

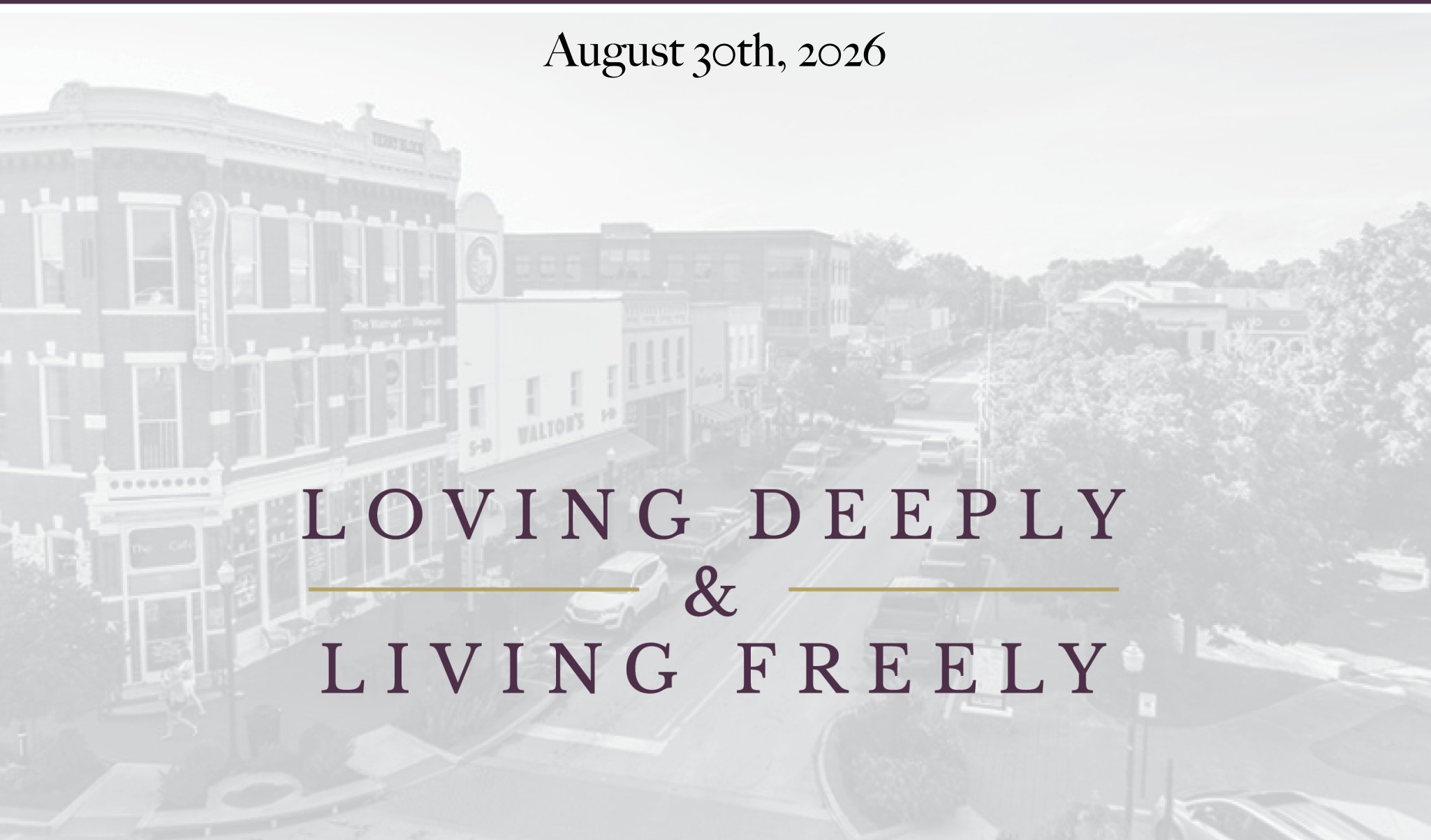


CHRIST CHURCH

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August 30th, 2026

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&
LIVING FREELY

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH BENTONVILLE

To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TO OUR GUESTS: **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "***The Liturgical Elements of Worship***" on page 8 of the bulletin.



