

# Worship Guide

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December 28, 2025



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Pastor Lewis Richerson

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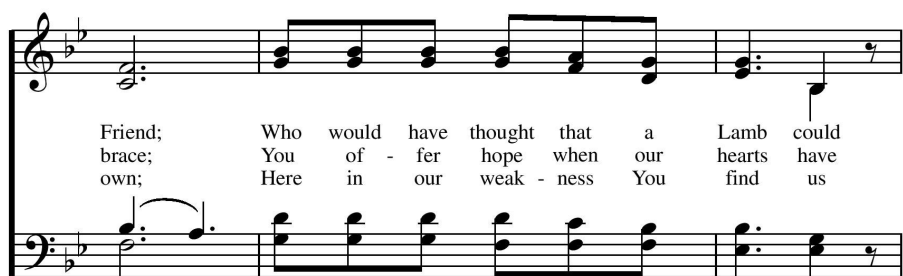
# WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS MERCIFUL LOVE

Scripture Reading: Psalm 103:8–12 (ESV)

## Wonderful, Merciful Savior



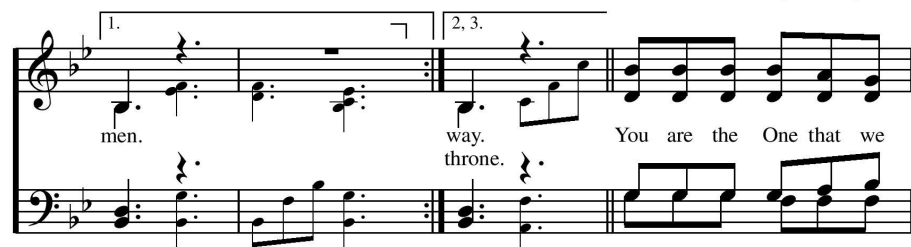
1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and  
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -  
 3. Al - might - y in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your



Friend;  
brace;  
own;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
You of - fer hope when our hearts have  
Here in our weak - ness You find us



res - cue the souls of men? Oh, You res - cue the souls of  
 hope - less - ly lost the way. Oh, we've hope - less - ly lost the  
 fall - ing be - fore Your throne. Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your



1. men. 2. 3. way. You are the One that we  
 throne.

praise, You are the One we a - dore.

You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger

for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

Repeat Last Time

# Grace Greater Than Our Sin

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, Grace that ex - ceeds our  
 2. Sin and de - spair like the sea - waves cold, Threat - en the soul with  
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide; What can a - vail to  
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace, Free - ly be - stowed on

sin and our guilt, Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out -  
 in - fi - nite loss; Grace that is great - er, yes, grace un -  
 wash it a - way? Look, there is flow - ing a crim - son  
 all who be - lieve; You that are long - ing to see His

poured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.  
 told, Points to the re - fuge, the might - y cross.  
 tide; Whit - er than snow you may be to - day.  
 face, Will you this mo - ment His grace re - ceive?

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that will par - don and cleanse with - in;

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is great - er than all our sin.

Words: Julia H. Johnston  
 Music: Daniel B. Townner

# THE ARRIVAL OF CHRIST SHOWS US GOD'S PURPOSE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-21 (ESV)

## The First Noel



1. The first No - el the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor  
 2. For all to see there was a star Shin - ing in the  
 3. And by the light of that same star The wise men  
 4. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es

shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their  
 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it gave great  
 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -  
 to our heav - en - ly Lord Who hath made heav'n and earth of

*Chorus*  
 sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -  
 naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

WORDS: Traditional English Carol

MUSIC: Traditional English Carol; Last chorus setting and choral ending by Dennis Allen

THE FIRST NOEL

Irregular meter

el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps: F# and C#). The treble staff contains the melody, which is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment, primarily using chords and some moving lines. The overall style is that of a simple, accessible musical score, possibly for a children's song or a hymn.

# Behold Our God

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered  
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion  
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, Bear - ing all the

ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.  
 an - y of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
 guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave.

All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice.  
 Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds? Be - hold our  
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris - en now to reign!

God, seat - ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our

Words and Music: Ryan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird and Stephen Altrogge

Last time to Coda  $\Phi$

King, noth - ing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore

Repeat Last Time

1, 2 3

Him! Him! Ladies: Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

Men: You will reign for - ev - er.

