



KINGDOM

March 8, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Semper Paratus: Always Prepared

Greeting

Rev. Richard Suggs

Hymn 197

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

Morning Prayer

Pastor Blake Bengé

Hymn 193

One Day

CHAPMAN

Feature

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Snyder Orchestra

Kirkland

Offertory Hymn 192

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

Prayer of Commitment

Mr. Landon Bentham

Offertory Feature

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Snyder Orchestra

Anderson

Message

Pastor Bengé

***Stories of the Kingdom:
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Hymn of Response

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

*In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh;
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day.
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ!*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

Next Steps

Rev. Susie Reeder

Recognition of Decisions

Pastor Bengé

Benediction

Rev. Tim Jackson

Postlude

Mrs. Donna Davenport

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Buxtehude

NEXT STEPS

COMMUNITY

Sundays, 9:45am: Find a Sunday School Group that's right for you! Everyone is invited, and no sign-up is required. For a list of Sunday School groups, visit the Welcome Desk or go to snydermbc.com/sundayschool.

DISCOVERY CLASS

March 15, 10am, Small Dining Room: Whether this is your first time or you've been coming for a while, we'd love to tell you more about Snyder and how you can get involved! Discovery class is an opportunity to hear about Snyder's mission, history, and values in an informational and interactive setting.

EVENTS

Operation Inasmuch SignUp: Sign up will continue through March 11. Sign up for the project of your choice today!

Meet & Greet for Tim Jackson today! Desserts and light refreshments will be served in the Gathering Hall for an informal meet & greet from 3-4pm today.

Easter Week at Snyder:

Thursday, April 2, 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday, April 3, 6-8pm:

The Great Easter Mission (Grades 1-5)

Saturday, April 4, 10am-12pm:

"Alive" Resurrection Celebration for Children & Families

Sunday, April 5, 8:40am and 11am:

Resurrection Services

Stories of the Kingdom: Semper Paratus

Matthew 25:1-13

As followers of Jesus, we are keenly interested in what Jesus said and did. And when Jesus taught, there was one subject that dominated his teaching more than any other. The Kingdom. To illustrate what the Kingdom was and how to engage in it, Jesus created stories. These stories are often called parables. In this message, we focus on the Kingdom value of preparedness.

Citizens of the Kingdom of God are _____.

Matthew 24 & 25

There is going to be a wedding party (Matthew 25:1)

All bridesmaids are not created equal. (Matthew 25:2-4)

It is going to be a minute. *How a village wedding works.* (Matthew 25:5)

"A lack of preparedness on your part will not create a crisis on our part." (Matthew 25:6-9)

Key phrase: "Those who were ready went in" (Matthew 25:10)

We want to know.

Matthew 24:3, 36

Prepared for _____.

Noah, co-workers, and thieves.

Matthew 24:37-44

Prepared for a _____

Matthew 24:45-25:1-30 (25:11-13)

Preparing for Anytime and a Long Time

1. Make Jesus _____ of your life, and _____ to him. (Romans 10:9, Matthew 7:24-27; 28:20)

2. _____ the Good News and _____ others. (Matthew 28:19-20, Matthew 20:26-28)

3. Choose words of _____ over _____. (II Timothy 4:3-4)

Conclusion

Citizens of the Kingdom are prepared for Jesus' return at *anytime* and prepared to wait a *long time*. Such preparation allows them to live life confidently today as citizens of a forever kingdom.

WAYS TO GIVE

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Cash or Check

1. Place cash or check in the offering plate as it passes.
2. Mail a check or drop it off at the Church Office.
3. Set up an automated Bank Draft.
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8:40am, Modern Service, Fellowship Hall
9:45am, Sunday School for all ages
11am, Traditional Service, Sanctuary

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