

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 7, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “Jesus came up from the water of baptism and received God’s spirit, God’s wind, God’s breath, in a new way, declaring him to be God’s son, Israel-in-person. The dove, though, which for a moment embodies and symbolizes the spirit, indicates that the coming judgment will not be achieved through a warlike or vindictive spirit, but will mean the making of peace.”

Tom Wright

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.*

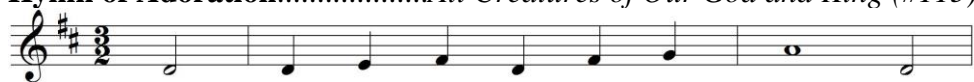
Call to Worship.....from Psalm 113

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

People: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

Minister: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Hymn of Adoration.....All Creatures of Our God and King (#115)



1.All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
 2.Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye
 3.Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make
 4.And all ye men of ten - der heart, for -
 5.Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and



up your voice and with us sing al-le - lu - ia, al-le-
 clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O praise him, al-le-
 mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, al-le - lu - ia, al-le-
 giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O sing ye, al-le-
 wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al-le-



lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou
 lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice, ye
 lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, that
 lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear, praise
 lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and



sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 giv - est man both warmth and light,
 God and on him cast your care,
 praise the Spir - it, three in one,

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O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,



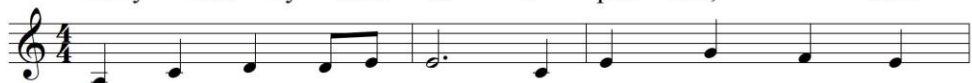
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Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*



1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, on
 2. But oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - vail, I
 3. Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here



thee when sor - rows rise, on thee when waves of
 fear to call thee mine. The springs of com - fort
 shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of
 let my soul re - treat with hum - ble hope at -



trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies. To
 seem to fail, and all my hopes de - cline. Yet
 sov - ereign grace be deaf when I com - plain? No,
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet. Thy



thee I tell each ri - sing grief, for
 gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou
 still the ear of sov - ereign grace at -
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here



thou a - lone canst heal. Thy Word can bring a
 art my on - ly trust, and still my soul would
 tends the mourn - er's prayer. Oh may I ev - er
 let my soul re - treat with hum - ble hope at -



sweet re - lief, for ev - 'ry pain I feel.
 cleave to thee, though pro - strate in the dust.
 find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession.....*Psalm 25:11*

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*1 John 2:1*

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Hymn of Response.....*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (#172)*



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en -



Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
en - e - mies, called us by his grace, and taught us,
bear us down! For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
mer - cy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is,
throned on high; here they trust - ed him be - fore us,



he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame: he has washed us
gave us ears and gave us eyes: he has washed us
holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown: he who washed us
jus - tice smiles and asks no more: he who washed us
now their prais - es fill the sky: "You have washed us



with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.
with his blood, has se - cured our way to God.
with your blood, you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #126*
Ruling Elder, Sean Henry

Elder: What does the fifth petition mean?

People: **Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” means: Because of Christ’s blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as evidence of your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.**

—————**WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE**—————

The First Reading of God’s Word.....*Isaiah 42:1-9*
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The Second Reading of God’s Word.....*Matthew 3:13-17*
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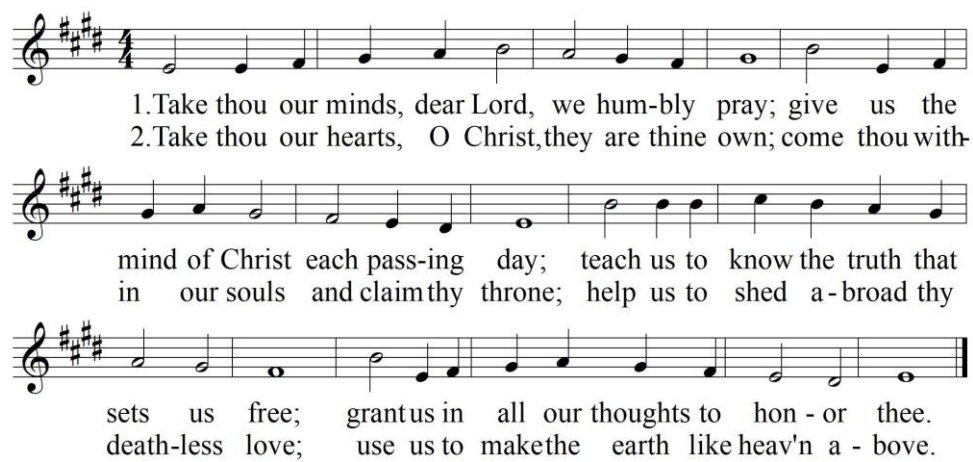
Reader: This is the Word of God.