Let Your glo - ry fill the earth. Let Your glo - ry fill the earth.

You will reign for - ev - er. You will reign for - ev - er.

D.S. al Coda  $\Phi$   $\Phi$  Coda

Let Your glo - ry fill Be - Him!

You will reign for - ev - er. Be -

# **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

Luke 1:57–66

Frankie Johnson



# RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD


## The Lord Is My Salvation



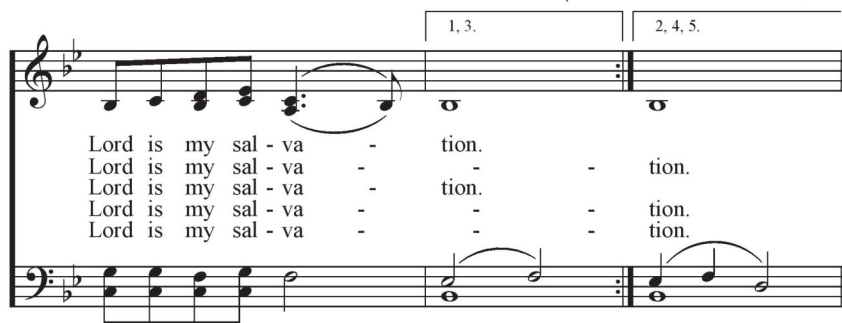
1. The grace of God has reached for — me,  
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls.  
 3. My hope is hid - den in the — Lord.  
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of — need,  
 5. And when I reach my fi - nal — day,



and pulled me from the rag - ing sea,  
 His strength will help me scale these walls.  
 He flow'rs each prom - ise of His Word.  
 when I know loss when I am weak,  
 He will not leave me in the grave,



and I am safe on this sol - id ground. The  
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun. The  
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come. The  
 I know His grace will re - new these days. The  
 but I will rise. He will call me home. The



Lord is my sal - va - tion.      1, 3.      2, 4, 5.  
 Lord is my sal - va - tion.      -      -  
 Lord is my sal - va - tion.      -      -  
 Lord is my sal - va - tion.      -      -  
 Lord is my sal - va - tion.      -      -

Words and Music by Kieth & Kristyn Getty, Nathan Nockels, & Jonas Myrin

*Refrain*

Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My

debt is paid and the vic-t'ry won. The Lord is my sal - va - tion.

*Bridge*

Glo-ry be to God, the Fa - ther. Glo-ry

be to God, the Son. — Glo-ry be to God, the Spi -

*Tag:*

- rit. — The Lord is our sal - va - tion. —

Repeat Then Tag

# Pastoral Prayer

## Country

Today we will pray for the country of **Switzerland**.

Population: **8,967,408**

**4.4 %** Evangelical

**4%** Unevangelized

Renewed vision for evangelicals is bubbling up. Most Christian non-profit groups have united as a more audible voice within society regarding religious freedom, evangelism and mission, aid and social responsibility, environmental issues, media, youth and others. While church planting remains an important goal, they see renewal and Christian testimony within society as equally important. Pray for increasing numbers of congregations as well as for renewal of many existing ones.

## WBC Homebound Member of the Week

We will pray for our own **Bobbie D'Armond**.

(Williamsburg Independent Living Community, Apt. 336

5445 Government St.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806)

Cell: (225) 931-5422

## Local Church

We will also pray for **First Baptist Central**, and their pastor, **Daryl Purpera**.

(9676 Sullivan Rd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70818)

## Government Leaders

Additionally, we will pray for the Louisiana State Librarian, **Meg Placke**.

(701 N. Fourth St.

Baton Rouge, LA 70802)

## Woodlawn Baptist Church

For matters related to our own local body, see weekly prayer guide distributed via email during the week.

## 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

# Offering

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). One of the greatest joys for Christians is being able to give cheerfully, generously, and sacrificially. There is tremendous satisfaction that comes from seeing the fruits of our labor multiplied many times over in the lives of others. Money is a powerful thing, and when we use it well, it has potential to do incredible good. We hope that we're able to excel in the grace of giving.

