



HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

Welcome Home



HomeMoravian.org

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Founded 1771

Fulfilling Christ's call to love God, live in community, and serve our neighbor.

*"Let thine eye be opened toward this house night and day,
even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there."*

- Text for the day on which the Site of Salem was selected.

Salem Square
Winston-Salem, NC

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP – 10 AM**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: *Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!* Isaiah 2:5

BAND CHORALES..... Erik Salzwedel, leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

CHORAL INTROIT:

Hosanna.....Edward W. Leinbach, Salem Composer
(1823 – 1901)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....The Sanders Family

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Prophets, a Godly Play Story.....

.....The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

LITURGY: *Advent*, pp. 49-50..... Rev. Dr. Atwood

ADVENT AND PALM SUNDAY

(Standing)

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.

ST. THEODULPH (151 G)

Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!

Hail in the time ap - point - ed his reign on earth be - gun!

He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,

to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.

You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,

So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on 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.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

(Kneeling or sitting)

(for Advent)

(for Palm Sunday)

Gracious Lord Jesus, you come to us with the good news of salvation, but too often we fail to notice. You come to us day by day, yet we close the doors of our hearts when it seems convenient to do things our own way. We ignore your presence and your leadership. We have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Forgive us, merciful Lord. May we live so that the world will know that you have come. Amen.

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

(Sitting)

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

(Affirmation of Baptism), pp. 170-174.....Rev. Tobiassen

CONFIRMATION AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(If the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in the same worship service,
those affirming baptism join in the opening paragraphs of that service,
and continue with the appropriate Affirmation forms beginning on page 171.)

(Standing)

In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Claimed by God in baptism, we pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit our lives may faithfully affirm the blessings of Christ's new covenant.

(The minister addresses the candidates.)

As you present *yourselves* before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

I do.

(Candidates may profess their faith by means of the Apostles' Creed,
the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be
invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(539 B)

In the name of Je - sus. A - men.

[Confirmands standing]

By affirming your baptismal covenant in public worship today, you have taken another step in your journey with God. You have entered into a new relationship with God and this congregation. We charge you in God's name always to remain faithful to Christ and the church, and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Reaffirmation of Faith

[The congregation sitting, the candidates present themselves, and the minister gives them the following greeting and charge.]

_____, you have affirmed your faith and baptismal covenant before God and this congregation, and, by the grace and strength of Christ, have declared your desire and promise to renew your Christian discipleship. We welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

May the Lord be with you. Build *yourselves* up on your most holy faith, led by the Holy Spirit. Keep *yourselves* by grace in the love of God, as you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ in his mercy to give you eternal life.

Transfer of Membership

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_____, through baptism, profession of faith, and Christian service, you have already entered into the life of the Church Universal, and today we rejoice to welcome and receive you into the fellowship of this congregation. Continue faithfully in the good way you have chosen in Christ, and may the Holy Spirit bless you in your life among us. May we all, through grace, be enabled to support and encourage one another in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ANGEL'S STORY

O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

be now and ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend;

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,

nor wan - der from the path - way, if you will be my Guide.

(The candidates for confirmation present themselves. The minister, laying hands upon the head of each, names the candidate, and pronounces a text of Scripture.)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Standing. During the singing of the following hymn, the minister and others, according to local practice, give the right hand of fellowship to all who have been baptized or who have publicly affirmed their baptism on this day.)

HUS (22 F)

Here in the name of Christ our Lord, the
 We wel - come you a - mong us here, with
 The God of peace you sanc - ti - fy and

church's Head by all a - dored, with Chris - tian love and
 joy that God has brought you near. With heart and hand we
 bless you rich - ly from on high, that spir - it, soul, and

pur - pose true, this church in faith em - brac - es you.
 pledge our love, and pray Christ's bless - ing from a - bove.
 bod - y may re - flect God's pres - ence ev - 'ry day.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.....Rev. Dr. Atwood

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

**For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“**May they prosper who love you.**

**Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers.”**

For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

**For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.**

Matthew 24:36-44

*Please note: Rather than leave the sanctuary for Children’s Worship,
children will remain in the sanctuary throughout the service today.*

