

Worship Guide

December 21, 2025



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Pastor Ryan Hess

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Pastor Lewis Richerson

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Dustin Jordan
Pastor Ryan Hess
Pastor Lewis Richerson

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THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISE IS DISPLAYED IN CHRIST

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 (ESV)

Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel

1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el, this the Christ who was
 2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el, King who came with no
 3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el, joy and peace for the

long fore - told. Lo in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem,
 crown or throne. Help - less He lay, the in - vin - ci - ble,
 wear - y heart. Lift up your heads, for your King has come.

prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.
 ma - ker of Ma - ry, now Ma - ry's son.
 Sing, for the light ov - er - whelms the dark.

God most high in a man - ger laid. Lift your voic - es and
 O what wis - dom to save us all. Shep - herds, sa - ges be -
 Tag: Glo - ry shi - ning for all to see. Hope a - live, let the

now pro - claim: Great and glo - ri - ous, love has come to us.
 fore Him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty.
 gos - pel ring. God has made a way. He will have the praise.

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend, and Keith Getty

Join now with the hosts of hea - ven.
 Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore Him.
 Tell the world His name is Je - sus. To Tag

Glo - - - ri - a. Glo -

- - - ri - a.

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- - - ri - a.

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day!

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

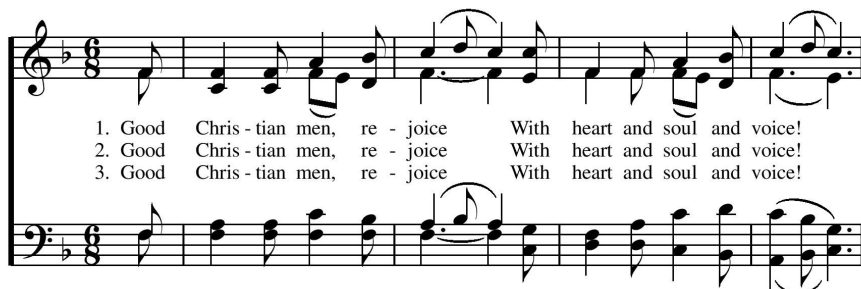
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bid with us, Our Lord, Im - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks
 Music: Lewis H. Redner

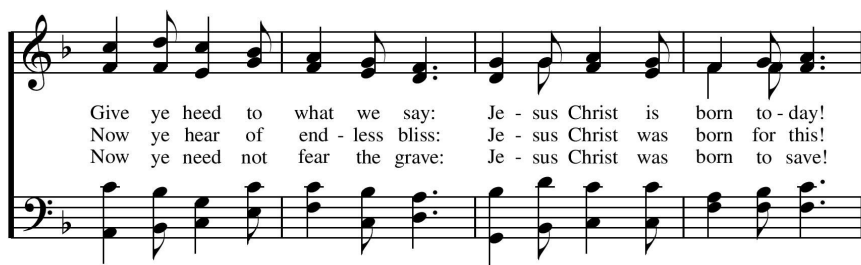
WE REJOICE IN GOD'S SALVATION

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

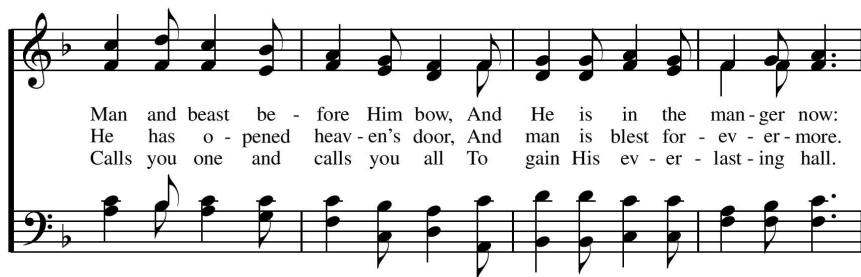
Good Christian Men, Rejoice



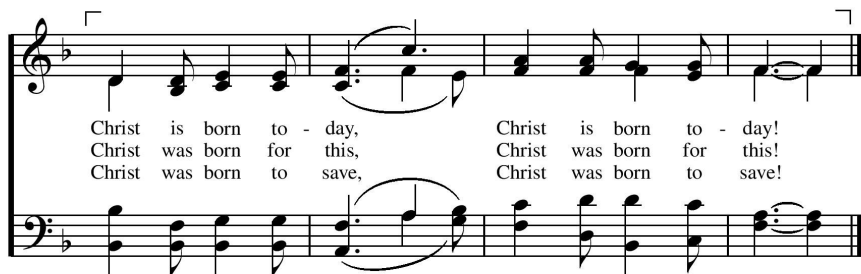
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice!



Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day!
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Man and beast be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now:
He has o - pened heav - en's door, And man is blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

And Can It Be

1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest
 2. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in
 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His
 in - fi - nite His grace; Emp - tied Him - self to show His
 sin and na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in Him is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing
 love, And bled for Ad - am's help - less race. 'Tis mer - cy
 ray, I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light. My chains fell
 Head, And clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine; Bold I ap -

love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should
 all, im - mense and free; For O my God, it
 off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and
 preach th'e - ter - nal throne And claim the crown, through

Words: Charles Wesley
 Music: Thomas Campbell

die for me? A - maz - ing love! how can it
found out me. Thee. A - maz-ing love! how
Christ, my own.

be That Thou, my God, should die for me!
can it be That Thou, my God,

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.

