

SOVEREIGN GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Glorifying God. Growing Together. Going to the Nations.



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Morning Worship

September 6, 2026, 10:55am

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Will Keyton

Prelude

Call to Worship

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones! Psalm 105:4–6

*Hymn 376

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation (concluding in the Lord’s Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.† The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will 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.

Scripture Reading

Joel 1:1–20

Rev. Dr. Carlton Wynne
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Confession of Sin

Almighty God, if you should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a filthy garment. We all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. We confess that our iniquities have gone over our heads; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for us. So we despise ourselves—all that is in our sinful flesh—and repent in dust and ashes. Oh, Father, look on us, we pray, for we are your people. Cleanse us thoroughly through the saving grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Like you, he is full of compassion, faithful in love, and perfect in holiness. We take our refuge in him and pray in his name, Amen.

† The Westminster Larger Catechism offers the following explanation for the phrase “descended into hell” as it appears in the Apostles’ Creed: “continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day.”

‡ The word “catholic” means universal, indicating in the Creed all who belong to the body of Christ.

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Words of Pardon and Assurance

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

***Hymn 390**

“Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray”

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Rev. Johnson

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.*

Reading of God’s Word

Mark 1:34-39

p. 836

Sermon

“Jesus’ Undistracted Ministry”

Dr. Wynne

***Songbook #24**

“Come to the Waters”

The Lord’s Supper

The Bread+

The Cup

Mercy Ministry Offering

***Hymn 400**

“O Bless Our God with One Accord”

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

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*Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

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Evening Worship

September 6, 2026 6:00pm

Call to Worship

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! Psalm 72:1, 17

*Hymn 80

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q.45

Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

A: Christ executeth the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their disobedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

Hymn of the Month, #303

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Requested Hymns

Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Dr. Charles Smoak

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Reading of God’s Word

2 Samuel 3:22–39

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Sermon

“The Kingdom Advances with Justice”

Rev. Will Keyton

*Trinity Psalter, Psalm 72 v. 1–12

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*Benediction

Sovereign Grace Announcements

Visitors Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. Please fill in the Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code so that we have a record of your visit.

The Lord's Day Evening Service bookends the Sabbath day in an unhurried and spiritually edifying way. You are warmly welcome to join us this evening at 6:00 pm.

Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner and Prayer. Scan the QR code on the back panel to RSVP for next week's dinner.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day.

Choir resumes September 13 - new practice time of 9:00 am! For anyone interested in joining the choir this year, practices will start back Sunday, September 13. We will be trying out a new rehearsal time of 9:00 am every Sunday, so come give it a try! Charles Smoak will be directing this year; feel free to contact him with any questions (charles.smoak@yahoo.com)

Sovereign Grace is seeking to fill two staff positions: Director of Children's Ministry and Office Administrator. For job descriptions and additional information, visit sovereigngrace.org/careers.

Join the moms and kids of SGPC on September 12 (item collection and shopping day) and 13 (shopping day) to drop off and shop for free, gently used maternity clothes and gear, as well as kids' clothes, toys, and school supplies. This event is completely free and will be hosted in Calvin Hall. Please view the flier or contact Marion Rennard (marionrennard22@gmail.com) for more details

Women's Fall Bible Studies are beginning! Five different studies are being offered on various topics and books. Check out the "Women's" tab under "Ministries" on our website for dates, times, and additional information!

The 2026 Men's Retreat registration is open! This year's retreat will be September 18-19 at Bonclarken, and Rev. Sean McCann will be our speaker. Scan this QR code to register, pay, and learn more!



Sovereign Grace members Suze Aucoin and Jennifer McArthur are offering free counseling to any sister who may need it. They have completed supervised counseling hours under Drs. Jim Newheiser and Keith Evans at RTS and are seeking counselees for their next supervised counseling course. Both Suze and Jennifer offer help with a variety of personal, relational, or spiritual concerns. Contact Suze at SAucoin5967@student.rts.edu or Jennifer at jamcarthur98@gmail.com.

Save the date for our new Fall Bible Conference on October 17-18! This year, Rev. Dr. David Hall will be our speaker on the topic, "The Beauty of Reformed Worship." More details to come!

