

Worship Guide

August 17, 2025



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

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Pastor Ryan Hess

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GOD IS EXALTED ABOVE ALL

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:11 (ESV)

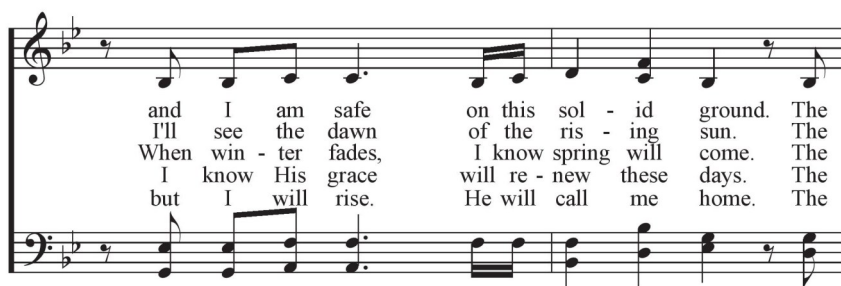
The Lord Is My Salvation



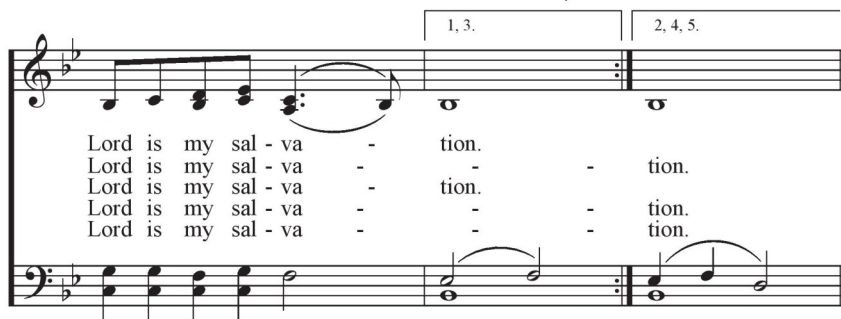
1. The grace of God has reached for — me,
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls,
 3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord.
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of — need,
 5. And when I reach my fi - nal — day,



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 lost, 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.
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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 -

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

WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CREATIVE MIGHT

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:16–17 (ESV)

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

1. I sing the might - y power of God That made the moun - tains rise,
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be - low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, And built the loft - y skies.
He formed the crea - tures with His Word And then pro - nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won - ders are dis - played Wher - e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor - rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at His com - mand And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread Or gaze up - on the sky!
And ev - 'ry - where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres - ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts, altered

Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Wittenberg*

SCRIPTURE CALLS US NOT TO HARDEN OUR HEARTS TOWARDS GOD'S INSTRUCTION

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 3:7–8 (ESV)

Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing



1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 2. Hith - er to Thy love has blest me; Thou has brought me to this place;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!
 4. O that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love-ly face;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
 And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
 Let Thy good-ness like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.
 Clothed then in the blood-washed lin - en How I'll sing Thy sov - reign grace.

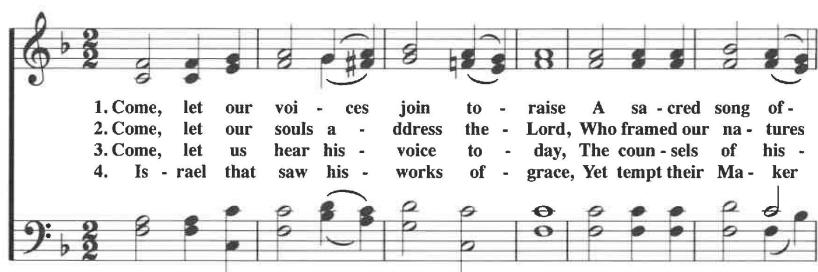
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God.
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
 Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, Take my ran-somed soul a - way;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of Thy re-deem-ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with His pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 Send Thine an - gels now to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