Preparation for Worship

This is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather.

Call to Worship

It is the Lord who calls His people to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We do not call ourselves. Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.

Invocation

This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

- 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

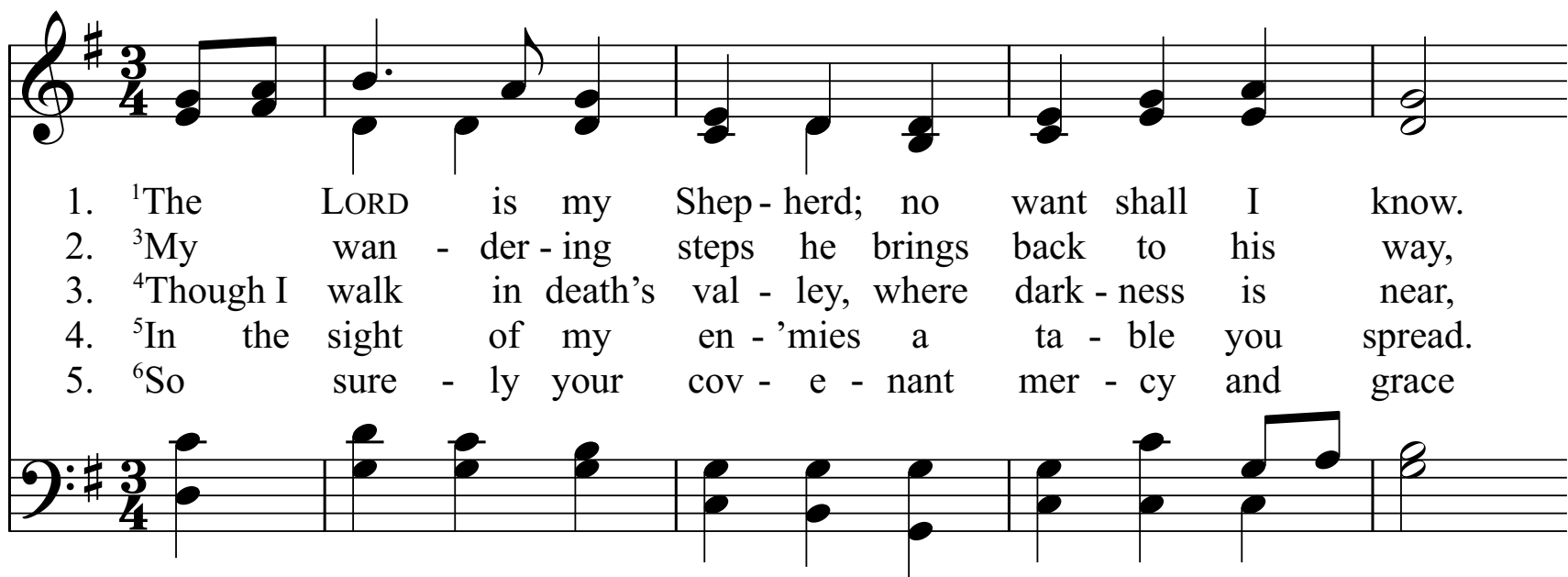
Pastor: *Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