## January – November 2025 Budget Giving

Received.....	\$894,753.49
Expenses .....	\$860,813.34

## Building on Faith Giving

Total Collected in January–November.. .....	\$29,354.47
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## Attendance

December 21, 2025.....	355 people
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## Online Giving:



# GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

## New Year's Eve Party

The Lindsay Family will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party at their home **on Wednesday, December 31**, from **7:30pm–12:30am**. Sign up through the QR code to bring a finger food or side to share. See Candi Lindsay for details.



## Ladies' Dinner Out

Ladies, join us for fellowship and dinner at **Casa La Vida** on **Sunday, January 4**, at **5:30pm**. Sign up via the Church App.



## Zydeco Hockey Game

We will take a group of people to go to a Zydeco Hockey Game on **Friday, January 2**, at **7pm**. Sign up through the Church App to reserve your spot.



## Baby Shower for Tessa Krone

We will be hosting a baby shower in honor of Tessa Krone on **Sunday, January 11**, at **1:30pm**, in the **Assembly Room**. Tessa is registered at Amazon. Please RSVP to Katie Richardson by January 4.

## Men's Beast and Bunco

**Sunday, January 11, at 5:30pm**, our men will be having a Beast and Bunco night in the **FLC**. Come and learn how to play Bunco while enjoying various grilled meats. Please bring a side to share and your best competitive spirit. The cost is **\$5**. Sign up in the Church App. See Pastor Lewis Richerson with questions.



## Youth & Adult Sunday School Teachers

Youth and Adult Sunday School teachers– make sure to RSVP through your Church Center App for the upcoming training with Dr. David Allen.

### Save the Date– Summer 2026

Save the date for the following summer events!

June 1–5, 2026: Vacation Bible School

June 1–5, 2026: Middle School Mania

July 20–23, 2026: Family Camp

### Woodlawn Hymnal Playlist

We have created a playlist filled with songs we sing here at Woodlawn that is now available to you through Apple Music and Spotify.

Apple Music



Spotify



# Benediction

**Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)**

## **Prospective Members to be Considered at the Upcoming Members' Meeting**

Tim Bray	Cell: (423) 307-6352
Emily Bray	Cell: (423) 762-8944
Shari Davis	Cell: (225) 933-4237
Tony Davis	Cell: (225) 505-6198
Gloria Griffin	Cell: (225) 405-7913
Carol Hughes	Cell: (225) 603-1612
Brant Miranda	Cell: (225) 933-3412
Brenda Miranda	Cell: (225) 324-6623
Brian Miranda	Cell: (225) 235-9666
Annette Simms	Cell: (225) 439-3575
By Baptism:	
Jared Keyes	Cell: (225) 939-7674
Olivia Wilkins	Cell: (225) 485-1688

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## **Sunday, December 28**

10:15am      The Worship Gathering      Sanctuary

## **Monday, December 29**

## **Tuesday, December 30**

## **Wednesday, December 31**

6:00am      Men's Bible Study      Frank's Restaurant

8:30am      Office Closed      WBC Campus

7:30pm      New Year's Eve Party      Lindsay House

## **Thursday, January 1**

8:30am      Office Closed      WBC Campus

## **Friday, January 2**

7:00pm      WBC Zydeco Hockey Game      Raising Canes River Center

## **Saturday, January 3**

## **Sunday, January 4**

9:00am      Sunday School      WBC Campus

10:15am      The Worship Gathering & Lord's Supper      Sanctuary

6:00pm      Ladies' Dinner Out      Casa La Vida

## **Staff**

Lewis Richerson, PhD — Lead Pastor  
Lewis@wbcbr.org

Ryan Hess — Pastor, Music & Administration  
Ryan@wbcbr.org

Lyn Bailey — Children's Minister  
Lyn@wbcbr.org

Leslie Talley — Hospitality & Facilities Coordinator  
Service@wbcbr.org

Kenzi Lesley — Ministry Assistant  
Secretary@wbcbr.org

Zelda Stanford — Financial Assistant  
Financial@wbcbr.org

Terri Davis — Preschool Director

Rick Stanford — Maintenance Director

## **Church Office Information**

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5805 Jones Creek Road  
St. George, LA 70817  
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Fax: 225–756–8430

### **Visitors**

Use this QR code to fill  
out a guest card.



### **Prayer Requests**

Use this QR code to  
submit your prayer requests.

