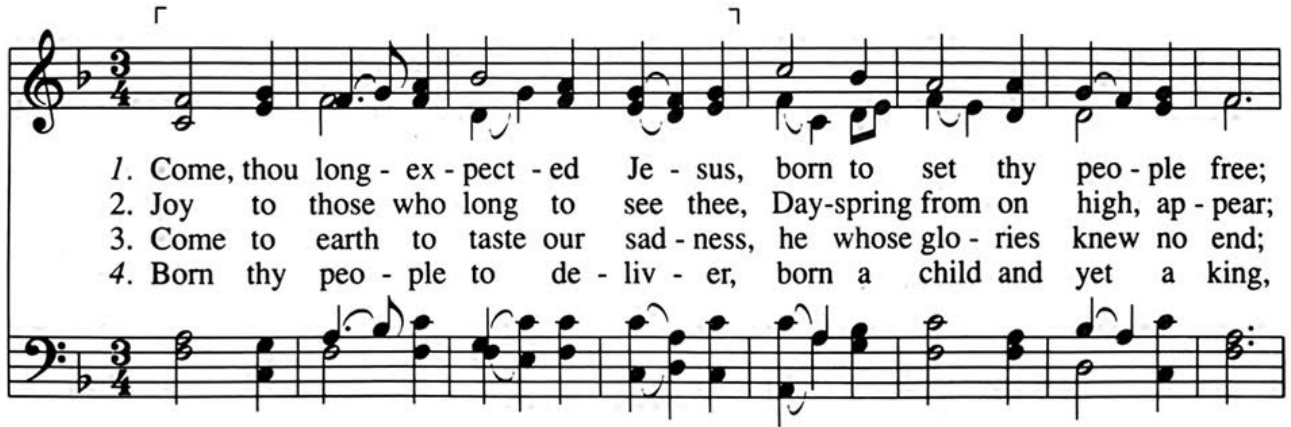
*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be;
And in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.*

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

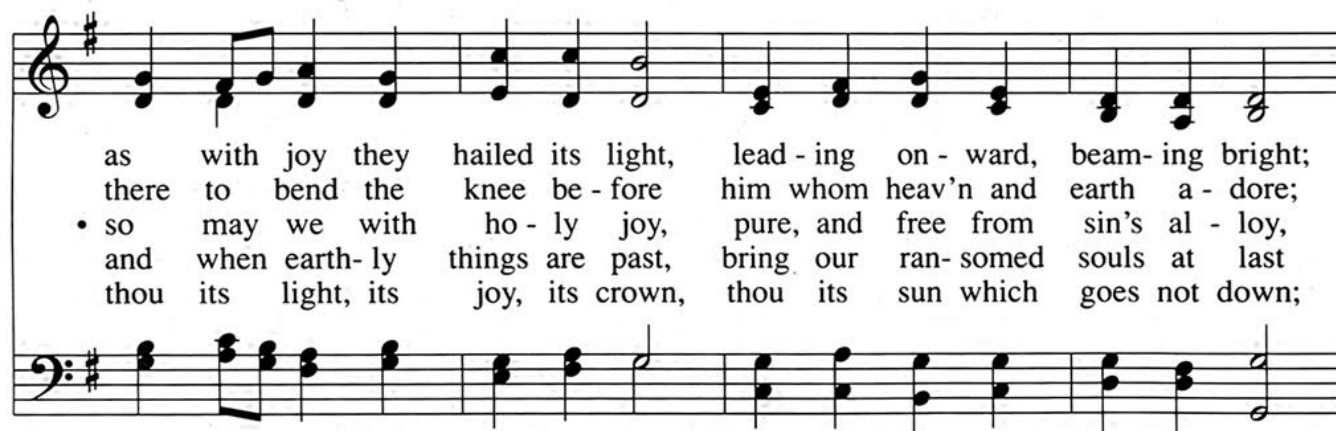
As with Gladness Men of Old

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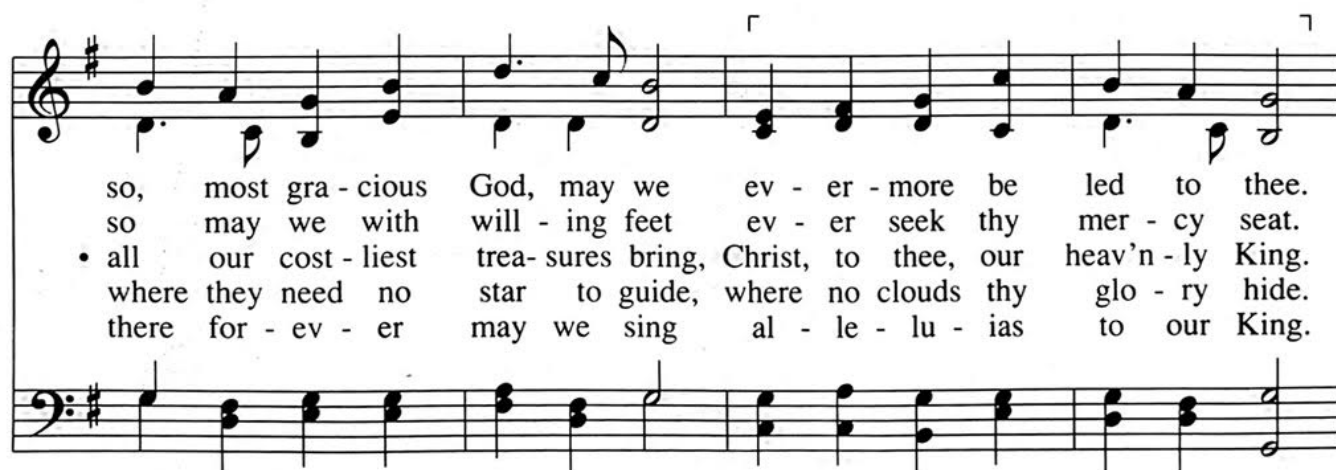
When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10



1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
 Let me thy inner presence feel;
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin!
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
 until the glorious crown be won.

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 have a record of your visit.

Please join us on December 7, following the evening service, for a reception honoring Ben Thomas and the years he has faithfully served our church as Associate Pastor. Join us for food and fellowship to send a big goodbye to the Thomas Family. There will be a basket for cards on the table. Contact Wallace Barnes with questions.

Our annual Music Evening Service & All Church Gathering are on December 14th at 5pm. If you are interested on being a part of this evening of song and readings, please contact Ken DeBoer by phone at (704)846-7578 or email him at ken.a.deboer@gmail.com. Please note that the concert is limited to 1 hour, so sign up for a slot ahead of time! Details to come for the All Church Gathering.

Our Children's Choir (ages 4 through 5th grade) will be singing in the Christmas Program the evening of December 14. To prepare we'll rehearse hymn #170, *Fairest Lord Jesus*, during the last part of Sunday School on December 7 and 14. Please help your child memorize all four verses of this lovely hymn.

Please save the date for Dr. Carlton Wynne's installation and reception on January 11. Details to come.

Save the Date for the Sovereign Grace Marriage Conference! The conference will be at Sovereign Grace the weekend of January 30th– February 1st, and our guest speakers will be Chad & Emily Van Dixhoorn. Details to come!