- Psalm 147:1-3

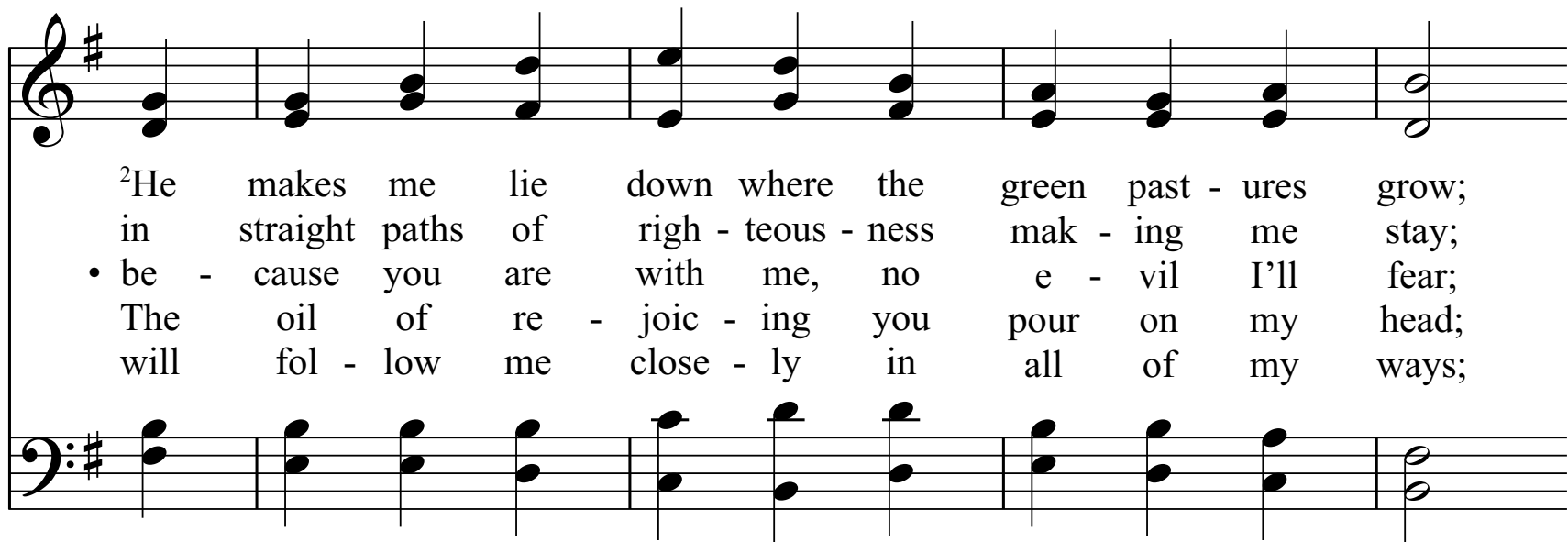
Hymn of Praise

This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.

