

November 1, 2026

PRELIMINARIES: WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WE GIVE GLORY TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 96:1-6

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
4 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
6 Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

SONG OF ACCLAMATION: COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Verse 1
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the Mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Verse 2
Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Here by Thy great help I've come.
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Verse 2
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Verse 3
Oh, to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

WE MOURN THE REALITY OF OUR SIN

SONG OF CONFESSION: COME, YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Verse 1
Come, ye souls by sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted,
Through the cross behold the crown;
Look to Jesus;
Look to Jesus;
Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through him alone.

Verse 2
Take his easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
While his wisdom guides your feet
Safe to glory;
Safe to glory;
Safe to glory,
Where his ransomed captives meet.

Verse 3
Blessed are the eyes that see him,
Blest the ears that hear his voice;
Blessed are the souls that trust him,
And in him alone rejoice:
His commandments,
His commandments,
His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Verse 4
Sweet as home to pilgrim's weary,
Light to newly opened eyes,
Or full springs in deserts dreary,
Is the rest the cross supplies:
All who taste it,
All who taste it,
All who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God, You are our refuge, our strength, and our Comfort. We praise You for the many struggles you have seen us through. For the many situations of worry, and sorrow You have brought us through.

Congregation: Lord, we have sinned against You, yet You have shown us steadfast love. Forgive us.

Leader: Lord, thank You for never leaving us. In the middle of adversity and anxiety You provide peace. You calm our fears.

Congregation: Help us to trust You, and find our joy in the hope we have through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus our savior. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CORPORATE REFLECTION & CONFESSION

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: HEBREWS 1:1-3 & JUDE 1:24-25

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the
prophets, **2** but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he
appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. **3** He is the
radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the
universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at
the right hand of the Majesty on high.

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless
before the presence of his glory with great joy, **25** to the only God, our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all
time and now and forever. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE CHRIST AS OUR REDEEMER

SONG OF REDEMPTION: "MAN OF SORROWS," WHAT A NAME

Verse 1
"Man of Sorrows," what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 2
Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 3
Guilty, helpless, lost were we;
blameless Lamb of God was he,
sacrificed to set us free:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 4
He was lifted up to die;
"It is finished" was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 5
When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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 22:1-4

1 And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song on the day when the LORD
delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. **2** He said,

"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
3 my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold and my refuge,
my savior; you save me from violence.
4 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON: "THE REFUGE OF THE LORD"

DAVIS LACEY - 2 SAMUEL 21:15—22:51 (PGS. 264-276 IN THE ILLUMINATED SCRIPTURE JOURNALS)

Make the Lord your Refuge:

- Because He is able to meet the challenge (vv. 5-6)
- Because He listens to you (v. 7)
- Because He is mighty (vv. 8-16)
- Because of His delight (vv. 17-20)
- Because He is upright (vv. 21-31)
- Because He wills and works through His people (vv. 32-46)

Application: praise the Lord! (vv. 47-51)

- TO HIM with your lips
- TO HIM with your life
- TO OTHERS with your lips
- TO OTHERS with your life

SERMON NOTES:

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: AMAZING GRACE

To the tune of New Britian

Verse 1
Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2
'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Verse 3
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Verse 5
Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

Verse 6
When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun



WE ARE SENT BACK INTO THE WORLD

SONG OF NEW CREATION: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

To the tune of Hendon

Verse 1
Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.

Verse 2
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and usable Lord, for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King,
Always, only, for my King.

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.

GIVING

CONNECT

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)

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.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

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