

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 25, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “It is better to be maimed and heaven bound than whole and hell bound. It is better to suffer physically today than to suffer spiritually forever. Disciples should recoil from thoughts of sexual sin, just as they recoil from thoughts of severed limbs.” *Ian Duguid*

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 97

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

Minister: The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

People: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Hymn of Adoration.....All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (#296)



1.All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
2.Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who
3.Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye
4.Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the
5.Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on
6.O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we



an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of
ran - somed of the fall, hail him who saves you
worm-wood and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies
this ter - res - trial ball, to him all ma - jes -
at his feet may fall; we'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of
Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of
by his grace, and crown him Lord of
at his feet, and crown him Lord of
ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of
last - ing song, and crown him Lord of



all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
all; ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and
all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and
all; go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
all; to him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe, and
all; we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



crown him Lord of all.
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Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear*



1. Poor sin - ner de - ject - ed with fear, Un -
2. Come just as thou art with thy woe, Fall
3. The soul that on Je - sus re - lies, He'll



bos - om thy mind to the Lamb; No wrath on his brow he does wear, Nor
down at the feet of the Lamb; He will not, he can - not say, "Go," But
nev - er, no nev - er de-ceive; He free - ly and faith-ful - ly gives More



will he poor mourn-ers con-demn; His arm of om-ni - po - tent
sure - ly will take out thy stain. A foun - tain is o - pened for
bless-ings than we can con-ceive; Yea, down to old age he will



grace Is a - ble and wil - ling to save; A
sin, And thou - sands its vir - tues have proved. He'll
keep, Nor will he for - sake us at last; He



sweet and a per - ma - nent peace He'll
take thee and plunge thee there - in, And
knows and is known by his sheep; They're



free - ly and faith - ful - ly give.
wash thee from filth in his blood.
his, and he will hold them fast.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession.....*Psalm 97:7,10*

All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in
worthless idols...O you who love the LORD, hate evil!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Psalm 97:10-11*

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the
wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Hymn of Response.....*Before the Throne of God Above*



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris-en Lamb, my per - fect



strong and per - fect plea. A great high priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less right-eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



love Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there Who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -



gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sa - vior died my sin - ful soul is coun - ted
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His



heart. I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can
free. For God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Elder: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

People: **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

Elder: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

People: **The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

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

The First Reading of God’s Word.....*Proverbs 6:20-29*
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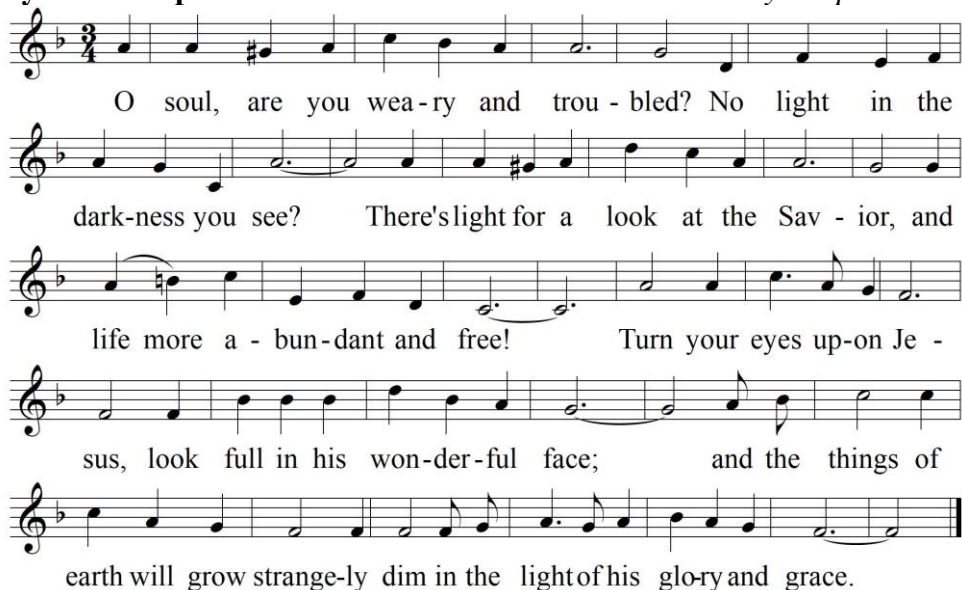
The Second Reading of God’s Word.....*Matthew 5:27-32*
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Reader: This is the Word of God.
People: Amen!

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.....*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*



Hearing from God's Word.....*Matthew 5:27-32*

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

Our Eyes Are Windows to Our Hearts

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin.

“What challenges Satan or conscience can make against the believer—hear an answer; I was condemned, I was judged, I was crucified for sin, when my surety Christ was condemned, judged, and crucified for my sins—I have paid all, because my surety has paid all.”

Samuel Rutherford

“When God planned the great work of saving sinners, he provided two gifts. He gave his Son and he gave his Spirit. In fact each person of the Trinity was involved in the great work of salvation. The love, grace and wisdom of the Father planned it; the love, grace and humility of the Son purchased it; and the love, grace and power of the Holy Spirit enabled sinners to believe and receive it. “The first great truth in this work of salvation is that God sent his Son to take our nature on him and to suffer for us in it. The second great truth is that God gave his Spirit to bring sinners to faith in Christ and so be saved.”

John Owen

“An historical gospel that is not personal and powerful is merely antiquarian; a theological gospel that is not received by faith and found to be transforming is merely abstract. In reality, the gospel is personal.”

D. A. Carson

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Lover of My Soul – *Charles Wesley/Greg Thompson*

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity!