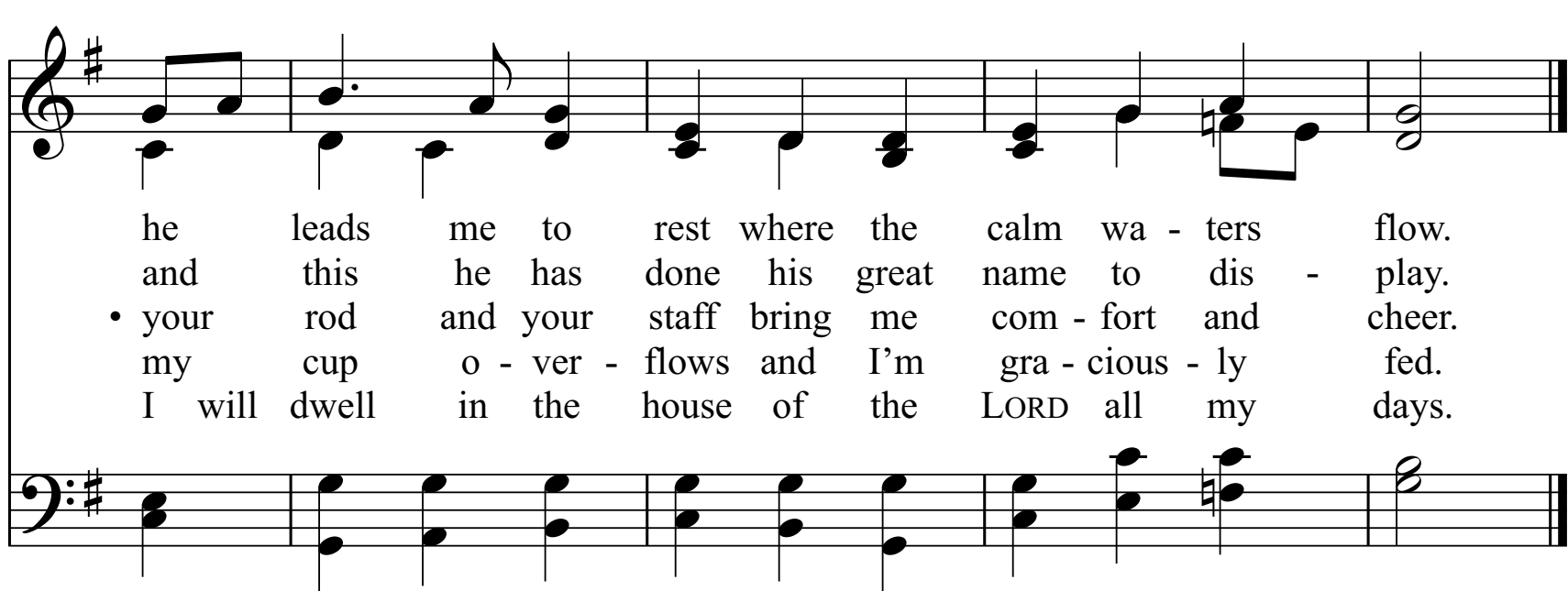
Psalm 23C



1. ¹The LORD is my Shep - herd; no want shall I know.
2. ³My wan - der - ing steps he brings back to his way,
3. ⁴Though I walk in death's val - ley, where dark - ness is near,
4. ⁵In the sight of my en - 'mies a ta - ble you spread.
5. ⁶So sure - ly your cov - e - nant mer - cy and grace



²He makes me lie down where the green past - ures grow;
in straight paths of righ - teous - ness mak - ing me stay;
• be - cause you are with me, no e - vil I'll fear;
The oil of re - joic - ing you pour on my head;
will fol - low me close - ly in all of my ways;



he leads me to rest where the calm wa - ters flow.
and this he has done his great name to dis - play.
• your rod and your staff bring me com - fort and cheer.
my cup o - ver - flows and I'm gra - cious - ly fed.
I will dwell in the house of the LORD all my days.

**Corporate
Confession of
Sin**

Having come into His presence, we are reminded that we are sinners in need of the deliverance from sin and its power. We both confess and lament sin as an act of worship and faith in the God Who promises to deliver His people from all their sin and sorrow. We encourage a posture of prayer (sitting or kneeling) that is most comfortable for you.

Sing Psalms, 2003

TARWATHIE 11.11.11.
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Elder: *“I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.”* - John 8:24

