

# THE LORD'S DAY

## MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 1, 2024 • 11:00 AM

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*“Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”*

*“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.”*

~ Psalm 37: 3-6

▶ PRELUDE

▶ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ \*CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Psalm 37: 3-6



► \*THE HYMN OF PRAISE ..... *Our God, Our Help In Ages Past* (Hymnal #30)

Chords: F C F C Am Dm G C 7 Am Em Am D G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

Chords: C F Dm G C F E F C F C Dm G C 7

- our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,  
with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by your flood,  
and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last,  
and our eternal home.



▶ \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

▶ THE PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

▶ \*THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**Father, we gather before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.**

▶ \*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ..... Romans 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

▶ \*THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE..... *Take My Life, And Let It Be* (Hymnal #585 Stanza 4)

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

▶ THE PASTORAL PRAYER

▶ THE LORD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



▶ \*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... *Psalm 23C*  
(Children Kindergarten-1st Grades are dismissed to Children’s Church during last stanza.)

The Lord's my shepherd; I will lack nothing, He makes me lie down in pastures green. He leads by calm streams, and He revives me; He guides in right ways for His name's sake.

Although I travel through death's dark valley, no threat or danger there will I fear, since You will always stay close beside me; your rod and staff give comfort to me.

You've set my table where foes are watching; my head anointed, my cup You've filled. Such love and goodness through life pursue me; I'll live forever in the Lord's house.

▶ \*THE SCRIPTURE READING..... Luke 21:1-4 (Pew Bible p. 880)

▶ THE SERMON ..... Small Gift, Mighty Impact, Rev. Joel Smit



► \*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION ..... *Jesus I My Cross Have Taken* (Stanzas 1-4)

1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, All to leave  
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me, They have left  
 3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive  
 4. Go, then, earth - ly fame and treas - ure, Come dis - as -  
 5. Soul, then know Thy full sal - va - tion; Rise o'er sin  
 6. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith

and fol - low Thee. Des - ti - tute, de - spised,  
 my Sav - ior too. Hu - man hearts and looks  
 me to Thy breast. Life with tri - als hard  
 - ter, scorn and pain. In Thy ser - vice, pain  
 and fear and care. Joy to find in ev -  
 and winged by prayer. Heav'n's e - ter - nal days

for - sak - en, Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
 de - ceive me; Thou art not, like them, un - true.  
 may press me; Heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.  
 is pleas - ure, With Thy fa - vor, loss is gain.  
 - 'ry sta - tion, Some - thing still to do or bear.  
 be - fore thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.

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Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, All I've sought  
Oh, while Thou dost smile up - on me, God of wis -  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love  
I have called Thee, "Ab - ba Fa - ther," I have stayed  
Think what Spir - it dwells with - in thee, Think what Fa -  
Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion, Soon shall pass



or hoped or known. Yet how rich is my  
- dom, love and might, Foes may hate and friends  
is left to me; Oh 'twere not in joy  
my heart on Thee. Storms may howl and clouds  
- ther's smiles are thine, Think that Je - sus died  
thy pil - grim days, Hope shall change to glad



con - di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.  
dis - own me, Show Thy face and all is bright.  
to charm me, Were that joy un - mixed with Thee.  
may gath - er; All must work for good to me.  
to win thee, Child of heav'n, canst thou re - pine.  
fru - i - tion, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.



▶ THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

▶ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

▶ \*THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING ..... *Jesus I My Cross Have Taken* (Stanzas 5-6)

▶ \*THE BENEDICTION

▶ \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE. *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (Hymnal #194 Stanza 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

▶ POSTLUDE

Deacons' Fund Collection Today - Deacons will be standing at the back of the Sanctuary today to collect a freewill offering for the Deacons’ Fund to support families during times of need. Your generosity is appreciated!

You can also text the amount and the word Deacons to 404.999.4068 to give.  
{example \$25 Deacons}





# SMYRNA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

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## KNOW

And Worship  
The Triune God



## GROW

In the Covenant  
Family of God  
as Reformed  
Disciples



## SHOW

Forth the Love of  
Christ as Servants  
& Witnesses

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- ▶ **\*Sunday School** | 9:45 AM | in the Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **\*Sunday Morning Worship** | 11:00 AM | in the Sanctuary
- ▶ **Monthly Fellowship Lunch** | 12:30 PM | in the Fellowship Hall.  
Hosted by Owen shepherding group/members please bring a side to share.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- ▶ **Women's Christmas Banquet and Hymn Sing** | 6:30 PM | in Fellowship Hall, scan QR Code above to RSVP

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- ▶ **Wednesday Night Fellowship** | 5:30 PM | sign up by the **Tuesday prior** for dinner headcount [smyrnapres.org/wednesdays](http://smyrnapres.org/wednesdays)
- ▶ **Adult Choir Rehearsal** | 6:30 PM | in Sanctuary
- ▶ **Youth Group & King's Kids** | 6:30 - 7:30 PM | in CE wing
- ▶ **\*Devotion & Prayer** | 6:45 - 7:30 PM | in Fellowship Hall & Zoom

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- ▶ **Keenagers' Christmas Luncheon** | 12:00 PM | Brawner Hall

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- ▶ **Congregational Meeting** | 12:30 PM | for all church members following the morning worship to elect elders/deacons. **Elder:** Kevin Ammerman / **Deacons:** Alan Anderson, David Churchill, Doug Lowe, Max Oehlschlaegel, Radney Simpson, James Wesley

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- ▶ **"Deck The Bowls" Dinner Theatre** | 5:15 - 8:00 PM | FREE EVENT | Enter our chili cook-off competition to benefit our Window Campaign by signing up via the QR code above

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24-26

- ▶ **2025 Women's Retreat** | Stone Mountain, GA | Registration deadline: Dec 15, scan QR Code above for more information

