



## Preliminaries: Welcome and Announcements

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## We give Glory to God

### Call to Worship: "Luke 3:4-6"

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

### Hymn of Acclamation: "Romans 11 Doxology"

Oh the depth of the riches, And the wisdom and knowledge of God  
How unsearchable His judgments, How untraceable His paths  
Who knows the mind of our God. Who could bring counsel to Him  
Who has given to God, That God should repay

For from Him through Him to Him is everything  
To God be the glory forever and ever  
To God be the glory forever amen

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To God be the glory forever amen - x2

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## We Mourn the Reality of Sin

## Hymn of Confession: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold, Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost, His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast - Chorus

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last - Chorus

## Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Luke 6:32-36** **32** "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. **33** And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. **34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. **35** But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. **36** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Lord, I confess that my heart often fails to love like You. I love those who love me and do good to those who do good to me, but I struggle to extend that same grace to my enemies and those who have wronged me.

**Lord, forgive me for harboring bitterness, and for not being merciful like you are.**

I confess my own ungratefulness and wickedness, for You are kind even to those who don't deserve it.

**Please take my heart and shape it to love as You love. Give me the grace to bless, to pray for, and to do good to those who have wronged me, expecting nothing in return.**

Help me to be compassionate and merciful, just as You are. May my life, through Your strength, truly reflect Your character to the others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## We Celebrate Christ as Our Redeemer

### Hymn of Redemption: "Grace Alone"

I was an orphan, lost at the fall, running away when I'd hear your call  
But Father, You worked Your will

I had no righteousness of my own, I had no right to draw near Your throne  
But Father, You loved me still

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation  
You predestined to adopt me as Your own  
You have raised me up so high above my station  
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost, You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus, Your face was set  
I worked my fingers down to the bone, nothing I did could ever atone  
But Jesus, You paid my debt

By Your blood I have redemption and salvation  
Lord You died that I might reap what You have sown  
And You rose that I might be a new creation  
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night  
But Spirit, You made me see  
I swore I knew the way on my own, head full of rocks, a heart made of stone  
But Spirit, You moved in me

And at Your touch, my sleeping spirit was awakened  
On my darkened heart, the light of Christ has shone  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken  
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone  
I will reach the end grace and grace alone

## 5-Minute Break

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids & Blaze classes and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another.

## Scripture Reading: “2 Corinthians 3:12-18”

**12** Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, **13** not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. **14** But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. **15** Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. **16** But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

## Sermon: “Ridgelines 2026: Seeing Jesus Together in Transformation Groups”

### Davis Lacey - 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

**Main Point:** change happens when we see Jesus in the Scriptures with one another!

### See Jesus

**When we see Jesus in full, we will be changed in full.** (1 John 3:2 says, *“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”*)

**When we see Jesus by degrees, we will be changed by degrees.** (2 Corinthians 3:12-18)

### In the Scriptures

Luke 24:27: *And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

### With One Another

1 John 1:5-10: <sup>5</sup> *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.* <sup>6</sup> *If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.* <sup>7</sup> *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.* <sup>8</sup> *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* <sup>9</sup> *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* <sup>10</sup> *If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

**Transformation Groups:** How ARCC helps people see Jesus in the Scriptures w/ One Another.

- Intimate (3-6 participants on average)
- Gender-specific
- Seeing Jesus Together Scripture Schedule
- Seeing Jesus Together Journal (see attached pages)

**Notes:**

# We Respond to the Gospel

## Hymn of response: "Be Still My Soul"

Be still my soul the Lord is on your side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to your God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul your best your heav'nly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still my soul your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Your hope your confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

### Chorus

Be still my soul be still, Be still my soul be still, Be still my soul be still

Be still my soul when dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears  
Then shall you better know His love His heart  
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears  
Be still my soul your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away

## Hymn of New Creation: "Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me"

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me



# Ways to Give

- **Mail in Check:** Checks (or electronic checks) can be made payable to “Autumn Ridge Community Church” and mailed/sent to ARCC at 208 Victory Circle, STE 300, Ellijay, GA 30540 or placed in the wooden giving receptacles on the round tables upon entering the room. The memo should include how to designate the funds: “General Giving”, “Member Care Benevolence”, etc...
- **Debit or Credit Card:** Recurring gifts may also be set up and made by credit or debit card. You'll simply visit our giving portal at [www.autumnridgecommunitychurch.com](http://www.autumnridgecommunitychurch.com), in the upper right hand corner click “give” and plug in your information in there. In the *Give To* section you can designate our giving for “General Giving”.
- **ACH:** Give online via Electronic Funds Transfer (ACH). ACH offers the advantage of making a recurring gift that is electronically deducted from your check or savings account by Autumn Ridge Community Church once a month or twice a month (you pick the dates).

## QR Codes for Digital Access

It's easy as 1,2,3!

### **To access the following items:**

1. Open the camera on your digital device
2. Hover over the QR squares below
3. A yellow link will appear on the screen. Tap the yellow link and you will be taken to an online site where you can access the following.



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If you are new or visiting with us, make sure to fill out a connection card. There is a digital version available via the QR code above.

## Upcoming dates to note:

**Feb 1** - Covenant Renewal and Members' Business Meeting

### **February 1 Covenant Renewal and Members' Business Meeting:**

We invite all Covenant Members of Autumn Ridge Community Church to join us at The Victory Christian Center on Sunday, Feb. 1 between 4p - 7p. We'll be affirming new members, digesting a variety of ministry reports, reflecting on 2025, and casting vision for 2026. After the business meeting, dinner will be served, and will be followed by a time of celebration, Membership Covenant renewal, and The Lord's Supper amongst our members. To RSVP, or to learn how to take your next step in Autumn Ridge Community Church's membership process, email [membership@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com](mailto:membership@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com).