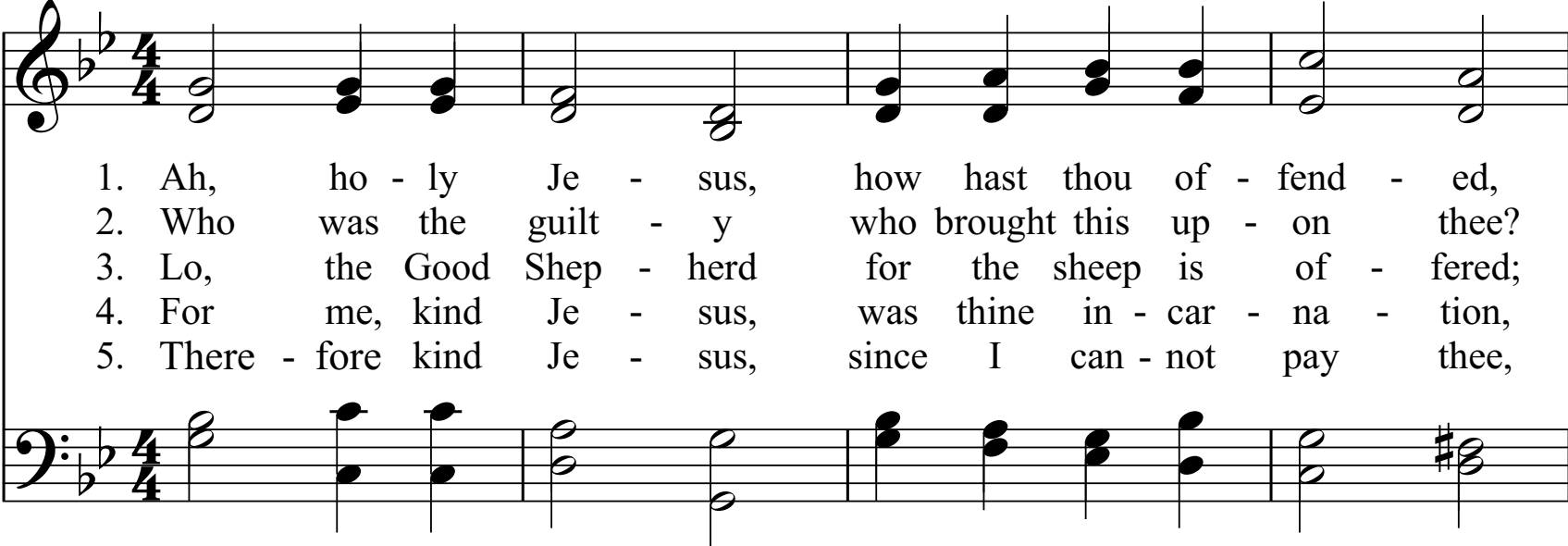
All: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

