

Shreveport Grace Church

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SCRIPTURE ALONE · GRACE ALONE · CHRIST ALONE

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SUNDAY

[Live Streaming \(Audio and Video\)](#)

WORSHIP - 11:00 AM

Choruses from Chorus Book

Scripture Reading: [Psalm 116](#) (Bob)

Call to Worship: 'We Gather to Worship Christ'

Scripture Reading: [Malachi 3](#) (Aaron)

Hymn # 84- 'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'

Scripture Reading: [Romans 9:15-33](#) (David)

Message: 'The Potter and the Clay'

Hymn # 272- 'The Solid Rock'

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM- Studies on the Names and Titles of Jesus in Scripture

FRIDAY

7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi)

10:00 AM- Bible Study in French

SATURDAY

8:00 AM- Fellowship in Christ

SUNDAY

7:00 AM- International Worship (Malawi)

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Radio Broadcasts every Sunday Morning (CST):

9:00 KWKH AM Radio 1130, Shreveport, LA area or LIVE streaming @ <http://1130thetiger.com/listen-live>

Call to Worship

(Tune # 10- 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past')

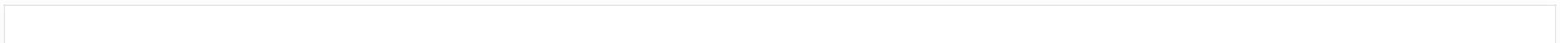
Today we gather in this house,
To feast on things Divine,
To worship Jesus Christ the LORD,
In Whom all glories shine.

Today poor sinners come to hear,
The Gospel of Free Grace,
Of how our Sovereign God decreed,
To save a chosen race.

Today we gather 'round the Word,
With joy and thankfulness,
To learn again the Wondrous Truth,
Of Christ our Righteousness.

Today we come with hungry souls,
To feed on Christ our LORD,
For by the Savior's sacrifice,
The guilty were restored.

Today we gather in this place,
To hear the joyful sound,
That when we come to God through Christ,
Acceptance shall be found.



God's Shepherd - [Psalm 23](#)

Many of us find solace in [Psalm 23](#), viewing the LORD Jesus as the Shepherd of His sheep. However, before being unveiled as the Shepherd of the sheep, He first served as God's Shepherd for them. We understand that the LORD Jesus embodies the fulfillment of all Scripture. When He arrived at the appointed time in the world, He fulfilled the Old Testament Scriptures. Hence, when reading [Psalm 23](#), we perceive how our LORD Jesus fulfilled them before His Father, serving as the God/Man in the flesh. ***The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want:*** As the Father was the Shepherd of the LORD Jesus, He lacked nothing to fulfill His Father's purpose for the salvation of His people.

1. ***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*** The LORD Jesus, as the appointed Shepherd of His Father, guided His sheep in the same pastures and waters where He found rest in His Father during His earthly life. These represent His Gospel, His person and His finished work at the cross, preceding us as our Forerunner.
2. ***He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake:*** Despite His soul being offered for sin, [Isaiah 53:10-11](#), the LORD Jesus' suffering never tainted His soul. His perseverance stemmed from upholding His Father's righteousness. As His sheep, our souls are revived due to the righteousness He earned and bestowed upon us at the cross.
3. ***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*** Our LORD traversed the valley of death's shadow in His suffering but He trusted His Father to sustain Him. The rod and staff of God's chastening were a source of comfort, knowing He bore it for His people's salvation, [Isaiah 53:5](#).
4. ***Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over:*** He was the Father's Anointed One (the Christ). Even in the presence of enemies, His joy lay in that table prepared for Him by the Father. Despite drinking the cup of wrath to its brim, fulfilling the Father's will, He ate and drank of those sufferings with joy, knowing that the Father had prepared the table before Him, eating the bitter herbs and drinking the cup of His wrath would be for His people a table of blessing, Christ being the Bread and His blood shed being the wine by which we have fellowship with God.
5. ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever:*** Christ's completed work as God's Shepherd ensures goodness and mercy accompany Him always. Having finished His work and seated at the right hand of the Father, He remains endlessly in that Spiritual House.

While we rejoice in Christ as our Shepherd, our joy amplifies, knowing that even before being revealed as our Shepherd, He was already God the Father's appointed Shepherd.

God Manifest in the Flesh

The kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared. [Titus 3:4](#)

I have loved thee with an everlasting love. [Jer. 31:3](#)

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. [1 John 4:9-10](#)

When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. [Gal. 4:4-5](#)

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth. [John 1:14](#)

Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh. [1 Tim. 3:16](#)

***As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;
that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. [Heb. 2:14](#)***

Daily Light on the Daily Path

Jesus Christ Our Surety

"By so much was Jesus made a SURETY of a better testament...

***Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him,
seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them"***

[\(Heb. 7:22-25\)](#)

When one undertakes to be surety for another, the debt is reckoned unto him and he accepts it. Thus our Dear Savior, our Blessed Surety stood up for us, engaged in our behalf. Our debts and all our iniquities were imputed to Him and laid upon Him, charged upon His person. He fully satisfied and perfectly fulfilled justice for them. By the one sacrifice of Himself, He hath taken them all away, made an end of sin, so that justice itself proclaims its faithfulness to forgive sin [\[1 John 1:9\]](#). Grace reigns, Mercy triumphs, sinners are pardoned, believers rejoice. Oh believer, you are blessed by your God Who is just, therefore does not, cannot, impute sin to you. True, you have committed sins innumerable but it is true that they were all laid upon Jesus. True, you do sin but it is equally true that Christ hath born them all. You will sin yet it is perfectly true that your Savior has paid the ransom price for them all. You have nothing to plead but guilt in yourself now perfectly righteous in Christ. Every charge the enemy brings from the righteous law against you is just: own it but ever plead in your conscience before the throne; that Jesus has satisfied God's law and justice for it all. There is now no condemnation, [Romans 8:1](#). Oh believer, this is a most Precious Truth of God.

William Mason (1748-1823)