

Worship Guide

December 7, 2025



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Pastor Lewis Richerson

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Pastor Ryan Hess

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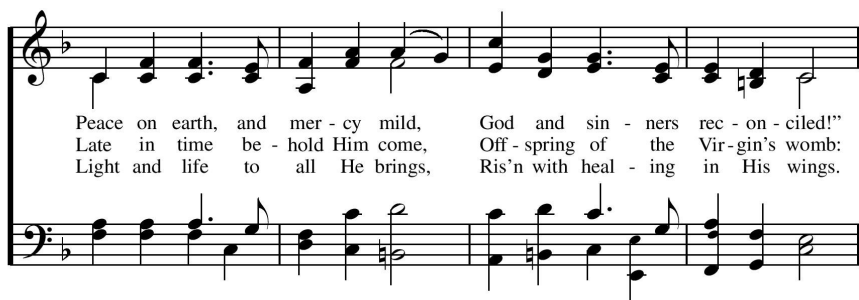
WE REJOICE AT GOD'S MERCY

Scripture Reading: Psalm 34 (ESV)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



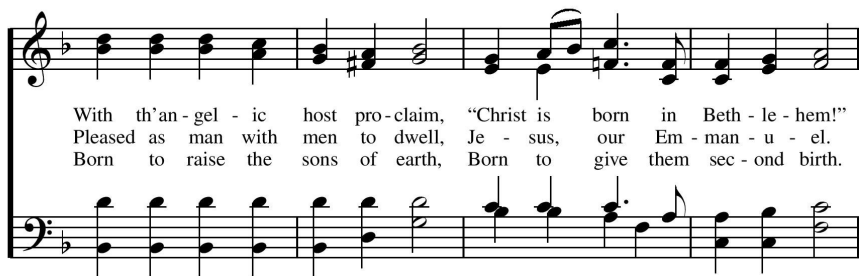
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-teous-ness!



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Words: Charles Wesley; alt. George Whitefield
Music: Felix Mendelssohn; arr. William H. Cummings

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef staff, and the lyrics are placed below it. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new-born King.'" The music ends with a double bar line.

His Mercy Is More

1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us! His

ni - scient, all know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. — Our
stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford. — Our

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sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the
sins they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

Words and Music by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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Lord. _____ His mer-cy is more, _____

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strong-er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

17

sins they are man - y; His mer-cy is more.

GOD FAITHFULLY PREPARED THE WAY FOR THE MESSIAH

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:15 (ESV)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus, Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Draws us through the Son of Man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea;
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er - All who live in love are Thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine!
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

Words: Henry van Dyke
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful.
Come, weak and unstable.
Come, know you are not alone.

O come, barren and waiting ones,
Weary of praying.
Come, see what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born.
Christ is born for you.

O come, bitter and broken.
Come, with fears unspoken.
Come, taste of His perfect love.

O come, guilty and hiding ones,
There is no need to run.
See what your God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born.
Christ is born for you.

He's the Lamb who was given,
Slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe.

He's the Lamb who was given,
Slain for our pardon.
His promise is peace for those who believe.

So come, though you have nothing.
Come, He is the offering.
Come, see what our God has done.

Christ is born, Christ is born.
Christ is born for you.

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Christ is born for you.

Children's Church

At this time, children ages Pre-K through 1st Grade are welcome to transition to the Assembly Room located in the Education Building. Parents are asked to pick up their children as soon as the worship gathering is dismissed.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Luke 1:5–25

Pastor Lewis Richerson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; Tag: By Thine all - suf -

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: Rowland H. Prichard

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Tag Last Time

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is a church's proclamation that we are in fellowship with God and one another through Christ, a commemoration of Christ's death, a believer's act of joyfully acknowledging that we have been offered mercy through faith in Christ, who forgives and restores, and a renewal of the believer's commitment to Christ and his people, thereby making the church one body and marking it off from the world.

Participation in the Lord's Supper is designed for believers who have been baptized by immersion and are faithful members of Woodlawn Baptist Church or another church body of like faith. This morning, if you are not yet a believer or have not yet been baptized by immersion, please let the elements pass you by. We hope our "proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes," through participation in the Lord's Supper, serves as a proclamation of the gospel to you that you might trust in Christ for salvation and be baptized by immersion.

Pastoral Prayer

Country

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

Population: **639,850**

13.8 % Evangelical

16% Unevangelized

Suriname faced confusion in the years after independence. Many people lost their way with morals and ethics. Race and religion still divide people, and this blocks political and social progress for the nation. Powerful crime rings traffic drugs and smuggle gold, and they appear unstoppable. Pray for godly leadership for this young nation.

WBC Homebound Member of the Week

We will pray for our own **Brenda Spano**.

(13252 Legacy Ct.)

Baton Rouge, LA 70816)

Cell: (225) 939-3652

Local Church

We will also pray for **Cook Baptist Church**, and their pastor, **Joseph Fowler**.

(2000 Cooktown Rd.

Ruston, LA 71270)

Government Leaders

Additionally, we will pray for the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, **Bruce Greenstein**.

