

Worship Guide

September 21, 2025



Word-Driven | Gospel-Centered | Disciple-Making | Mission-Oriented

THE WORSHIP GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Lewis Richerson

We Give Praise To God For Generations Of His Mighty Acts

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:1–3

"Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)"

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Worship Choir

God Has Given Us The Task Of Making His Greatness Known

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:19–20

Pastor Ryan Hess

"For The Cause"

We Rejoice In God's Continued Faithfulness

Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:1–2

"By Faith"

"Our Song From Age To Age"

(Pre-K – 1st Grade Dismissed to Children's Church)

God Speaks Through His Word

Psalm 145:4–7

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Responding to the Word of God

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

God Sends Us to Serve

175 Years of Woodlawn Testimony Video

Opportunities for Service

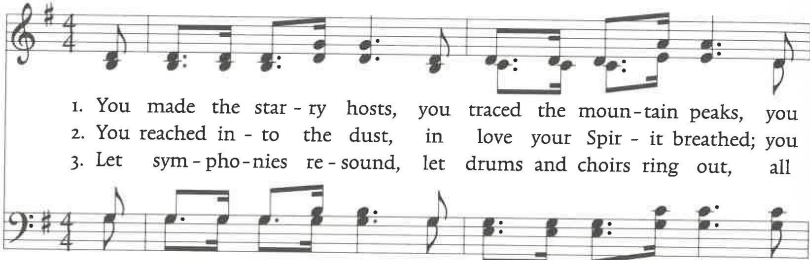
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Benediction: Psalm 100:5

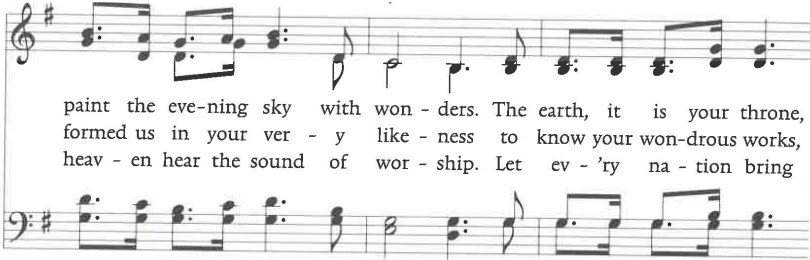
WE GIVE PRAISE TO GOD FOR GENERATIONS OF HIS MIGHTY ACTS

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:1–3 (ESV)

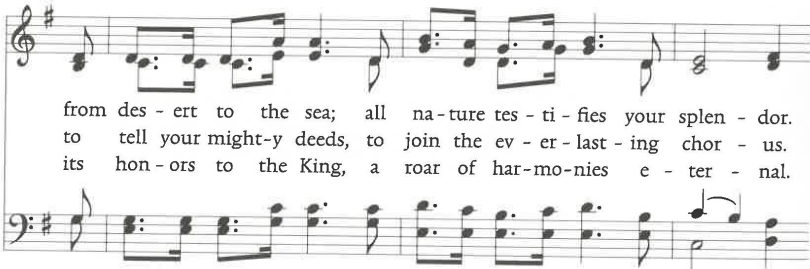
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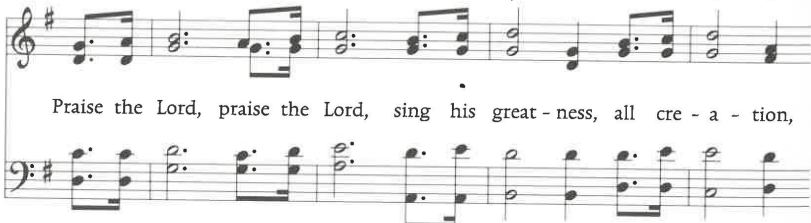
1. You made the star - ry hosts, you traced the moun - tain peaks, you
2. You reached in - to the dust, in love your Spir - it breathed; you
3. Let sym - pho - nies re - sound, let drums and choirs ring out, all



paint the eve - ning sky with won - ders. The earth, it is your throne,
formed us in your ver - y like - ness to know your won - drous works,
heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring



from des - ert to the sea; all na - ture tes - ti - fies your splen - dor.
to tell your might - y deeds, to join the ev - er - last - ing chor - us.
its hon - ors to the King, a roar of har - mo - nies e - ter - nal.



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing his great - ness, all cre - a - tion,

praise the Lord, raise your voice, you heights and all you depths, from

furth-est east to west, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the

Lord! west, you dis - tant burn-ing stars, all

crea - tures near and far, from sky to sea to shore, sing out for -

ev - er - more, let ev - 'ry-thing that has breath praise the Lord!

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
A mighty fortress is He!
A mighty fortress is our God,
is our God!

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed
We will not fear for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us.