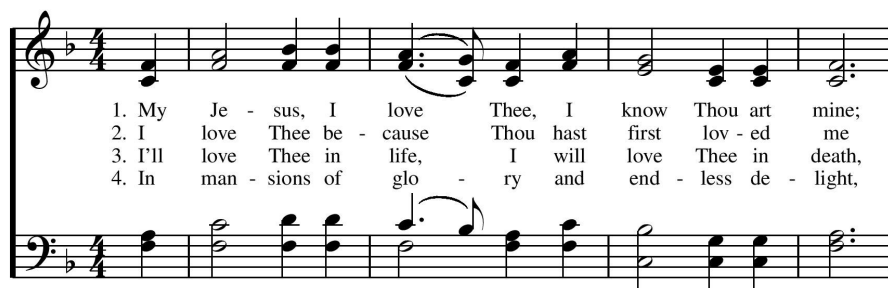
GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Luke 1:39–56

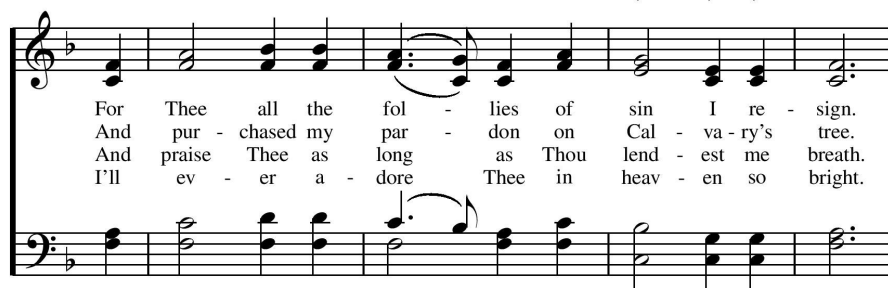
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RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

My Jesus, I Love Thee



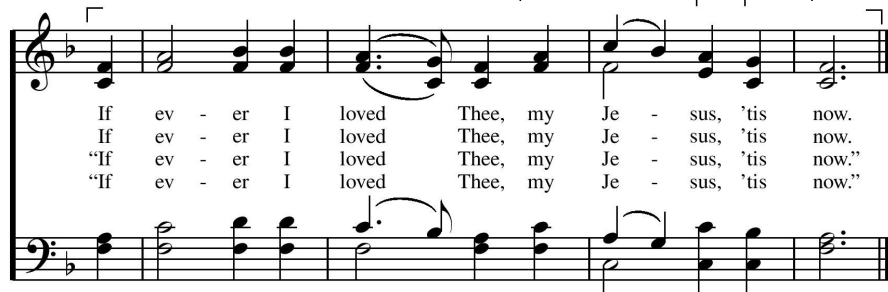
1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
 2. I love Thee be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me
 3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



For Thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 And pur - chased the my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 And praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath.
 I'll ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright.



My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou:
 I love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow:
 And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow,



If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 "If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
 "If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

Words: William R. Featherston

Music: Adoniram J. Gordon; Last stanza setting by Greg Nelson

Baptism

Baptism is a church's act of affirming and portraying a believer's union with Christ by immersing them in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and a believer's act of publicly committing himself/herself to Christ and his people, thereby uniting a believer to the church and marking them off from the world.

Before we baptize Dustin, please direct your attention to the screens as he proclaims the transforming power of the gospel in his life in this video.

Pastoral Prayer

Country

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

Population: **10,656,633**

6.9 % Evangelical

5% Unevangelized

Sweden faces widespread spiritual decline. Sweden has a rich Christian history, but numbers of Christian youth, and of missionaries sent from Sweden, declined drastically in the last 30 years. Society places a high value on material comfort, personal pleasure, and individualism. Pray for God to raise up teachers and leaders who know the Bible, who know the culture, and who do not compromise with the majority mindset in society.

WBC Homebound Member of the Week

We will pray for our own **Helen Rushing**.

(4913 Woodlake Dr.

Baton Rouge, LA 70817)

Cell: (225) 753-7287

Local Church

We will also pray for **Cedarcrest Baptist Church**, and their pastor, **Bruce Worrell**.

(2020 Cedarcrest Ave.

Baton Rouge, LA 70816)

Government Leaders

Additionally, we will pray for the Sheriff of East Baton Rouge, **Sid Gautreaux III**.

(8900 Jimmy Wedell Dr.

Baton Rouge, LA 70807)

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.

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.

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 14, 2025.....	313 people
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GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Christmas Card Central

Today is the last Sunday that the 7th–10th Grade Girls' Sunday School class will have a mailbox set up in the foyer. Save on stamps and place your Christmas cards to WBC family in the mailbox to be hand delivered by the 7th–10th Grade Girls' Sunday School.

College Christmas Party

The college group will be holding their annual Christmas Party at the **Lindsay House today**, 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**.

Sunday Schedule

There will be **no Sunday School** on **Sunday, December 28**. We will see you for our Worship Gathering at **10:15am**.

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 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 1:20 (ESV)

Prospective Members to be Considered at the Upcoming Members' Meeting

Tim Bray	Cell: (423) 307-6352
Emily Bray	Cell: (423) 762-8944
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
Olivia Wilkins	Cell: (225) 485-1688

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 21

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering & Lord's Supper	Sanctuary
5:30pm	College Christmas Party	Lindsay House

Monday, December 22

Tuesday, December 23

Wednesday, December 24

6:00am	Men's Bible Study	Frank's Restaurant
8:30am	Office Closed	WBC Campus
5:30pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 25

8:30am	Office Closed	WBC Campus
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Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

10:15am	The Worship Gathering	Sanctuary
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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.