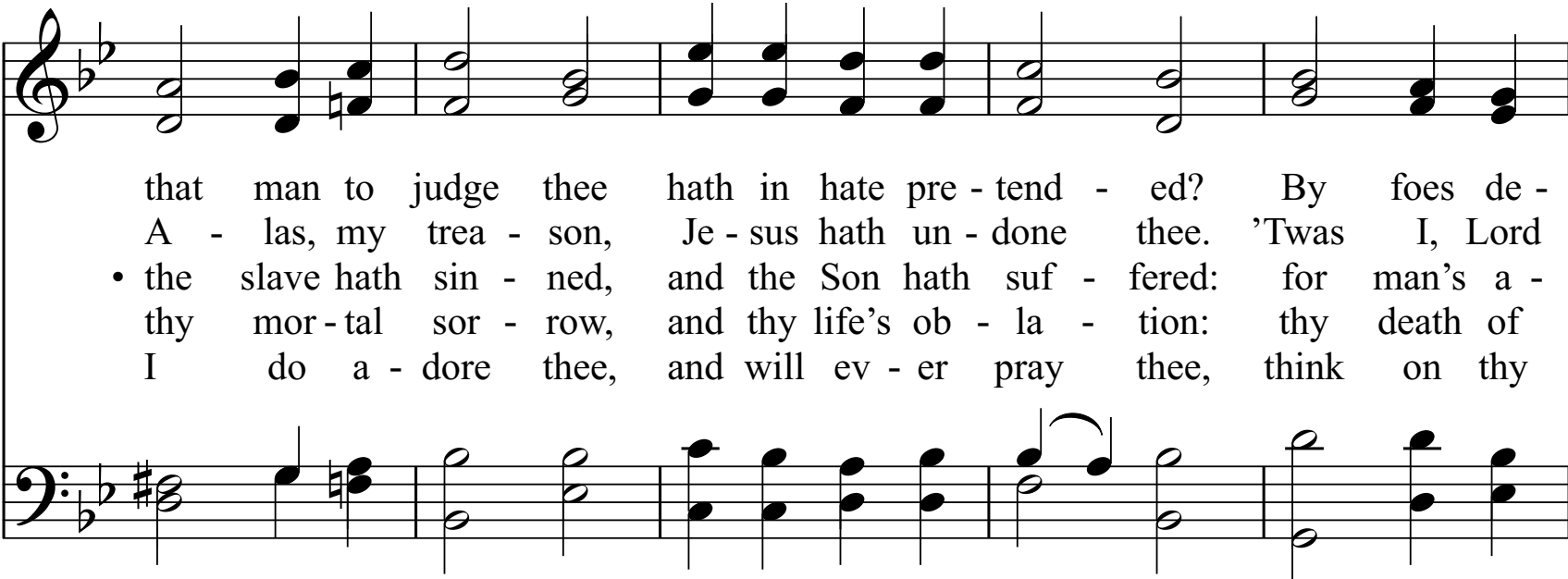
**Hymn of
Confession/
Lament**

This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.

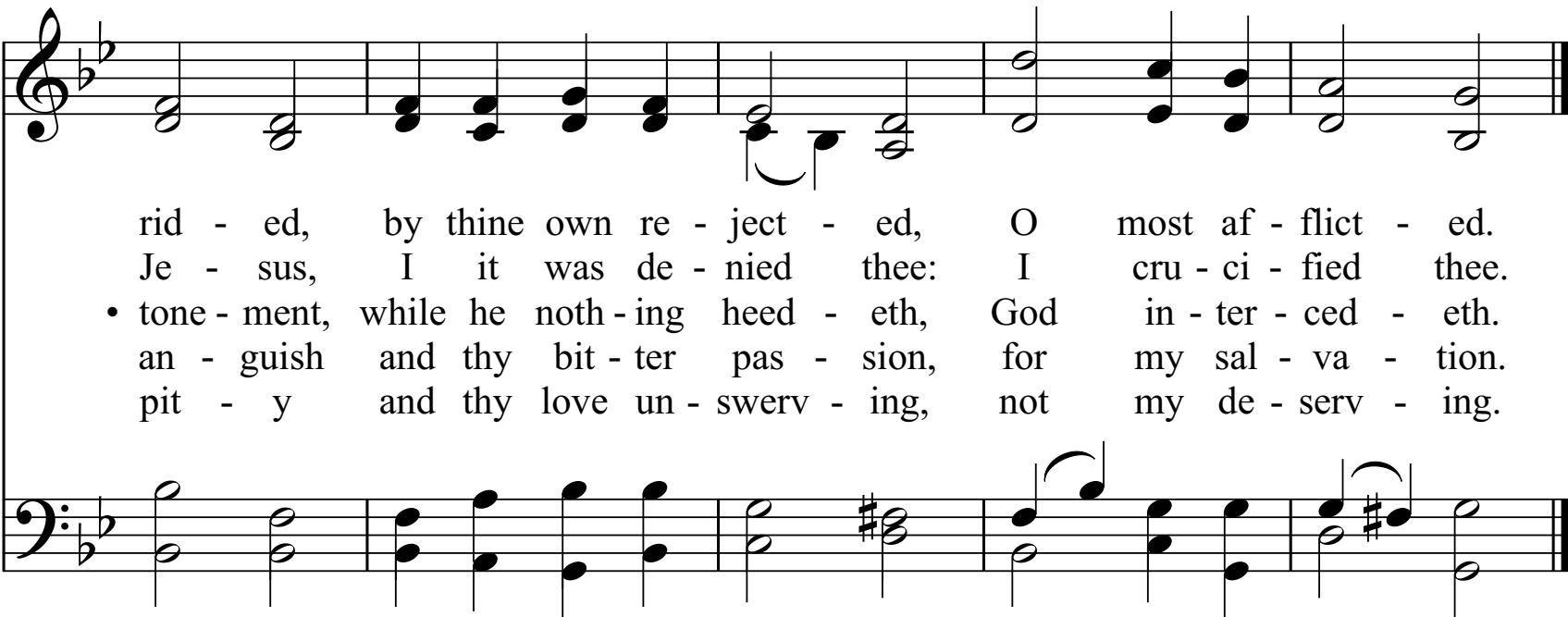
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
5. There - fore kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
• the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
• tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Assurance of Salvation

Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Hymn of Faith

This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.