HYMN, page 185 – *The Advent of Our God*.....T. Swabia

COMMUNION: CHRIST'S COMING

SWABIA (582 K)

The ad - vent of our God shall be our theme for prayer,
The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate stoops to be,
All glo - ry to the Son, who comes to set us free,

come, let us meet him on the road and place for him pre - pare.
takes on him - self the ser - vant's form to set his peo - ple free.
with Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one through all e - ter - ni - ty.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

..... The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

SERMON: *Nearer to Us Now*

HYMN 269 – *How Shall I Meet My Savior?*T. Leinbach

269 How Shall I Meet My Savior?

1 How shall I meet my Sav - ior? How shall I tru - ly
2 While with her sweet - est flow - ers thy wait - ing Zi - on

wel - come thee? What man - ner of be - hav - ior
strews thy way, I'll raise with all my pow - ers,

organ

is by thy love re - quired of me? I wait for thy sal -
Sav - ior, to thee a grate - ful lay; to thee, the King of

va - tion, grant me, O Lord, thy Spir - it's light,
glo - ry, my heart will tune a song di - vine

organ

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt (1653). Tr. Arthur Tozer Russell [1851], alt. Edward T. Mickey, Jr. [1963]
TUNE: Edward W. Leinbach (1870). Arr. Margaret Leinbach Kolb [1966], alt.

7.8.7.8.D.
LEINBACH

ADVENT

and may my pre-pa-ration be well ac-cept-ed in thy sight.
and make thy love's bright sto-ry through me in liv-ing wit-ness shine.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION..... Rev. Dr. Atwood

The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation

giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to

homemoravian.org/donate. You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.

ANTHEM:

Morning Star, in Darkest Night.....

.....Georg Friedrich von Hellström

Home Church Choir

(1825-1912)

Johann Scheffler (1627-1677)

*Morning Star in darkest night, who the world with joy makes
light, Jesus dear, come be near, shine in my heart's temple
here! Your most radiant, glorious light far exceeds the sun so
bright; you shall be, constantly, as a thousand suns to me.
Morning star, my soul's true day, come to me without delay;
come, be near, Jesus dear, shine in my heart's temple here.
Amen.*

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

LITURGY: *Advent*, pp. 51-53

*Where indicated on p. 53, we will sing Hymn 239, Hosanna.
Children will sing the first part, and the congregation will respond.*

ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY

(The following hymn is used for Advent.)

TRURO

VOICE: Lift up your heads, you might - y gates; be - hold, the
 CHOIR: Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 ALL: So, come, my Sov - 'reign, en - ter in; let new and

King of Glo - ry waits; the King of Kings is
 tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for
 no - bler life be - gin; the Ho - ly Spir - it

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 guide us on, un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

(The following hymn is used for Palm Sunday.)

LANCASHIRE (151 M)

"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

ADVENT/PALM SUNDAY

for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our King.

O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system has a fermata over the final note of the vocal line. The third system ends with a double bar line.

Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Standing)

(Here the Hosanna, page 239, or another suitable hymn may be sung.)

Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

REGENT SQUARE [585 D]

ALL

Praise to you, O Lord, we ren - der for your love in Je - sus shown,
may that love, so strong and ten - der, bind us fast to him a - lone,
now and ev - er, now and ev - er, gath - er us a - mong your own.

CHOIR

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.
We invite you to continue your fellowship as you exit during the postlude.*

SERVICE MUSIC

832 The Grace of Our Lord

The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of
God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it,
be with us all, be with us all. A - men.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line of lyrics. The third system covers the third line of lyrics and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular
(540 E)

POSTLUDE:

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me... C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)
Arr. Aubrey Tucker (2017)

SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY, 11:15 a.m., Saal

CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building

YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

CALENDAR

- Sunday - 11:15 am - Educational Programming
4:30 pm - Advent Vespers, Saal (doors open at 4:00 pm)
- Monday - 11:30 am - Praying in Color, Parlor
- Tuesday - 8:30 am - Men of Church Breakfast, Club Room
6:30 pm - Beginner Band, RB-5
7:30 pm - Chorale Band, RB-5
- Wednesday - 7:00 am - Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant
5:45 pm - Wednesday Night Fellowship & "Night of Music" Program
- Thursday - 11:30 am - Men of Church Lunch, Club Room
5:30 pm - Gregor BellChor, Bell Room
6:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- Next - 10:00 am - Worship Service
- Sunday 11:15 am - Educational Programming
3:00 pm - Music at Home Concert, Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today and in loving memory of *Sid Disher and Richard Disher* by Juanita and Jennie Disher, and in loving memory of *Charles and Marjorie Beardsley* by Steve and Charlene Beardsley Ewing.

The wreaths are placed on the outside doors of the Sanctuary in loving memory of *I.B. and Mary Southerland* by I.B. and Carol Southerland and their family.

We welcome new members into our congregation today!

Joining by transfer of membership: Sam “Chip” Cook, Carl O. Moses, L.J. Overfelt, Julie Tomberlin, Lynn Waggoner

Joining by reaffirmation of faith: John Eaves, Susan Foster, Barry Foster (associate), Holly Humphrey, Humphrey Anderson, Silas Anderson, Ann Shuey, Chris Tolley, Sarah Vaala, Claire Richardson, Sydney Richardson

Advent Vespers today in the Saal: Acknowledging that sadness often accompanies us in this season of joy, in this service we will seek a quiet and authentic peace for Advent through music, readings, and quiet contemplation. Doors open at 4:00pm; the service begins at 4:30pm.

There will be no separate worship for children today. Nursery care is available for children birth–age 4 during Worship and Power Hour. Youth Power Hour meets as usual. Children’s Choir will rehearse from 11:00 am –12:00 pm for ages 5 and up.

Advent Vespers



*“Comfort, O comfort my people,”
says your God.*

Isaiah 40:1

Home Moravian Church

Happening Today
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m. | Saal

**A time of quiet reflection and prayer,
especially for those whose burdens and
losses make the holidays difficult.**



Praying in Color! Women's Fellowship

Join us this Advent season to spend time with God in a meaningful and colorful way. Created by Sybil MacBeth, *Praying in Color* is “the intersection of prayer and doodling, a visual, active, meditative, and playful way to pray.” *No artistic skill or prayer expertise required!*

Praying in Color will be offered as a series of in-person sessions or participants may pick up a packet of materials to use on their own.

In-person sessions will be held:

Dec. 1, 8, & 15 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Home Moravian Parlor

Pick up materials for self-guided use:

- November 30- after worship
- Week of December 1 - in the church office (during office hours)

Sign-up before and after worship today or register to attend or obtain a packet on the HMC website.

Hark the Herald...

JOIN US FOR OUR HOME CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 14, 2025

(immediately following worship)

11:00am - Charcuterie and Mingle

11:30am - Traditional Christmas Feast

There will be festive music, caroling, and a wonderful presentation by the children of the church.

No reservations necessary. Everyone is welcome!





Wednesday Night Fellowship

December 3, 2025

Holidays at Home:

A Night of Special Music

Featuring Triad Harmony Express and Downtown Sound

Come join us for dinner and music to kick off the holidays!
Dinner at 5:45 pm followed by combined program at 6:45 pm.

Menu: Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, & Dessert

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Adults & Children 13 and older \$5.00 Children ages 4 to 12 years old..... \$3.00
Salem Academy & College\$3.00 Children ages 3 and under.....Free

Name(s) _____

Standing Reservations (# adult) _____ (# children) _____

Attending this week only (# adult) _____ (# children) _____

Special Dietary Needs:

Gluten Free (# orders) _____ Vegetarian (# Orders) _____

Youth News: Charlotte and Kirk are having Power Hour after service at Lot 63!

Scripture Meditation 11/30/2025

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” – Matthew 24:36

When I was a young kid, my parents took me to see Paul McCartney play at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas. I saw 80,000 people cheering him on, and I immediately wanted to be a rockstar just like him. I made my parents buy me an electric guitar, but after a couple weeks, my fingers hurt, the video games beckoned, and I quit. I realize now that I was doing it for the wrong reason: I wanted to play guitar so other people would think I was cool, not because I really loved practicing.