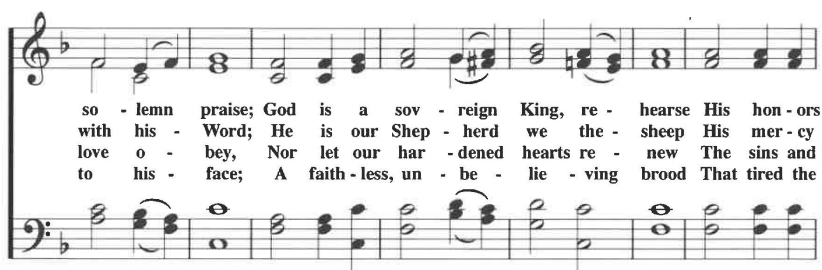
Words: Robert Robinson

Music: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*; Last stanza setting and choral ending by Billy Payne

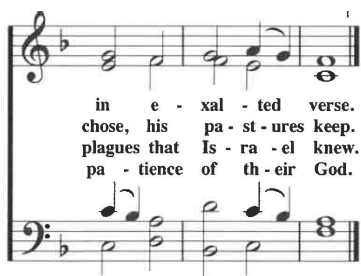
Psalm 95 (When I Survey The Wondrous Cross)



1. Come, let our voi - ces join to - raise A sa - cred song of -
 2. Come, let our souls a - ddress the - Lord, Who framed our na - tures
 3. Come, let us hear his - voice to - day, The coun - sels of his -
 4. Is - rael that saw his - works of - grace, Yet tempt their Ma - ker



so - lemn praise; God is a sov - reign King, re - hearse His hon - ors
 with his - Word; He is our Shep - herd we the - sheep His mer - cy
 love o - bey, Nor let our har - dened hearts re - new The sins and
 to his - face; A faith - less, un - be - lie - ving brood That tired the



in e - xal - ted verse.
 chose, his pa - st - ures keep.
 plagues that Is - ra - el knew.
 pa - tience of th - eir God.

5. Thus saith the Lord, "How false they prove,
 Forget my power, abuse my love;
 Since they despise my rest, I swear,
 Their feet shall never enter there.

6. Look back, my soul, with holy dread,
 and view those ancient rebels dead;
 Attend the offered grace today,
 Nor lose the blessing by delay.

7. Seize the kind promise while it waits
 And march to Zion's heavenly gates;
 Believe, and take the promised rest:
 Obey, and be forever blest.

Music: Lowell Mason

Words: Isaac Watts

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 95

Dr. Matt James

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

O Great God

1. O great God of high - est heav'n, oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pend - ent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme, con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r.
Did not know Your love with - in, had no taste for heav - en's joys.
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main that re - sists Your ho - ly war.
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, o - pened up Your Word to me,
You are wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed.

You have loved and pur - chased me, make me Yours for - ev - er - more.
Through the gos - pel of Your Son, gave me end - less hope and peace.
O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

Words and Music: Bob Kauffman

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 **Sao Tomé & Príncipe**.

Population: **240,254**

4.2 % Evangelical

1 % Unevangelized

Evangelicals are free to minister and do see significant growth. Pray that their missionaries might have a great impact on these islands.

Pray for the development of locally led congregations with effectively trained Christian leaders.

WBC Homebound Member of the Week

We will pray for our own **Jim Cooper**.

(17187 Rue Village

Prairieville, LA 70769)

Cell: (225) 588-8597

Local Church

We will also pray for **Vietnamese Hope Baptist Church**, and their pastor, **Vinh Nguyen**.

(7133 Greenwell Springs Rd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70805)

Government Leaders

Additionally, we will pray for City of St. George Council Member at Large **Jim Talbot**.

(St. George City Hall

14100 Airline Hwy

St. George, LA 70817)

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 – July 2025 Budget Giving

Received.....	\$559,849.16
Expenses.....	\$516,671.91

Building on Faith Giving

Total Collected in January–July.	\$19,154.57
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GOD SENDS US TO SERVE

Back to School Parents Night Out

Friday, August 22, from **6pm–9pm**, we will host your children in the FLC and Education Building for a time of fun and games. There is a \$5 fee per child for pizza and snacks. Please note on the sign up how many children will be eating. Sign up on the Church App by scanning the QR code by **August 17**.



Ladies' Tea Outing

Saturday, August 23, at **10am**, our ladies will be going to have High Tea at The English Tea Room in Covington. The cost is \$35/adult and \$22/children (12 years old and younger). We will leave WBC at **8:45**. We can only bring **55** ladies, so don't wait to register! Sign up through the Church App or scan the QR code.



