

Hearing the Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture Text: Isaiah 40:1-11

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.

Sermon-“ The Sovereign Lord Comes” Jeff Gregory

Hymn- 345P "Hark! The Glad Sound the Savior Comes”

Affirmation of Faith

What is your only comfort in life and death?

My only comfort in life and death is that I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. HC Q/A 1

The Lord's Supper Led by Mark Bahr

We Are Invited

Rejoicing in Hope

Words of Institution

Offering of Thanks

Distribution and Scripture Words of Meaning

Hymn 515P “You Are Coming O My Savior”

Closing Acclamation of Thanks

This is the season of holy waiting.

We watch for the day when our warfare will be ended.

We wait for the One who can bring comfort and speak peace.

We wait while the night begins to glow with the light of day.

Come let us walk in the light of God! (copied Reformed Worship)

Hymn- 508P “I Can not Tell Why He Whom Angels Worship”

Benediction - Numbers 6:24-26 -

“The Lord bless you and keep you;

the Lord make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Amen.

Good Shepherd Community Church

In the heart of Dallas with a heart for the world

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Keep Watch!

Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.



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We Assemble before Our God

Greeting: “Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Call to Worship from Psalms & Luke

Yahweh is great in Zion;

He is exalted above all the peoples.

Let them praise Your great

and awe-inspiring name. **You are holy!**

By the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:78-79

Yahweh reigns! He is clothed in majesty;

the Lord is clothed, and he is girded with strength.

Hymn –320P “Name of All Majesty”

Invocation

Pastor

All: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the in-working of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Seek Renewal in God's Grace

Our Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he is the one who will save his people from their sins.”Matthew 1:21

Hymn-328P “Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer”

Hymn- 348P “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

Hymn- 315P “Meekness and Majesty”

Reading the Sacred Writings

The grass withers, the flower fades but the word of the Lord will stand forever. Isaiah 40 v.7

Old Testament- Isaiah 51:1-8

Old Testament- Psalm 85

New Testament- 2 Peter 3:8-15a

New Testament- Mark 1:1-8

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Singing God’s Praise in Psalms and Hymns/Songs

O my Strength, I sing praise to you; you, O God, are my fortress, my loving God.. Psalm 59:17

Hymn-346P “O Come, O come Emmanuel”

Hymn- “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Hymn- 514P “When the King Shall Come Again”

Praying to Our God

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Psalm 71:3

Prayer concerns, thanksgivings and petitions

The Prayers of the People

Presenting Our Offerings

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Dedication Prayer

Hymn- 344“Come, O Long Expected Jesus”