



Morning Worship
August 24th, 2025 | 10:55 am

The Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Adoration of God

The Call to Worship

***Hymn #2**

"O Worship the King"

***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

Madeline Grace Finley

New Member Introductions

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***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

***Hymn #335**

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me”

The Reading of God’s Word

Matthew 6:5-6, 16-18

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Sermon

“The Reward of Prayer and Fasting”

Rev. Will Keyton

Assistant Pastor

The Response and Benediction

***Hymn #649**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again;

Gladly fore-e'er we adore him.

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O Worship the King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.


5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

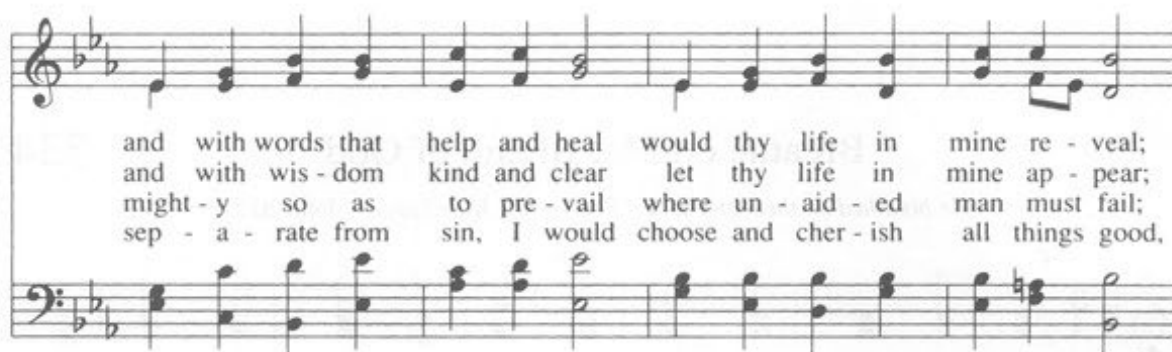
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Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

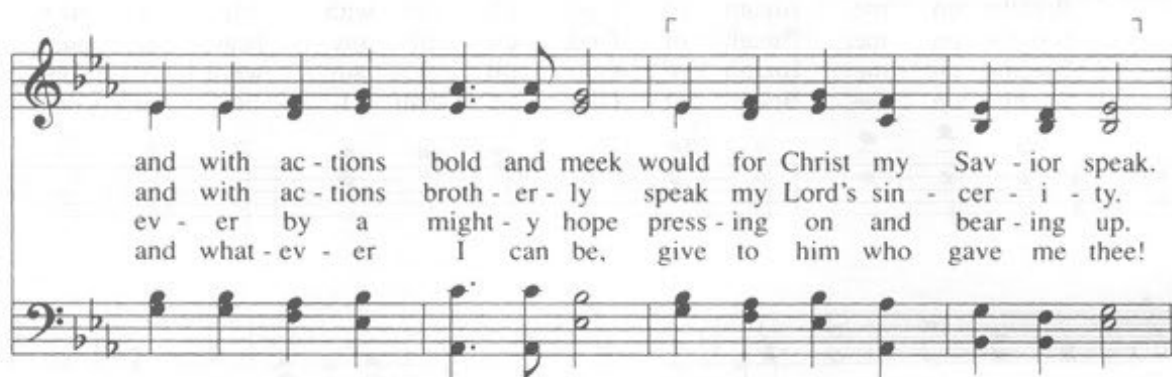
I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Ezek. 36:27



1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;
 2. Truth - ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;
 3. Might - y Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would might - y be;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would ho - ly be;



and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine re - veal;
 and with wis - dom kind and clear let thy life in mine ap - pear;
 might - y so as to pre - vail where un - aid - ed man must fail;
 sep - a - rate from sin, I would choose and cher - ish all things good,



and with ac - tions bold and meek would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
 and with ac - tions broth - er - ly speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
 ev - er by a might - y hope press - ing on and bear - ing up.
 and what - ev - er I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

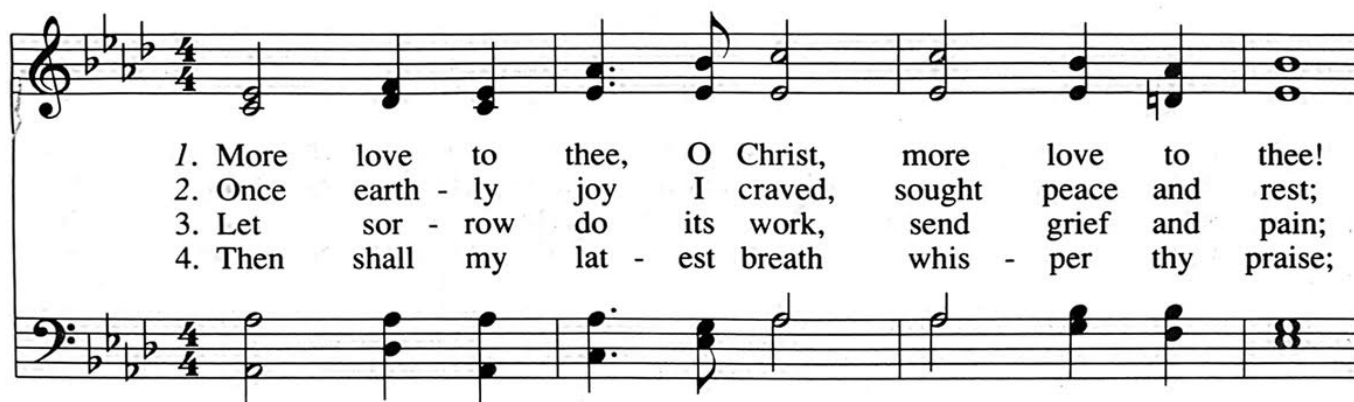
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 Richard Redhead, 1853