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.....*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord (#593)*



1. Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum-bly pray; give us the
2. Take thou our hearts, O Christ, they are thine own; come thou with
mind of Christ each pass-ing day; teach us to know the truth that
in our souls and claim thy throne; help us to shed a-broad thy
sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
death-less love; use us to make the earth like heav'n a - bove.

Hearing from God’s Word.....*Matthew 3:13-17*
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Inauguration*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin

“If [Christ] had been murdered by thieves or slain in an insurrection by a raging mob, in such a death there would have been no evidence of satisfaction. But when he was arraigned before the judgment seat as a criminal, accused and pressed by testimony, and condemned by the mouth of the judge to die—we know by these proofs that he took the role of a guilty man and evildoer.” *John Calvin*

“Redeeming love and retributive justice joined hands, so to speak, at Calvary, for there God showed Himself to be ‘just, and the justifier of him who hath faith in Jesus’. Do you understand this? If you do, you are now seeing to the very heart of the Christian gospel. No version of that message goes deeper than that which declares man’s root problem before God to be his sin, which evokes wrath, and God’s basic provision for man to be propitiation, which out of wrath brings peace.” *J.I. Packer*

Communion Hymns

Jesus Cast a Look on Me – *John Berridge/Matthew Perryman Jones*

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| 1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity.
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know. | Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might. |
| 2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside.
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet. | 4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest,
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood. |
| 3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled, | 5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give.
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry. |

Jesus, Strong and Kind – *Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson*

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| 1. Jesus said that if I thirst,
I should come to him.
No one else can satisfy,
I should come to him. | <i>We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind</i> |
| 2. Jesus said If I am weak,
I should come to him.
No one else can be my strength.
I should come to him | 3. Jesus said that if I fear,
I should come to him.
No one else can be my shield.
I should come to him. <i>Refrain</i> |
| | 4. Jesus said if I am lost,
He will come to me. |

*Refrain: For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night*

And he showed me on that cross,
He will come to me. *Refrain*

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight – *Anne Steele/Kevin Twit*

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| 1. Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore,
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more. | 4. But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain.
Oh, and I again complain. |
| 2. Thy glory o'er creation shines,
But in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord. | 5. Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of
night, And chase my fears away.
Won't you chase my fears away. |
| 3. 'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop,
And sin and sorrow rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies.
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied. | 6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love,
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above.
They are only known above. |

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Closing Hymn.....*We Rest on Thee (#449)*



1. "We rest on thee" our shield and our de - fend-er!
2. Yea, "in thy name," O Cap - tain of sal - va-tion!
3. "We go" in faith, our own great weak-ness feel-ing,
4. "We rest on thee" our shield and our de - fend-er!



We go not forth a - lone a - gainst the foe;
In thy dear name, all oth - er names a - bove;
and need-ing more each day thy grace to know:
Thine is the bat - tle, thine shall be the praise



strong in thy strength, safe in thy keep - ing ten - der,
Je - sus our righ - teous-ness, our sure foun - da - tion,
yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,
when pass-ing through the gates of pearl - y splen-dor;



"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go."
our Prince of glo - ry and our King of love,
"We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,"
vic - tors, we rest with thee, through end - less days,



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Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 4:1-11

Financials

2023 Adjusted Budget: \$729,000

1st Quarter Giving: \$163,077

2nd Quarter Giving: \$187,926

3rd Quarter Giving: \$192,523

Upcoming Events

General:

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** Please plan to join us for our monthly potluck lunch this morning after worship! Even if you didn't bring something to contribute, we'd love to have you join us.
Missions Spotlight: RUF Ministers Justin Smith (UNT) and Shaynor Newsome (UTA)

Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):

- **Youth Group Study:** We offer a study for our middle and high school students on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (except the month of June) from 7:00-8:30pm here at the church. We enjoy fellowship, time in Scripture, and discuss select chapters from books pertaining to the particular Christian-living topics we are discussing that year.
- **Discipleship Groups:** We have intentional discipleship groups for both our middle and high school students. These groups typically meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Please reach out

to Andrew Sarnicki, if you're interested in having your student be a part of one of these groups: andrewgpcfw@gmail.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, beginning the week of January 7th. The first meeting will cover the Introduction, Introduction to 1 Peter, and Lesson 1: Our Home, Our Hope, Our Holiness.

Three different groups will be meeting during the week:

Tuesday: 9:30-11:00am, in person (with childcare)

Wednesday: 5:30-6:30pm, in person

Thursday: 7:00-8:30pm ZOOM

Registration and books are available on Sunday mornings or by contacting 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.

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