Elder: *Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*
- Micah 7:18-19

Comfort, Comfort Ye my People (to "Hymn to Joy")

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding four-part harmony line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line of each system. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

Com - fort, Com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God.
Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis-deed.
For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near.
Make ye straight what long was croo - ked, make the rough - er pla - ces plain.

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mour - ning 'neath their sor - row's load.
All that well de - served His an - ger He no more will see or heed.
Bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits His ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of peace that now a - wait - eth them.
She hath suf - ferred ma - ny years, yet now her griefs have passed a - way.
O give heed now to this war - ning! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of Je - ho - vah now o'er earth is shed a - broad

Tell her that her sins I co - ver, all her war - fare I now end.
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - las - ting praise.
Let the val - leys rise to meet Him, and let all the hills give way.
And all flesh shall stand in won - der at the stead - fast word of God.

Scripture Reading

We read from both
Old and New
Testaments
because they are
not two different
books but both are
a part of God's
unfolding plan of
redemption.

Hymn of Preparation

This hymn is
gospel-focused and
sermon-oriented
and planned with
the children in
mind.

New Testament - Mark 9:42-50
Old Testament - Isaiah 40:1-11
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

Jude Doxology

Cam Huxford

The musical score for 'Jude Doxology' is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, using a mix of eighth and quarter notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: A, E, F#m, A, A, E, F#m, A, E, A, F#m, D, A, E, A, E, F#m, A, E, F#m, D, A, E, A, D, A, D, A, F#m, E, D, A. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score is divided into measures by bar lines, with measure numbers 6, 11, 17, 22, 27, 32, and 38 indicated at the start of new lines.

Re-mem-ber____ Je-sus brought you out of E - gypt. Re-mem-ber____

____ He has sought you as His peo - ple. Re - mem - ber,____ He has

saved you from your sin! Re-mem-ber____ re-mem-ber Him

Re-mem-ber____ Je-sus brought you through the Red Sea. Re-mem-ber____
Re-mem-ber____ Je-sus reigns a - bove the hea - vens. He's com - ing____

____ migh-ty mi - ra-cles that you have seen. Re-mem-ber____ you were
____ He is com - ing with His king - dom. Do not for - get, He is

slaves and now are free! Re-mem-ber____ that He is King.
sea - ted on the throne! Re-mem-ber____ what He has done.

To the on - ly God, our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ be glo - ry, ho - nor,

po-wer and do - min - ion____ be-fore all time, and now, and ev - er - more!

Sermon

*The preaching of
God's Word is a
means by which
God bestows grace
on His people.*

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Isaiah 40:1-11

(A note-taking guide is provided on the final page)

For the Children - comfort(able), sin(s), exile, message, glory, Lord, Christ

Confession of Faith

*Being a part of the
communion of
saints, we take this
time to confess the
truth that has been
embraced by the
church throughout
history.*

Elder: Christian, what do you believe?

People: We believe in one God:

The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end;

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church, we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed
*catholic meaning universal**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*The Word having
been preached, the
death of Christ is
now showed forth
through the
sacrament of the
Lord's Supper. The
worthy receivers
are, not after a
corporal and carnal
manner, but by
faith, made
partakers of His
body and blood,
with all his benefits,
to their spiritual
nourishment and
grace.*

Pastoral Prayer

We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Offertory/Hymn of Response

Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.

