

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air  
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe  
O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know  
Bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven  
And to the endless day.

Text & Music: German Melody 15th century

#### Preparatory

Sermon

Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation

Post-sermon song

#154 As With Gladness Men of Old

Pastor Stu Johnston

December 8, 2024



#### Events

TODAY New elders vote  
7 PM

12/15 Christmas Music  
Service 5:30 PM

12/15 College & Career  
Christmas Party 7 PM

12/22 VisionYouth Meeting  
7 PM

#### Give



#### Upcoming Events



FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE  
FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD,  
PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT  
FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE  
AND A HOPE

#### Pastors

Stephen Byrd    Stu Johnston  
Michael Lopes    Jones Ndzi

#### Service Times

—Sunday School 9:30 am  
—Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am  
—Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm  
—Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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## Morning Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn

Pastor Stephen Byrd  
Come Behold the Wondrous  
Mystery

1. Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King.  
He, the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.  
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; He the perfect Son of Man  
in His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.  
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

3. Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold;  
bringing many sons to glory; Grace unmeasured, Love untold.

4. Come, behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death, the God of life;  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!

**What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.**

**Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes! (repeat)**

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Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering/Preparatory  
Sermon

Mark 6:1-29, page 841  
Pastor Stephen Byrd  
#152 O Little Town of Bethlehem  
Pastor Jones Ndzi

Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation

Communion

Pastor Stu Johnston  
The Gospel Song

**(Sing 3 x's)** Holy God, in love, became perfect Man to bear my blame.

On the cross He took my sin. By His death I live again.

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**#195 Alas and Did My Savior Bleed  
God Undefeatable**

1. Behold the King who conquered and overcame our sin.  
Behold our glorious Victor whose mercy knows no end.  
He is true, He is right, death is broken, He is alive.

**(Chorus)**

**God undefeatable, Kingdom unshakeable;  
in majesty and power You reign.**

**Love undeniable, matchless and bountiful;  
to waken us to life You came. You came.**

2. And now our way is certain, our souls in You secure  
through every pain and struggle Your victory endures.

For You are true, and You are right, death is broken, and You are alive. **(Chorus)**

**(Bridge)**

The love of God is greater than we dare to hope or dream.

The hold of God is stronger than we dare to hope or dream. **(Chorus)**

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## Evening Worship

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn

Nathan Allen  
Glorious Day

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises,  
one day when sin was as dark as could be.  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He.  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us His glory revealed.

**(Chorus)**

**Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me,  
buried He carried my sins far away.**

**Rising, He justified, freely forever. One day He's coming; oh, glorious day,  
oh, glorious day!**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me!

**(Chorus)**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.

One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose; over death He had conquered.

Now is ascended, my Lord evermore!

Death could not hold Him! The grave could not keep Him from rising again!

**(Chorus)**

**Oh, glorious day! Glorious day!**

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming!

One day the skies with His glories will shine!

Wonderful day, my Beloved One bringing My Savior, Jesus is mine!

**(Chorus)**

**Oh, glorious day! Glorious day!**

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Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering

Acts 20:17-38, page 929  
Pastor Stu Johnston  
Lo How a Rose

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter  
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind

With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior

When half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright

How Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night.

To Bethlehem they sped, and in the manger found him

As angel heralds said.