


# November 22, 2026

## PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

## CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 99:1-5

**99** The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
**2** The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
**3** Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
**4** The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
**5** Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

### SONG OF ACCLAMATION: HOLY, HOLY. HOLY!

**Verse 1**
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty.
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

**Verse 2**
Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim
falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art,
and evermore shalt be.

**Verse 3**
Holy, holy, holy,
Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy;
there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

**Verse 4**
Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty.
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty.
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# WE MOURN THE REALITY OF OUR SIN

## SONG OF CONFESSION: LORD, I NEED YOU

**Verse 1**
Lord, I come, I con-fess:
Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart;
You're the One that guides my heart.

**Chorus**
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You;
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

**Chorus**
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You;
Every hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

**Bridge**
Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You;
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

**Verse 2**
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more;
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me.

**Chorus**
Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You;
Every hour I need You.
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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy, just, and gracious God, we have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We have neglected to worship You and made idols for ourselves that are unworthy of worship.

**Congregation: We have not sought first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread, or loved our neighbors well. We have run toward temptation and not away.**

Leader: The very sins we judge in others we have committed ourselves. We confess our sins to You and plead the blood of Christ as our one defense.

**Congregation: We ask You to forgive us, for we need Your mercy and we long to be cleansed and restored. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.**

## CORPORATE REFLECTION & CONFESSION

Please engage reflectively and prayerfully. You are welcome to stand, sit, bow, or kneel.

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON: HEBREWS 7:23-27

**12** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

# WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

## SONG OF REDEMPTION: YOU'VE ALREADY WON

**Verse 1**
There's peace that outlasts darkness,
Hope that's in the blood.
There's future grace that's mine today,
That Jesus Christ has won

**Verse 2**
So I can face tomorrow,
For tomorrow's in Your hands.
All I need, You will provide,
Just like You always have.

**Chorus**
And I'm fighting a battle
You've already won.
No matter what comes my way,
I will overcome.

Don't know what You're doing ,
But I know what You've done.
And I'm fighting a battle;
You've already won.

**Verse 3**
There's mercy in the waiting,
Manna for today.
And when it's gone, I know You're not;
You are my hope and stay.

**Verse 4**
When the sea is raging,
Your Spirit is my help.
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ;
I'll say that it is well.
Oh, I know that it is well.

**Chorus**

**Bridge**
I know how the story ends.
We will be with You again.
You're my Savior, my defense.
No more fear in life or death.

**Chorus**

**5-MINUTE BREAK**

In addition to taking children to Ridge Kids and using the restroom, take time to meet/greet one another. “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

## SCRIPTURE READING: 2 SAMUEL 24:10-17

**10** But David’s heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, “I have sinned greatly in what I have done. But now, O LORD, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have done very foolishly.” **11** And when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David’s seer, saying, **12** “Go and say to David, ‘Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you. Choose one of them, that I may do it to you.’ ” **13** So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, “Shall three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days’ pestilence in your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me.” **14** Then David said to Gad, “I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but let me not fall into the hand of man.” **15** So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel from the morning until the appointed time. And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men. **16** And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the calamity and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, “It is enough; now stay your hand.” And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. **17** Then David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who was striking the people, and said, “Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? Please let your hand be against me and against my father’s house.”

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

# SERMON: "GOD'S PROVIDENCE: CERTAIN HOPE FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES"

# DAVIS LACEY - 2 SAMUEL 24 (PGS. 282-286 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

**Main Point:** When we understand the providence of God, we can face everything else we don't understand...

**Cross-References:**

- 1 Chronicles 21:1: "Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel..."
- James 1:13: "...for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one..."
- Genesis 50:20: "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."
- Romans 8:28: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."
- 2 Chronicles 3:1: "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite."
- 1 Kings 8:41–43: "Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for your name's sake (for they shall hear of your great name and your mighty hand, and of your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, hear in heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name."

**Quotes:**

*Dr. Walter Kaiser, Hard Saying of the Old Testament, "It is also true, according to the Hebrew thinking, that whatever God permits he commits. By allowing this census-taking, God is viewed as having brought about the act. The Hebrews were not very concerned with determining secondary causes and properly attributing them to the exact cause. Under the divine providence everything ultimately was attributed to him; why not say he did it in the first place?"*

"Providence" (The Autumn Ridge Community Church Statement of Faith): "From eternity past, God decrees or permits all things that come to pass, and perpetually upholds, directs and governs all creatures and all events; yet so as not in any way to be the author or approver of sin, nor to destroy the will or responsibility of intelligent creatures."

