

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 14, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “These verses show the practical meaning of Jesus' perfect manhood.”

Michael Wilcock

Prelude

Welcome

————— WORSHIP IN PRAISE —————

Silent Preparation

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.*

Call to Worship.....from Psalm 103

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

Minister: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: **Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

Hymn of Adoration.....Come Christians Join to Sing (#302)



1. Come, Christians, join to sing Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King: Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re-joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - descend;
 on heav-en's bliss - ful shore, his good-ness we'll a - dore,




praise is his gra-cious choice. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!"

The original incipit (opening line of the hymn) was "Come, children, join to sing." Though changed in the Presbyterian hymnal to include all age groups, Bateman's text contains direct, uncomplicated language suited for children. Since very few of the words have more than two syllables and "Alleluia! Amen!" is interjected three times in each stanza, the hymn is easy for children to learn and sing. Each stanza begins with an exhortation—an imperative command to "Come" or "Praise." In stanza one, Bateman provides the children with the reason for singing: We offer "loud praise to Christ our King . . . before his throne. . . ." Christ desires our praise: "praise is his gracious choice. . . ." Stanza two reassures the children (and all of us) that this King is also "our guide and friend" and that "his love shall never end." This King will "condescend" to be a friend to the children. To condescend surely did not mean to patronize as it tends to mean today, but implies that Christ the King humbles himself to be in a personal relationship with us. Stanza three ends on an eschatological note. The author reassures children that they need not fear death. Beyond life, our songs will continue on "heaven's blissful shore . . . singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!"

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....Come, Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



1. Come, ye souls by sin af - flict - ed, bowed with
 2. Take his ea - sy yoke and wear it; love will
 3. Bless - ed are the eyes that see him, blest the
 4. Sweet as home to pil - grims wear - y, light to

fruit - less sor - row down; by the bro - ken law con -
 make your o - be - dience sweet Christ will give you strength to
 ears that hear his voice; bless - ed are the souls that
 new - ly o - pened eyes, like full springs in des - erts

vict - ed, through the cross, be - hold the crown; look to
 bear it, while his grace shall guide your feet safe to
 trust him, and in him a - lone re - joice; his com -
 drea - ry, is the rest the cross sup - plies; all who

Je - sus, look to Je - sus, look to
 glo - ry, safe to glo - ry, safe to
 mand - ments, his com - mand - ments, his com -
 taste it, all who taste it, all who

Je - sus; mer - cy flows through him a - lone.
 glo - ry, where his ran - somed cap - tives meet.
 mand - ments then be - come their hap - py choice.
 taste it shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession.....Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Hymn of Response.....*My Worth Is Not in What I Own*



1. My worth is not in what I own; not
2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or
5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess; my



in the strength of flesh and bone. But
win or lose, in pride or shame. But
youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But
worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My



in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. 2. My
in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.
life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. 4. I
I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.
val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross.



I re-joice in my Re-deem-er. Great-est trea-sure, well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth-er; my soul is sat-is-fied in him a - lone.

Receiving of New Members

Beau and Stefani Kobel

Covenant Children: Levi and Luke

Ruling Elder, Brian Nelson

Membership Vows BCO* 57-5

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

Levi Bradley Kobel and Luke Paul Kobel

Ruling Elder, Brian Nelson

Baptism Vows: BCO* 56-5

1. Do you acknowledge Levi and Luke's need for the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Levi and Luke to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the Congregation

Do you, members of Grace Community Presbyterian Church,
undertake the responsibility of assisting Beau and Stefani in the
Christian nurture of Levi and Luke, do you?

*The Book of Church Order

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Deuteronomy 8:1-20
pp 152-153

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 4:1-11
p 809

Reader: This is the Word of God.
People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

We offer an optional **Children’s Lesson** for children 4 years old through 1st grade. If you choose to have your children participate, you may dismiss them for CL as we sing the hymn of response. Please know we welcome and encourage your children to remain with you during the sermon. However, in the CL they will be hearing from the same text that the sermon is based upon, so you may discuss the message as a family after church if you wish to do so.

Hymn of Response.....*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word (#303)*



1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we are gath - ered
2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est

all to hear you; let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night

now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to

sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.

Hearing from God’s Word.....Matthew 4:1-11
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *The Man in the Wilderness*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin

“The hearing of the gospel involves the hearer in responsibility. It is a great privilege to hear the gospel. You may smile and think there is nothing very great in it. The damned in hell know. Oh, what would they give if they could hear the gospel now? If they could come back and entertain but the shadow of a hope that they might escape from the wrath to come? The saved in heaven estimate this privilege at a high rate, for, having obtained salvation through the preaching of this gospel, they can never cease to bless their God for calling them by his word of truth. O that you knew it! On your dying beds the listening to a gospel sermon will seem another thing than it seems now.”

Charles Spurgeon

“It is imperative that we realize our complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit. We must not rely upon our own strength of resolution or purpose. It is when we are weak that we are strong. It is by grace that we are being saved (Rom. 5:10) as surely as by grace that we have been saved (Eph. 2:8-9). If we are not keenly sensitive to our own helplessness, then we can make the use of the means of sanctification the minister of self-righteousness and pride and thus defeat the purpose of sanctification. We must not rely on the means of sanctification but upon the God of all grace.”

John Murray

“We could not take one step in the pursuit of holiness if God in His grace had not first delivered us from the dominion of sin and brought us into union with His risen Son. Salvation is by grace and sanctification is by grace.”