(Louisiana Department of Health

328 N. 4th 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)

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for 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 – October 2025 Budget Giving

Received.....	\$803,589.37
Expenses	\$773,290.59

Building on Faith Giving

Total Collected in January–October.....	\$27,213.85
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Attendance

November 30, 2025.	296 people
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Online Giving:



GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Bible Drill

Bible Drill meets on **Wednesdays**, at **5pm**, in the Education Building. Bible Drill is for all Children (4th–6th grades in the **Assembly Room**), Youth (7th–9th grades in **Room E14**) as well as High School (10th–12th grades in **Room E17**). Third graders are invited to participate but will not be included in the competition. For more information, contact Alanna Pritchard, Candi Lindsay, or Vicki Aime.

Skills and Drills

We offer Bible Basics for 1st and 2nd graders on **Wednesdays** at **5:00pm**, in the Education Building, Room 13. This class is pre-Bible drill training. See Lyn Bailey or Debbie Adams for details.

Baby Shower for Chelsea Bearry

We will be hosting a baby shower in honor of Chelsea Bearry **today, December 7**, at **2pm**, in the **Assembly Room**.

Chelsea is registered at babylist.com. In lieu of a card, please bring a baby book. Please RSVP to Erica Richerson.

Women Becoming Christlike at WBC

On **Tuesday, December 9, from 7–9PM**, WBC @ WBC will be meeting in the **Assembly Room** to discuss how we keep Christ in Christmas. Bring your ideas, decorations, goodies, crafts, etc. to share! See Michelle Lelsey with questions.

Senior Adult Lunch Outing

Our senior adults will be taking a trip to **The Carriage House Restaurant at Houmas House** on **Thursday, December 11**. **We will leave WBC at 10:30AM**. Sign up in foyer. See Leslie Talley or Zelda Stanford with questions.

Youth Progressive Christmas Dinner

The youth will be having their annual Progressive Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, December 13**. They will meet at the church at **5:00PM** and carpool to each house. Make sure to bring a gift bag with some of your favorite snacks to exchange! (\$10 limit).

WBC Christmas Food Truck Roundup/Christmas Parade/Family Night of Worship

Join us **following the church service** on **Sunday, December 14**, for a food truck round up. Bring a chair, grab a bite to eat from one of our food trucks, watch the parade, and stay for the Christmas Family Night of Worship! Family Night of Worship will begin at **4:30PM** in the **courtyard**. Make sure to bring your lawn chairs, skewers, and copies of *Hymns for Family Worship*.

College Christmas Party

The college group will be holding their annual Christmas Party at the **Lindsay House** this year on **December 21**, at **5:30PM**. Make sure to bring a gift bag with some of your favorite snacks to exchange! (\$10 limit).

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our Christmas Eve Service on **Wednesday, December 24**, at **5:30pm** in the **Sanctuary**.

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.

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.



Preschool, Children, and Student Choirs

Preschool, Children, and Student Choirs take place on **Sunday evenings** at **5pm**.

Preschool Choir– Age 3 (by 9/30/2025) – Kindergarten

Children’s Choir– Grades 1st – 6th

Life Groups

Life Groups take place on **Sunday evenings** at **5pm**. Use the QR code or contact the church office to join a Life Group.



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: 1 John 3:2–3 (ESV)

**Prospective Members to be Considered at
the Upcoming Members’ Meeting**

Gloria Griffin

Cell: (225)405–7913

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:

Dustin Jordan

Cell: (225) 333–9537

Jared Keyes

Cell: (225) 939–7674

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7

8:45am	Cookies for Missions	WBC Campus
9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering & Lord's Supper	Sanctuary
2:00pm	Baby Shower for Chelsea Bearry	Assembly Room
5:00pm	Preschool, Children's, & Student Choirs	Ed. Building/Choir Suite
5:00pm	Life Groups	WBC Campus

Monday, December 8

6:00pm	Upward Practice	Gym
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Tuesday, December 9

6:00pm	Upward Practice	Gym
7:00pm	Women Becoming Christlike @ WBC	Assembly Room

Wednesday, December 10

6:00am	Men's Bible Study	Frank's Restaurant
5:00pm	Bible Drill/Skills & Drills	Ed. Building
5:30pm	Student Band Practice	Youth Room
5:30pm	Fellowship Meal	Dining Hall
6:15pm	AWANA	FLC
6:15pm	Converge Student Ministry	Youth Room
7:00pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal	Choir Suite

Thursday, December 11

10:30am	Senior Adult Lunch Outing at Houmas House	Meet at WBC
6:00pm	Upward Practice	Gym

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

9:00am	Upward Practice	Gym
5:00pm	Youth Progressive Christmas Party	Meet at WBC

Sunday, December 14

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Food Truck Round Up/Christmas Parade	Front Parking Lot
4:30pm	Christmas Family Night of Worship	Courtyard

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Zelda Stanford — Financial Assistant
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Terri Davis — Preschool Director

Rick Stanford — Maintenance Director

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Visitors

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out a guest card.



Prayer Requests

Use this QR code to
submit your prayer requests.