**Applications:**

- See the destruction of sin, and the need for a Substitute who Saves.
- In God's providence, find hope to face all that you don't understand in life.
- Dream about how this story might be useful in sharing the gospel with others!

## NOTES:

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# WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

During this time, we encourage you to respond to the Gospel in various ways. There will be a lady and a gentleman in the back of the room to pray with you, there will be an offering box also in the back of the room for any financial offerings or to give us your connection card, and there will be four stations in the sanctuary to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you are a baptized Christian who is following Christ the Lord and are not seeking to tear apart other Christians or other Christian churches, please approach the table most convenient for you, receive the elements, and return to your seats where you can take the supper when you are ready.

## SONG OF RESPONSE: WHATE'ER MY GOD ORDAINS IS RIGHT

**Verse 1**
Whate'er my God ordains is right;
His holy will abideth.
I will be still whate'er He doth,
And follow where He guideth.

He is my God; though dark my road,
He holds me that I shall not fall.
And so to Him I leave it all.
He holds me that I shall not fall.

**Verse 2**
Whate'er my God ordains is right;
He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path;
I know He will not leave me.

I take, content, What He hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.
His hand can turn my griefs away.

**Verse 3**
Whate'er my God ordains is right;
Though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter my faint heart,
I take it all unshrinking.

My God is true, Each morn anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

**Verse 4**
Whate'er my God ordains is right;
Here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.

My Father's care Is round me there.
He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all.
He holds me that I shall not fall.

# WE ARE SENT BACK INTO THE WORLD

## SONG OF NEW CREATION: COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

*To the tune of Hyfrodol*

**Verse 1**
Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

**Verse 2**
Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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## BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING

Having been reminded of the future grace which is ours in Jesus Christ the Lord, may you now be refreshed by the grace which is yours already:

You are loved by God the Father – there is no one left to please.
You are saved by God the Son – there is nothing left to prove.
You are comforted by God the Spirit – there is nothing left to fear.

Autumn Ridge Family, you are sent into the world to make disciples of all nations. Go, therefore: in the love of God the Father, in the resurrection of God the Son, and in the comfort of the God the Spirit; now and forevermore. **Amen**.

# WAYS TO GIVE

- **Cash**: place cash securely into one of the offering boxes at the back of the room. If you would like a record of your contribution, please be sure to place the cash into one of our offering envelopes and fill out the appropriate contact information.

- **Check**: place checks securely into one of the offering boxes at the back of the room. Alternatively, you may mail a check to Autumn Ridge Community Church, 208 Victory Cir. Ste. 300, Ellijay, GA 30540. End of year giving statements will be issued based on the contact information provided by the check

- **Online Giving**: facilitates offerings made by bank account, credit/debit card, and stock. Simply scan the "GIVING" QR code below, or click the "GIVE" tab at the top of our church's website (autumnridgecommunitychurch.com).

- **Stock**: arrangements for donation of stock can also be made by contacting Jill Connor with Charles Schwab at jconner@jamisonwealth.com or (678) 273-7320.

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1. Open the camera on your digital device
2. Hover over the QR squares below
3. A 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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# MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES (AUGUST – DECEMBER, 2026)

**Sunday Mornings (8:45 AM, upstairs at Victory Christian Center**

Scott and Jeannie Miller/Preston and Laney Porter (jeanniem165@gmail.com, castleco@live.com or prestoncporter21@gmail.com)

Ted and Leslie Murphy (tedmurphy@etcmail.com – or contact Peggy McNash at Peggy.mcnash@gmail.com)

Bryan and Shannon Thomas (StPatrick1330@yahoo.com)

**Wednesday Evenings (5:30p, upstairs at Victory Christian Center)**

Davis and Charis Lacey (davis@autumnridgecommunitychurch.com or charislacey@gmail.com)

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# NEW WITH US? GET CONNECTED!

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.

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# UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Grab a Missions Memo to keep up with other dates/opportunities to be involved.

**Operation Christmas Child at Autumn Ridge**

**Tuesday, November 10**, Workday

**Saturday, November 14**, Decorating Day

**Sunday, November 15**: Packing Day

For more information, please reach out to Shannon Thomas, shannonthomas@gmail.com, or Peggy McNash, (404) 918-9711

**Wednesday, Decemeber 16:** Cookie Walk

Join us for the first-ever Autumn Ridge Community Church Cookie Walk and Christmas Lights Party! The fun is for ALL ages and starts at The Victory Christian Center at 5pm. If you're running late, that's OK! We will celebrate at The Victory Christian Center until 6p, at which time we will drive to The Ellijay Lions Club Fairgrounds to enjoy the "Holiday Lights of Georgia." There is no cost to participate.

***See registration on Missions Memo***