More Love to Thee, O Christ

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Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you. John 21:17



1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
 3. Let sor - row do its work, send grief and pain;
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;
 now thee a - lone I seek; give what is best:
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise,

REFRAIN



this is my ear - nest plea,
 this all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to thee,
 when they can sing with me,
 this still its prayer shall be,



more love to thee, more love to thee!

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.

Holy living can be habit-forming: The practice of beginning and ending the Lord's Day in intentional communion with the Lord and his people is transformed from (mere) duty to *deep delight* when it is understood that the Lord himself meets with us. Tonight our evening worship will be starting at 6:00 PM as Pastor Ben Thomas preaches from 1 Samuel. May this lead to a happy and holy habit of evening worship for us all

We need cooks and helpers for Wednesday Night dinners! Our Fellowship Meals will resume on Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:45pm in Calvin Hall, with Bible Study, youth group, catechism class and nursery at 6:30pm. Please reach out to Kristyn Barrett (kbarr654@gmail.com) or Jessica Brister (jessrbrister@yahoo.com) if you are interested in participating!

Come join your sisters at SGPC and grow in your faith through our fall women's studies! Beginning Thursday, Sept 4th, we will be studying John's epistles on Thursday mornings, meeting from 9:45-11:15 am in Calvin Hall. No book or homework is required; just bring your Bible! Please contact Hope Keyton (hekeyton@gmail.com) to sign up and if you need childcare, please let her know by August 21st. Stay tuned for more information on our upcoming fall evening study.

Young Adults Backyard Barbecue: The young adults of our church are invited to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall with a backyard barbecue at the Keyton's (8212 Trail View Dr) on Friday, September 5th, 5:30-8:30pm. For details and to RSVP, contact Pastor Will at will.keyton@sovereigngrace.org.

Plan ahead for our next Inquirer's Class: If you have been visiting Sovereign Grace and are interested in pursuing church membership, or if you just want to find out more about our church and what we believe, you are invited to attend our next Inquirer's Class. The class will be held over 6 weeks, from September 7th– October 12th, during the Sunday School hour. Please contact the church office (704.553.9600 or emma.parker@sovereigngrace.org) to register for the course.

Promotion Sunday will be the first Sunday after Labor Day this year: September 7th! Sovereign Grace has been blessed with wonderful Sunday School teachers and assistants in the Children's Ministry. Those involved with teaching the children serve as they prepare lessons and attend to the children in their class on Sunday morning. Classes are held for children 2-years-old through 5th grade! We will also begin a new Sunday school series in both adult classes and both youth classes. See the flyer to find out details about each class.

All families of middle and high school students are invited to join for a potluck lunch after the morning service on September 7th! This includes families of rising 6th graders as this date will also be Promotion Sunday. Please RSVP to Ricky (ricky.johnson@sovereigngrace.org) with the number of people coming from your family.

The Sovereign Grace Choir will begin meeting again on September 7th and new members are welcome to join! Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons at 4:45pm. Please reach out to Ken DeBoer (ken.a.deboer@gmail.com) if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE - Men's Fall Retreat: The Men's Retreat will take place on September 12th-13th at Bonclarken Conference Center. We are happy to share that our speaker will be Dr. Neil Stewart. A former pediatric physician and native of Northern Ireland, he is now the Senior Minister of 1st Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. Neil is married to Catherine and the father of six children. Registration for this event is on the church website under the "events" tab!

All ladies of the church are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Kalley Barclay on Saturday, September 13th. We will gather at the Henderson's home (2423 Rensford Avenue) from 10–11:30am to enjoy food and fellowship.

To RSVP and sign up to bring a food item, please see the sign-up genius in the weekly e-newsletter. We look forward to showering Kalley with our love and prayers. Gifts are welcomed but opening of them will not be a part of our time together. Kalley is registered at Babylist. If you are interested in contributing to a group gift (carseat) you may do so online via Babylist. Please contact Wallace Barnes (704-502-3182) with any questions.

CYPP (Child Youth Protection Policy) in-person training will be held during the Sunday School hour in the Conference Room on Sunday, September 14th. This training is required for children (11+) and adults who would like to volunteer in our church's ministry to children and youth. Please contact Evan Zhuo (evanpluscoco@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.