Years later, I came back to music when I found the artists who made my soul come alive: Bob Dylan and John Prine. Songs like “Don’t Think Twice, It’s All Right” gripped me, and I couldn’t put the guitar down until I could play them. I’ll never forget the joy of piecing those songs together.

When Jesus says that no one knows when he will return, I think he wants to make sure that people pursue good behavior for the right reasons. If there’s a reward right around the corner, there are a lot of people who might be kind for superficial rewards. But with no defined endpoint, those people can’t keep it up for the same reasons I couldn’t become a rockstar. Being a good person is really hard, and if



DIGGS-LATHAM CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY STORE

Help us bring joy to families this season!

*We invite you to support the Holiday Store by donating **unwrapped gifts for parents or guardians**. Please drop off items at the church office, labeled "DL," by **December 12**.*

We also need volunteers:

- **December 15** – Sort donated items
- **December 16** – Assist with store setup
- **December 17–18 (8 AM–2:30 PM)** – Help students select and wrap gifts for their loved ones

*For more information, contact **Chris Puryear** at 336-681-0871 or lpuryear@gmail.com.*

Your generosity ensures that children—who may not otherwise have the means to purchase a gift—can experience the joy of choosing something special for the important adult(s) in their lives.



GIFTCARD FUNDRAISER - On November 5, our church family gathered for a wonderful evening at Wednesday Night Fellowship with students, their families, and staff. Together, we enjoyed Ruby's delicious homemade soup and sharing fellowship with more than one hundred guests.

Following dinner, Dr. Cassandra Dobson gave an inspiring presentation highlighting both the successes and challenges at Diggs-Latham Elementary. The evening continued with lively performances of dance and music by the students and school band, filling the room with joy and energy.

This special night was also a fundraiser to provide teacher gift cards for classroom supplies.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,500—but we are still \$500 short of our goal. Please consider donating to help us reach the finish line. *(makes checks payable to: Home Moravian Church with “Diggs Gift Cards” in the memo line)*

Your support is essential to ensuring teachers have the resources they need to continue serving their students.



Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, Nov. 30 at 4:30PM - Advent Vespers, Saal (doors open at 4PM)
- Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4PM - Music at Home Concert, Sanctuary
- Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11AM - Church Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, Dec 21 at 5PM - HMC Family Lovefeast, Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Schedule:

Wednesday, Dec. 24 | Sanctuary

- 11:00 AM - Children's Lovefeast
- 2:30PM- Lovefeast
- 5:00PM - Lovefeast
- 7:45PM -Lovefeast

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor* Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*
Glenn Siebert, *Director of Music* Jonathan Williams, *Organist*
Becky Hodges, *Director of Christian Formation*

Philip Montgomery, Youth Ministry Coordinator
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(10 a.m. Morning Worship is broadcast on WSJS-AM 600)

“Let Us Rise”

Despite Jesus’ words to the contrary in the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, many claim to know the hour and the day. And, in Christ’s words about being found working when the day comes, many Christians seem preoccupied with not getting “left behind.” What if we worried less about that and worked more diligently and with greater care for the work at hand? What if this motivated us to love the work and to love those we work alongside? This song, based on Matthew 24:36–44, is a song of trust and confident assurance.

~~The day or the hour are known to none. Not the angels. Not the Son.~~
~~We will wait, and all will see. As it was, so shall it be.~~
~~Days of feasting and holy nights. Silent prayer and shrouded light.~~
~~Time of Noah. Days of our lives. From the waters, let us rise.~~
~~Through the waters, let us rise.~~

*A sweeping away, starting again. Losing ourselves, found a Friend.
Hand of God, O hold us near. Teach us Love. Free us from fear.*
Chorus

*For work in the field, who is at hand? At the milling, will you stand?
Will you serve, and faithful be? Watching, waiting prayerfully.*
Chorus

*A house on the Rock is made secure. Of God’s mercy, may be sure.
It shall stand, and ready be. Precious Lord, we fly to thee.*
Chorus



The Broke Kings (David Melby-Gibbons & Brian Dixon)

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