Come and Stand Amazed You People

Medieval Dutch Carol - Translated by Klaas Hart Dustin Kensrue

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Come and stand a-mazed, you peo - ple; see how God is re - con -
See how hu - man-kind re - ceived Him; see Him wrapped in swad - dling
O Lord Je - sus, God in - car - nate, Who as - sumed this hum - ble

9



ciled! See His plans of love ac - com - plished, see his gift, this new - born
bands, Who as Lord of all cre - a - tion rules the wind by His com -
form, coun-sel me and let my wish - es to Your per - fect will con -

13



child. See the Migh - ty, weak and ten - der, see the Word Who now is
mands. See Him ly - ing in a man - ger with-out sign of rea - son -
form. Light of life, dis - pel my dark - ness, let Your frail - ty strength - en

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mute. See the Sov' - reign with - out splen - dor, see the Full - ness des - ti -
ing; Word of God to flesh sur - ren - dered, He is wis - dom's crown, our
me; let Your meek - ness give me bold - ness, let Your bur - den set me

21



tute; the Be - lo - ved, Whom we cov - et, in a state of low re - pute.
King. See how ten - der our De - fen - der at whose birth the an - gels sing.
free; let Your sad - ness give me glad - ness, let Your death be life for me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

Benediction

We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.

Pastor: *Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen...Grace be with all of you.*

- Hebrews 13:20-21,25

Information

CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word "worship". There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ's death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don't we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don't we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren't just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice, or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

Weekly Catechism: WSC 2

Q: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A: The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Wednesday

Sing “Comfort, Comfort ye My People”.
Read Isaiah 40:6-8, 1 Peter 1:22-2:3, and WSC 2.

Why does the Lord compare people to grass? What does Peter say the word of the Lord is? How are we born again through it? How should we live as a result?

Prayer prompt: *Pray that you would love God’s word more than the fading things of the world.*

Monday

Sing Psalm 23.

Read Isaiah 40:1-2, 2 Corinthians 1:3-5, and WSC 2.

Why did Judah need a message of comfort? What does it mean that they would receive double for their sins? How does Christ bring us the greatest comfort? How have you experienced God’s comfort?

Prayer prompt: *Pray for someone who is suffering to experience the comfort of God.*

Thursday

Sing Jude Doxology.

Read Isaiah 40:9-11, Psalm 28, and WSC 2.

Who was called to preach the message of verses 9-11? What does it mean that the Lord will bring reward and recompense? What does it mean that He will shepherd His people? How have you been shepherded by Him?
Prayer prompt: *Pray that your elders would shepherd CCB like Christ does the church.*

Tuesday

Sing “Ah, Holy Jesus”.

Read Isaiah 40:3-5, Mark 1:1-8, and WSC 2.

How would the Lord’s way be prepared? How did John the Baptizer fulfill this prophecy? How did Christ reveal the glory of the Lord? How can you prepare His way?

Prayer prompt: *Confess sins that distract you from God.*

Friday

Sing “Come and Stand Amazed, you People”.

Read Isaiah 40:1-11, John 10:1-16, and WSC 2.

Why does Jesus call Himself a Shepherd? Who is His flock? How do they know His voice? How does this bring us comfort?

Prayer prompt: *Praise Jesus for being your good Shepherd. Pray for those who do not know His voice, that Jesus would bring them into His flock.*

SMALL GROUPS

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1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Taylor/Solms - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

Contact: Caleb (479) 295-5011

Youth Small Group - Bella Vista

2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Wieda or Raines House

Contact: Kenny (479) 616-7493

SERMON NOTES

COMFORTABLE WORDS

Isaiah 40:1-11

I. THE COMFORTING GOD (vv. 1-2)

II. THE COMING KING (vv. 3-5)

III. THE CONSTANT WORD (vv. 6-8)

IV. THE CONQUERING SHEPHERD (vv. 9-11)

V. CHRIST THE FULFILLMENT



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