Jerry Bridges

“Do not rely on your own efforts, but on the grace of Christ. ‘You are,’ says the apostle, ‘saved by grace.’ Therefore it is not a matter of arrogance here but faith when we celebrate: we are accepted! This is not pride but devotion.”

St. Ambrose

Communion Hymns

All to Jesus I Surrender (#562) – Judson W. VanDeVenter/Winfield S. Weeden

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
May I ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

*I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,

Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain*

3. All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know thy power divine. *Refrain*

4. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me. *Refrain*

My God, My Father Blissful Name – Anne Steele/Justin Smith

1. My God, my Father, blissful Name!
O may I call Thee mine?
May I, with sweet assurance, claim,
A portion so divine?
This only can my fears control,
And bid my sorrows fly:
What harm can ever reach my soul,
Beneath my Father's eye?

2. Whate'er Thy providence denies,
I calmly would resign;
For Thou art just, and good, and wise,
O bend my will to Thine.

Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains,
O give me strength to bear;
And let me know my Father reigns,
And trust His tender care.

3. If pain and sickness rend this frame,
And life almost depart,
Is not Thy mercy still the same,
To cheer my drooping heart?
If cares and sorrows me surround,
Their power why should I fear?
My inward peace they cannot wound
If Thou, my God, art near.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

(Please consider filling out your prayer request **now** and dropping it in the offering plate.)

Offertory.....*He Will Hold Me Fast*

When I fear my faith will fail,

Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail,

He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold

Through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold;

He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast,

He will hold me fast;

For my Savior loves me so,

He will hold me fast.

Closing Hymn.....*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners (#498)*



1. Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than



lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as -
 hide my - self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some - times
 bil - lows o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is
 temp - est still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er -
 all in him I find; he hath grant - ed me for -



sail me, he, my Sav - ior makes me whole.
 fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 takes me, he, my pi - lot hears my cry.
 give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -



lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing



lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Benediction

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 4:12-25

Financials

2023 Adjusted Budget: \$729,000

1st Quarter Giving: \$163,077

2nd Quarter Giving: \$187,926

3rd Quarter Giving: \$192,523

Upcoming Events

General:

- **Greeter Team:** We need Greeters! If you have any interest in joining our team of faithful volunteers who are there every Sunday to hand out bulletins and greet existing GCPC attendees AND first time visitors, please let us know. It is a simple but important job which requires minimal time (15-20 minutes) and only requires you to participate about one Sunday per month. If you have any interest in becoming part of our team, please see John Rohde before or after service, or contact him at john.rohde63@gmail.com for more information.
- **Griefshare:** We're having our next Griefshare group here at GCPC beginning February 4th. We'll meet in the Calvin classroom from 5:00-7:00PM. These 13-week group sessions are designed to help you walk through your grief process and heal from the pain of the loss of a loved one. If this is something you sense you need in your life, please consider joining us. Or if you know of someone who has recently lost a loved one and is needing help in their grief recovery, please invite them to

attend. For questions or more information, please contact Brian or Anne Nelson. To sign up for the group, please go to Griefshare.org, select “Find a Group” to locate the group under our church name, and register.

Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):

- **Fellowship Events:** We have two fellowship events this month. **Middle school** will have a home fellowship at the Hames’ home on Saturday, 1/27, time TBD. Dinner will be provided. **High school** will have an open question night at the church, followed by a movie night together on Friday, 1/26 from 6:00-9:00. Dinner and snacks will be provided. Please sign up through the links that were sent out on Facebook and Remind.
- **Ministry Opportunity:** Our first ministry opportunity of 2024 is at the World Relief apartment complex in Fort Worth on **Saturday, 1/20 from 10:00-12:00**. We will play 9-square-in-the-air and have other items such as jump ropes and sidewalk chalk available for you to use and be a way to engage the refugee children. Please sign up through the links that have been sent out on FB and Remind. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Ann Geer: jageer2@yahoo.com.

Guys of Grace (GoG):

- **GoG Fellowship Nights:** These bi-monthly fellowship nights are meant as an informal time for our guys to get together and discuss/do the things that interest them—theological discussion, sports, fire pit, pipe smoking, etc. These events are BYOB (Beef, Brew), and we will have the grills running. Our next fellowship night will be **Friday, February 9th at 6:00pm** at the church.

- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Contact Sean Henry for more information: seanph10@yahoo.com.
- **Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:15am every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

Ladies of Grace (LoG):

- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am and 3:30pm on the second Sunday of every month. Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.
- **Ladies Winter Bible Study:** 1 Peter, 2 Peter and Jude by Sarah Ivill. This week we will discuss Lesson 2: A Spiritual House, a Special Honor, and a Significant Heritage.

Two different groups will be meeting during the week:

Tuesday: 9:30-11:00am, in person

Thursday: 7:00-8:30pm ZOOM

Contact Jen Smith for more information: jenswope@hotmail.com or 817-627-7655.

- **Questions?** LoG news and events are communicated via email, Remind, and our LoG Facebook page. If you aren't receiving updates, please contact Melissa Brown: 817-899-0369.

Missions of Grace (MoG)

- **Fort Worth Mission Trip:** 7pm, March 28 -12pm, March 30. We will serve refugees in the World Relief apartment complex. Contact Ann Geer for more information: jageer2@yahoo.com.