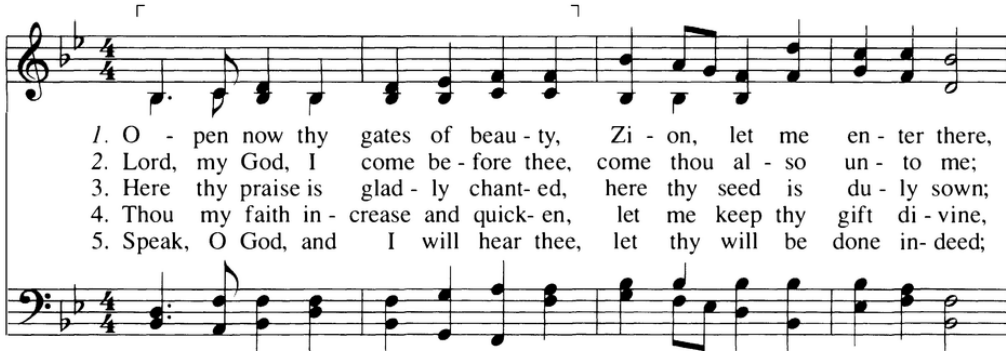


For more information regarding any of these activities, or other ways to be involved at Sovereign Grace, please fill out our Connect Card.

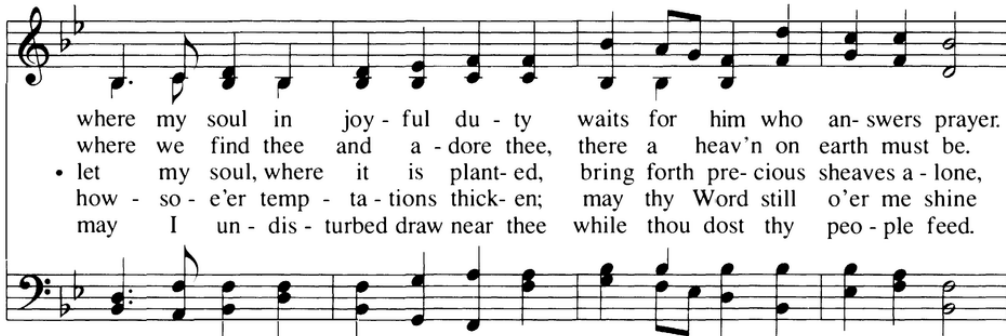
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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

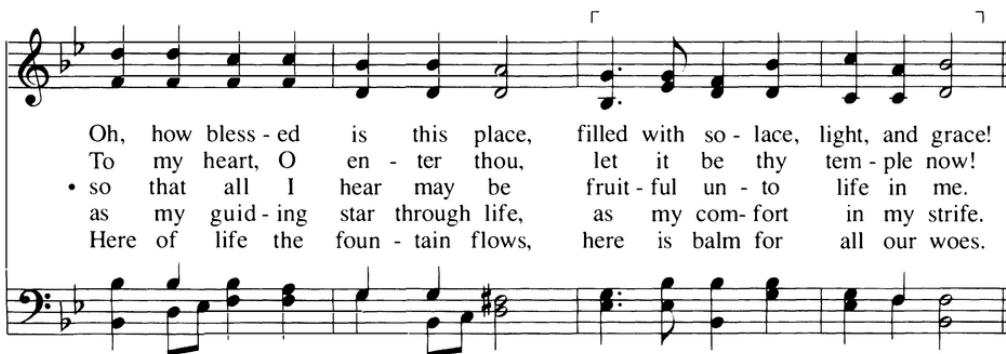
One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. Ps. 27:4



1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2. Lord, my God, I come be - fore thee, come thou al - so un - to me;
 3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4. Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for him who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 • let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; may thy Word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, O en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 • so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in my strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows, here is balm for all our woes.

Benjamin Schmolck, 1732, cento
 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

NEANDER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
 Joachim Neander, 1680; alt. 1990

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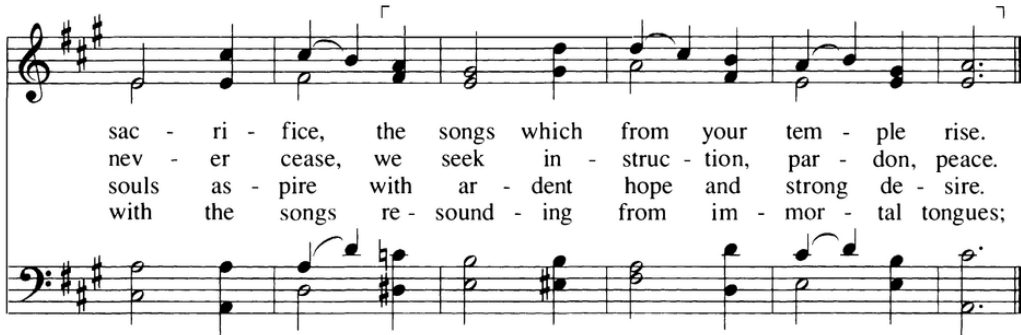
Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray

The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath. Matt. 12:8


1. Lord of the Sab - bath, hear us pray, in this your
 2. Now met to pray and bless your name, whose mer - cies
 3. Your earth - ly Sab - baths, Lord, we love, but there's a
 4. In your blest king - dom we shall be from ev - 'ry



house, on this your day; and own, as grate - ful
 flow each day the same, whose kind com - pas - sions
 no - bler rest a - bove; to that our la - b'ring
 mor - tal trou - ble free; no sighs shall min - gle



sac - ri - fice, the songs which from your tem - ple rise.
 nev - er cease, we seek in - struc - tion, par - don, peace.
 souls as - pire with ar - dent hope and strong de - sire.
 with the songs re - sound - ing from im - mor - tal tongues;

5. No rude alarms of raging foes;
 no cares to break the long repose;
 no midnight shade, no waning moon,
 but sacred, high, eternal noon.

6. O long-expected day, begin,
 dawn on these realms of woe and sin!
 Break, morn of God, upon our eyes;
 and let the world's true Sun arise!

Philip Doddridge, 1737
 Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1819, and others; mod.

GERMANY L.M.
 William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Hallelujah!

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*[Nothing]... will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:39*



1. What can sep - a - rate my soul
2. Trou - ble, hard - ship, dan - ger, sword
3. An - gels, de - mons, now or then?
4. Vic - tors we're or - dained to be
5. We face death for God each day;



from the God who made me whole, wrote my name in
brought by those who hate my Lord? Slan - der here? Or
Wick - ed - ness dreamed up by men? Per - se - cu - tions
by the God who set us free; what can there - fore
what can pluck us from his way? Let God's peo - ple



hea - ven's scroll? — Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
no re - ward? — Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
come a - gain? — Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
con - quer me? — Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
ev - er say, — "Noth - ing." Hal - le - lu - jah!



Based on Romans 8:35-39
James Montgomery Boice, 1999

PERSEVERANCE
7.7.7.6.
Paul S. Jones, 1999

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O Bless Our God with One Accord

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD who minister by night in the house of the LORD. Ps. 134:1

1. O bless our God with one ac - cord, ye faith - ful
 2. Lift up your hands, in prayer draw nigh un - to his
 3. Je - ho - vah bless thee from a - bove, from Zi - on

ser - vants of the Lord, who in his house do
 sanc - tu - ar - y high; bless ye the Lord, kneel
 in his bound - less love, our God, who heav'n and

stand by night; and praise him there with all your might.
 at his feet, and wor - ship him with rev - erence meet.
 earth did frame; blest be his great and ho - ly name.

From Psalm 134
 Lambertus J. Lamberts, 1928

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
 Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

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To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the
One he loves. Eph. 1:6

1. Lord, with glow-ing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love be - stows,
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretch-ed wan-d'r'er far a - stray;
3. Praise thy Sav - ior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give,
4. Lord, this bo - som's ar - dent feel - ing vain - ly would my lips ex - press:

for the par-d'ning grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.
found thee lost, and kind - ly brought thee from the paths of death a - way.
held a blood - sealed par - don to thee, bade thee look to him and live.
low be - fore thy foot-stool kneel - ing, deign thy sup-pliant's pray'r to bless.

Help, O God, my weak - en - deav - or; this dull soul to rap - ture raise:
Praise, with love's de - vout - est feel - ing, him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
Praise the grace whose threats a - larmed thee, roused thee from thy fa - tal ease;
Let thy love, my soul's chief trea - sure, love's pure flame with - in me raise;

thou must light the flame, or nev - er can my love be warmed to praise.
and, the light of hope re - veal - ing, bade the blood-stained cross ap - pear.
praise the grace whose prom-ise warmed thee, praise the grace that whis-pered peace.
and, since words can nev - er mea - sure, let my life show forth thy praise.

Francis Scott Key, 1817

RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D.
Gregorian chant
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered
 2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3. Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of light, from
 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

all to hear you; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark-ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing; o - pen now our ears and heart,
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust

now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing; hear the cry your
 and ob - tain true con - so - la - tion, while we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
 peo - ple rais - es, hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

St. 1-3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; st. 4, anon., 1707
 St. 1-3 tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858; st. 4 trans. anon.; alt. 1990, mod.

LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8.
 Johann R. Ahle, 1664

Verses 15–24, 1

- 15 All day my mouth Thy justice
And Thy salvation show,
For proofs of them are far beyond
- 16 The numbers which I know.
For I will go forth in the strength
Of Thee, Jehovah Lord;
Thy righteousness, and Thine
alone,
Abroad I will record.
- 17 O God, You've been my teacher
Ev'n from my days of youth;
And all the wonders Thou
hast done
I still declare as truth.
- 18 So now, when I am old and gray,
O God, forsake me not,
Until Thy strength and power
I have
Each generation taught.
- 19 For, God, Thy justice reaches
Into infinity,
And Thou hast wrought such
miracles,
O God, who is like Thee?
- 20 Thou Who before hast made
me see
Much evil and distress
Wilt me revive and bring me up
From depths which me depress.
- 21 Do Thou increase my greatness,
And comfort to me bring.
- 22 Then with a harp I'll give Thee
thanks;
My God, Thy truth I'll sing.
O Holy One of Is-ra-el,
With harp Thy psalms I'll bring;
- 23 My lips will shout; my ransomed
soul
In psalms to Thee will sing.
- 24 My tongue will keep proclaiming
Thy justice all day long;
For they are humbled and
ashamed
Who seek to do me wrong.

- 1 O Lord, in Thee I refuge take;
Ashamed let me not be;
O save me in Thy righteousness;
Give ear and rescue me.

TUNE: ST. CHRISTOPHER 76.86.86.86.
(new *Trinity Hymnal*, p. 251)
("Beneath the Cross of Jesus")

Based on *The Psalter*, 1912; altered 1994

Psalm 72

Verses 1–12

- 1 O God, Thy judgments give
the king,
His reigning son Thy
righteousness;
- 2 He to Thy people right
shall bring,
With justice shall Thy
poor redress.
- 3 The heights shall bring prosperity,
The hills bring peace by
righteousness;
- 4 He'll judge the poor,
the wronged set free,
And crush the men who
them oppress.
- 5 Till sun and moon no more
are known
They shall Thee fear in ages all;
- 6 He'll come as rain on meadows
mown
And show'rs upon the earth
that fall.
- 7 The just shall flourish in his day;
While lasts the moon shall
peace extend;
- 8 From sea to sea shall be his sway,
And from the River to earth's end.
- 9 The nomads bow to him as king,
And to the dust his foes descend;
- 10 The isles and Tarshish
tribute bring,
And Sheba, Seba gifts shall send.

- 11 All kings shall down before
him fall,
All nations his commands obey.
12 He'll save the needy when
they call,
The poor, and those that have
no stay.

Verse 13-19

- 13 He'll show the poor his sympathy,
And save the needy by his might;
14 From fraud and force he'll set
them free;
Their blood is precious in
his sight.
15 So he shall live, a gift of gold
From Sheba they'll before him lay.
They'll him in constant
prayer uphold,
Their blessings on him
chant all day.
16 On hilltops sown a little grain,
Like Lebanon with fruit
shall bend,
New life the city shall attain,
She shall like grass grow
and extend.
17 Long as the sun his name
shall last,
It shall endure through ages all;
And men shall still in him
be bless'd;
Bless'd all the nations shall
him call.
18 Now bless-ed be our God alone,
Jehovah, God of Is-ra-el;
For only He has wonders done,
His deeds in glory far excel.
19 And bless-ed be His
glorious name,
Long as the ages shall endure,
O'er all the earth extend His fame;
Amen, amen, for evermore.

TUNE: TRURO LM (724)
"Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates"

Based on the *Book of Psalms*, 1871

Psalms 73

Verse 1-16

- 1 God's surely good to Is-ra-el,
To every one whose heart is pure.
2 But as for me, I nearly fell;
My footsteps were no longer sure.
3 For I was envious of the proud
And wicked ones with
wealth endowed,
4 For in their death no
pangs they know;
Their strength is firm from
day to day;
5 They have no part in others' woe,
Nor plagued as mortal men
are they.
6 They make their necklace
arrogance,
And clothe themselves
with violence.
7 Their eyes are bulging
from excess;
Their hearts o'erflow with
dreams they seek.
8 They scoff; they threaten
to oppress;
Disdainful words they
proudly speak.
9 Their mouth the heights of
heaven raids;
Their tongue around the world
parades.
10 Their people therefore
this way turn
And drink their streams
that overflow.
11 "For how," they say, "can God
discern?
And does the Most High
really know?"
12 Behold, ungodly men are these,
Who gain in wealth and
live at ease.

(Continues)