That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

A mighty fortress is our God!
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GOD HAS GIVEN US THE TASK OF MAKING HIS GREATNESS KNOWN

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

For The Cause



1. For the cause of Christ the King, we give our
 2. For the cause of Christ we go with joy to
 3. For the King once lift - ed high to cries of
 4. To the King who con - quered death to free the
 5. Let it be my life's re - frain, to live is

lives an of - fer - ing 'til all the
 reap, with faith to sow, as ma - ny
 rage of "Cru - ci - fy!" en - dured the
 poor and the op - pressed, for last - ing
 Christ, to die is gain, de - ny my -

earth re - sounds with cease - less praise to the Son. (Verse 2)
 see and ma - ny put their trust in the Son.
 cross as ev - 'ry sin was laid on the Son. (Verse 4)
 peace, for life and li - ber - ty in the Son.
 self, take up my cross and fol - low the Son.

Christ we pro - claim, the name a - bove ev - 'ry name, for all cre -

a - tion, ev - 'ry na - tion, God's sal - va - tion through the Son!

WE REJOICE IN GOD'S CONTINUED FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:1-2 (ESV)

By Faith

1. By faith we see the hand of God In the light of cre-
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth, With the pow'r of His
3. By faith the proph - ets saw a day When the longed - for Mes-
4. By faith the church was called to go In the pow'r of the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved, And the pow'r of the

a - tion's grand de - sign. In the lives of those who prove His
prom-ise in their hearts, Of a ho - ly cit - y built by
si - ah would ap - pear, With the pow'r to break the chains of
Spir - it to the lost. To de - liv - er cap - tives and to
gos - pel shall pre - vail; For we know in Christ all things are

faith - ful - ness, Who walk by faith and not by sight. (V.2)
God's own hand, A place where peace and jus - tice reign.
sin and death, And rise tri - um - phant from the grave. (V.3)
preach good news In ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth.
pos - si - ble For all who call up - on His name.

We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend; arr. Ruth Coleman

fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re - ward; Till the race is fin - ished and the

work is done. Tag: We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Repeat Last Time

Our Song From Age To Age

1. Oh, God of pow - er, liv - ing Word, the
 2. Oh, God of prom - is - es ful - filled, the
 3. Oh, God Who sure - ly guides our steps, through
 4. Oh, God of all of his - to - ry, en -

One who made the stars, Who with Your glo - ry
 God Who took on flesh, Who did all that the
 temp - est and through trials, our Shep - herd King, Your
 throned in realms of light, what eyes of faith have

filled the earth, from dust made beat - ing hearts. You
 Fa - ther willed, was hum - bled un - to death. You
 way is best, though tears now veil our eyes. Your
 strained to see will one day fill our sight. With

loved us when we fell a - way, poured mer - cy on our souls;
 bore our cross of sin and shame, en - dured our a - go - ny. —
 stead-fast love, our per-fect hope, our eyes are fixed on grace.
 all the saints we'll lay our crowns be - fore the Sav - ior's feet,

Words and Music: Joel Sczebel

— and pro - mised grace would come to save to
 — With glad - ness we now bear Your name and
 — We have no doubt You'll lead us home to
 — and sing as all the heav'ns re - sound for

loose death's i - ron hold. _____
 wor - ship at Your feet. _____
 fi - naly see Your face. _____
 all e - ter - ni - ty.

Refrain

You are our song from age to age. Our voic-es u - nite to re -

count Your praise a - gain and a - gain.

Music notation for a hymn in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "You are our song from age to age. We will pro - claim Your pow'r to save a - gain and a - gain."

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

Psalm 145:4–7

Pastor Lewis Richerson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther; There is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest, Sun, moon and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee. Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove Join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
hope for to - mor - row, Bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm
Music: William M. Runyan

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Repeat Last Time

Pastoral Prayer

Country

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

Population: **132,779**

5.9 % Evangelical

2 % Unevangelized

The vast majority of Seychellois claim to be Christian, but evidence of true spiritual transformation seems outweighed by superstition and nominalism. Gris-gris, a voodoo-like African spiritism based on black magic and herbalism, permeates the lives of Christians. Despite the disapproval of religious leaders, most Seychellois remain happy to mix religion with voodoo. Pray that the Holy Spirit may bring new life evidenced by repentance and sustained fruit.

WBC Homebound Member of the Week

We will pray for our own **Peggy Betz**.

(10535 Narrow Way

Baton Rouge, LA 70817)

Cell: (225) 456-6681

Local Church

We will also pray for **Ascension Baptist Church**, and their pastor, **Dr. Robert Lawrence**.

(13432 Airline Hwy

Gonzales, LA 70737)

Government Leaders

Additionally, we will pray for Supreme Court Associate Justice, **Samuel Alito**.

(Supreme Court of the United States

1 First Street, NE

Washington, DC 20543)

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 – August 2025 Budget Giving

Received.....	\$648,297.62
Expenses	\$576,436.24

Building on Faith Giving

Total Collected in January–August.....	\$21,944.12
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GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

175 Years of Woodlawn Baptist Church

Join us **today** as we celebrate our 175th anniversary of WBC. We will be having a fellowship meal immediately following the Sunday service. Following the fellowship meal, we will have outdoor games, inflatables, and historical exhibits from **1pm–3pm**.

Upward Registration

Upward Registration is live! Sign up through the QR code or on **wbcbr.org/upward**.