Awana Leader Luncheon & Training

Sunday, August 24, following the service, we will host a luncheon and training for our Awana leaders in the **FLC**. Please RSVP to Lyn Bailey, (504) 512-0075. We are also in need of Listeners for this upcoming year in Awana! If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact the Baileys or the Kieffers.

WBC Family Pool Party

Join us **Sunday, August 24**, at **5:30pm**, at the Southern Oaks Athletic Club on Shenandoah Avenue. The entry fee is \$5 per person and covers admission and dinner. **Pizza** will be served at the church from **5:00-5:30**, and swimming will take place at SOAC from **5:30-8:30**. Concessions will be available for purchase. Sign up through the Church App before Wednesday, August 20.



Cooking Teams Needed

We are in need of cooking teams for Wednesday night meals this school year. Wednesday night meals start back up on **Wednesday, August 27 at 5:30pm**. If you are interested in serving, please contact Leslie Talley, (225) 975-5351.

Awana Kickoff and Registration

Wednesday, August 27, from **6:15–8pm**, is AWANA Kickoff. Please join us in the FLC for inflatables, dinner, and fun as we begin the fall semester of AWANA. Registration dues of \$25 are due at this time. In addition, uniforms and books can be purchased. For more information contact Lyn Bailey or Jamie Kieffer.

Baby Shower

On **Saturday, August 30**, at **10am**, in the Assembly Room, the family and friends of Jaina Brewer will hold a baby shower in her honor. She is registered on Babylist.com. RSVP to Katie Richardson, (337) 380-3848.

Children's Ministry Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, September 7, following the service, we will host an appreciation lunch for all who have served in Children's Ministry this past year in the **FLC**. Please RSVP to Lyn Bailey, (504) 512-0075.

Senior Adult Lunch

On **Thursday, September 4**, at **9:30am**, we will travel to the Dinner Bell in McComb, Mississippi for lunch. Please sign up in the foyer if you are interested in going. See Zelda Stanford for more information.

Sunday Night Activities

Life Groups begin again starting on **September 7 at 5pm**. You can register via this QR code or contact the church office. Preschool, Children's, and Youth Choir also begin on **September 7 at 5pm**.



Women Becoming Christlike @ WBC

Ladies, please join us for our Women Becoming Christlike Bible Study led by Michelle Lesley on **Saturday, September 20**, from **9:30–11:30AM** in the Assembly Room. This kickoff meeting will focus on Bible Trivia.

175 Years of Woodlawn Baptist Church

We will celebrate our 175th anniversary of WBC this upcoming September. To help prepare for our celebration, we would love for you to be a part by uploading your pictures from WBC throughout the years (mission trips, weddings, church activities, etc.) by scanning the QR code.



Israel 2026

Join us on a trip to the Holy Land on May 20-29, 2026! We will offer an optional two-day excursion to Petra on May 29-31, 2026. We will host an informational meeting on **Sunday, August 24, at noon** in the **Assembly Room**.

Benediction

Scripture Reading: Psalm 29:10–11 (ESV)

Prospective Members to be Considered at the Upcoming Members' Meeting

Kathy New	Cell: (225) 931-9142
Sanjay Palle	Cell: (225) 573-7636
Sheba Madhuri Darivemula-Palle	Cell: (225) 284-4343

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 17

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering & Lord's Supper	Sanctuary

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

6:00am	Men's Bible Study	Frank's Restaurant
5:30pm	Student Band Practice	Youth Room
6:00pm	Kids on Mission	WBC
6:15pm	Converge Student Ministry	Youth Room
7:00pm	Worship Choir Rehearsal	Choir Suite

Thursday, August 21

Friday, August 22

6:00pm	Back To School Parents' Night Out	Ed Building/FLC/Earlywine Pool
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Saturday, August 23

8:45am	Ladies' Tea Outing	English Tea Room
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Sunday, August 24

9:00am	Sunday School	WBC Campus
10:15am	The Worship Gathering	Sanctuary
12:00pm	Israel 2026 Informational Meeting	Assembly Room
12:00pm	Awana Leader Lunch	FLC
5:30pm	SOAC Church Family Swim Fellowship	WBC/SOAC

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Rick Stanford — Maintenance Director

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a guest card.



Prayer Requests

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your prayer requests.