Father, Long Before Creation – *Chinese Hymn/Andrew Osenga*

1. Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

2. Though the world may change its
fashion, Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

3. God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.

4. Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb.

Behold Our God – *Baird/Altrogge*

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus:

*Behold our God, seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.*

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His word?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Chorus

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
Chorus

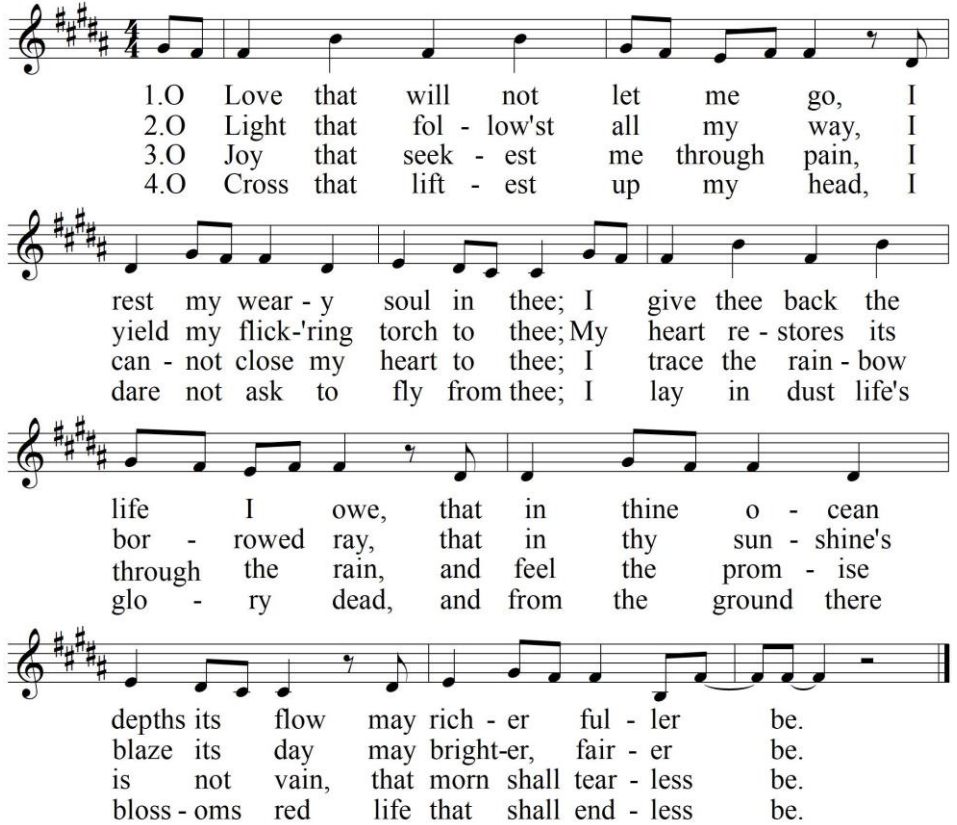
WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

<p><i>My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; For thee all the follies of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.</i></p>	<p><i>In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.</i></p>
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Closing Hymn.....*O Love that Will Not Let Me Go*



1.O Love that will not let me go, I
 2.O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I
 3.O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
 4.O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the
 yield my flick - ring torch to thee; My heart re - stores its
 can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow
 dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's

life I owe, that in thine o - cean
 bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's
 through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
 glo - ry dead, and from the ground there

depths its flow may rich - er ful - ler be.
 blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
 blossom red life that shall end - less be.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 5:33-37

Financials

2023 Total Giving: \$795,788

Upcoming Events

General:

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** March 3 after worship
Caudal Flock: set-up and/or clean-up
Please bring the following:
ALL: main dish
By Last Name:
A-J: dessert
K-O: salad
P-Z: side
Missions Spotlight: World Relief
- **Greystone at Grace:** Have you ever wanted to learn about the early church? If you have, then please consider joining us on Sunday, 2/11, from 12–2 PM. We will begin Dr. Garcia's Early Christianity course. We will meet every Sunday from 12–2, starting on 2/11 and concluding on 6/2. The course is free and part of your free Greystone Connect membership. So, if you have to miss a week, you will be able to keep up by watching the courses on your own. We will eat lunch together, watch the lecture, and discuss. If you would like to enroll, please contact Jared Brown: j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org or (817) 965-2550. Please bring your own lunch on 2/11.

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 Wednesdays of each month. Please reach out to Andrew Sarnicki (andrewgpcfw@gmail.com), if you're interested in having your student be a part of one of these groups.

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, April 12th 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 8: Remember the Promise of His Coming Again

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)

- **Reynosa Mission Team:** Are you interested in possibly being part of our Reynosa Short-term Missions Team this summer? We will be having a very brief informational meeting in the old church conference room (next to Westminster) on **Sunday, Feb. 25th immediately following service.** At this meeting, we will:
 - Talk about trip dates and deadlines
 - Provide basic trip information and trip applications
 - Have a Q&A time for prospective applicants to ask any questions

If you are interested, please plan on attending this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact John Rohde at (480) 398-5538, or at john.rohde63@gmail.com

- **Good Neighbor Team:** Interested in joining a Good Neighbor Team for ministry to a refugee family? Please contact Samantha Rohde with any questions: Samantha.rohde@gmail.com OR 480-399-5656) The March 2nd training is postponed. Look for our new training date soon!

- **Variety Show & Nacho Bar Dinner:** April 14, 5:30pm – We need all the variety of talents and abilities you have to make a fun night of fellowship! Contact Ann Geer 930-393-3524 with your entry.

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