

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SUPPLEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ADVENT

Gathering Music (8:30)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#124)

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Luke 4:18-19

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

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

VERSE 3

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.

VERSE 4

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1747

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831 (HYFRYDOL)

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Prelude (11:00)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Arr. John Jordan

Living Hope

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he
has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or
fade.*

1 Peter 1:3-4a

VERSE 1

How great the chasm that lay between us,
how high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke your name into the night.

Then through the darkness your lovingkindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

VERSE 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of Kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

CHORUS

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

VERSE 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.

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your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus, yours is the victory!

CHORUS

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!
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You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in your name.
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Jesus Christ, my living hope.
O God, you are my living hope.

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While We Are Waiting, Come (#242)

"This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord Almighty.
Haggai 2:6-7

VERSE 1

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

VERSE 3

Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

"While We Are Waiting, Come"
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Doxology (#625)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709
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Behold the Lamb of God

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
John 1:29

VERSE 1

We who walk in darkness deep,
now see the light of morning.
The mighty God, the Prince of Peace;
a child to us is born.

CHORUS

Behold, the Lamb of God
who takes away our sin.
Behold, the Lamb of God,
the life and light of men.

Behold, the Lamb of God
who died and rose again.
Behold, the Lamb of God who comes
to take away our sin.

VERSE 2

Wand'ers in the wilderness,
now hear, a voice is crying:
"Prepare the way, make straight the paths.
Your King has come to die."

CHORUS

Behold, the Lamb of God
who takes away our sin.
Behold, the Lamb of God,
the life and light of men.

Behold, the Lamb of God
who died and rose again.
Behold, the Lamb of God who comes
to take away our sin.

BRIDGE

Son of God, Emmanuel;
Son of Man, we praise you!
Behold the Lamb,
the hope of man.
Behold the Lamb!

CHORUS

Behold, the Lamb of God
who takes away our sin.
Behold, the Lamb of God,
the life and light of men.

Behold, the Lamb of God
who died and rose again.
Behold, the Lamb of God who comes
to take away our sin.

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (11:00)

*"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!'
Matthew 25:6*

VERSE 1

O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!

O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

VERSE 2

Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

VERSE 3

You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.

In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
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Benediction (8:30)

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To
him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
2 Peter 3:18*

VERSE

My friends may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends may you grow in grace
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

CHORUS

To God be the glory now and forever,
now and forever. Amen.
To God be the glory now and forever,
now and forever. Amen.

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Postlude (11:00)

The King Shall Come When the Morning Dawns

By David N. Johnson