Introduction to the Christian Life for Children

Pastor Lewis will be teaching a class for parents and their children, Sundays, **October 5– October 26** at **9:00am**, in the Conference Room. This four-week class will cover the following:

1. How to become a Christian.
 2. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
 3. What it means to be a church member.
 4. How to develop a habit of daily Bible reading and prayer.
- Contact Pastor Lewis or Lyn Bailey for more information. Sign up via the Church Center App.

Bible Drill

Starting on **September 24**, Bible Drill will meet on **Wednesdays**, at **5pm**, in the Education Building. Bible Drill is for all Children (4th–6th grades in the **Assembly Room**), Youth (7th–8th grades in **Room E14**) as well as High School (9th–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

Starting on **September 24**, we will 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.

Ladies' Boards and Bunco

We will be hosting a Ladies' Boards and Bunco Night in the **FLC** on **Thursday, October 16** at **6pm**. Find a friend or two and create a themed charcuterie board to share while we learn and play Bunco together. Please sign up with the ladies at the table in the church foyer before or after the Worship Gathering by **Sunday, October 12** to help us in planning. See Erica or Lyn with any questions.

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: Psalm 100:5 (ESV)

Prospective Members to be Considered at the Upcoming Members' Meeting

Sanjay Palle	Cell: (225) 573-7636
Sheba Madhuri Darivemula-Palle	Cell: (225) 284-4343
Carole Montgomery	Cell: (225) 400-3720
Gary Montgomery	Cell: (225) 367-8179
Charity Cutrer	Cell: (225) 955-4710

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 21

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering	Sanctuary
12:00pm	175th Anniversary Celebration	FLC

Monday, September 22

3:30pm	Kids Beach Club	Shenandoah Elementary
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Tuesday, September 23

Wednesday, September 24

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, September 25

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering & Lord's Supper	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Choirs: Preschool, Children, and Student	Ed. Building/Choir Suite
5:00pm	Life Groups	WBC Campus

FUN FACTS ABOUT WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

1. Woodlawn was founded in 1850 with fourteen members and two elders.
2. When founded, Woodlawn was originally known as "The Baptist Church" and then later Jones Creek Baptist Church. It became known as Woodlawn Baptist Church in 1963.
3. Woodlawn has had more than forty-two pastors over the course of its 175 years.
4. The longest serving pastors include:
A.E. Carpenter (Nov. 1934–July 1942)
Roy G. McDaniel (Oct. 1971–1980)
Dr. Tommy G. Middleton (Nov. 1987–2011)
Dr. Lewis Richerson (May 2012–present)
5. 2.5 acres of the current location were purchased for \$12.50/acre in 1872.
6. Henry Betz is the sixth generation of the Johnson family and the ninth generation of the Betz family to attend Woodlawn Baptist Church.
7. Woodlawn Baptist Church had a radio show broadcasted every Sunday morning from downtown Baton Rouge during the 1940s.
8. The first Vacation Bible School was held in 1947.
9. 5,103 children have been involved in Woodlawn's Upward Ministry over the course of twenty-six seasons.
10. Woodlawn is the "mother" church of both First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge and Parkview Baptist Church.

PASTORS OF WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

No records prior to 1868

W.H.F. Edwards	1868 – 1869
Peter Turner	1870 – 1871
J.E. Duff	1872 – 1873
L.S. Piker	1874
P.H. Harbor	1875
H.B. Allen	1888 – 1889
O.M. Parker	1889
E. T. Smith	1890 – Feb. 1892
H.S. Archer	Mar. 1892 – 1893
N. Black	July 1894 – Sept. 1894
J.M. Finley	Oct. 1894 – 1896
T.E. Clarke	1897 – June 1898
N. Black	1899
R.J. Stewart	1900
H.T. Comish	1901 – 1902

Missing records from 1903–1913

S.E. Wascom	1914
B.F. Gehring	1915
R.L. Cook	1916 – 1918
F.D. Bachman	July – Aug. 1919
O.M. Corley	Oct. 1919 – Aug. 1921
D.E. Coyle	Sept. 1921 – Apr. 1924
C. Wattenbarger	May 1924 – June 1927
Dr. L. Zarilli	Sept. 1927 – 1929

Missing records Aug. 1929–Mar. 1931

O.L. Jones	1932 – Sept. 1934
A.E. Carpenter	Nov. 1934 – July 1942
Welsh B. Green	Aug. 1942 – 1944
S.T. Fontenot	1945 – 1946
Elvin Hanks	1946 – July 1947
V.M. Dykes	Aug. 1947 – Nov. 1950
Walter G. Barnard	Apr. 1951 – Mar. 1954
DeWitt Braud	May 1954 – Oct. 1959
S.F. McMorris	1960 – June 1962
Versie Johnson	Sept. 1962 – Sept. 1966
M. Ray Megginson	Jan. 1967 – June 1971
Roy G. McDaniel	Oct. 1971 – 1980
Gerald Roberts	1980 – 1982
J. Michael Wethey	1983 – June 1987
Dr. Tommy G. Middleton	Nov. 1987 – 2011
Dr. Lewis Richerson	May 2012 – Present

Staff

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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

Use this QR code to fill
out a guest card.



Prayer Requests

Use this QR code to
submit your prayer requests.

