

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 10, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “To return evil for good is devilish; to return good for good is human; to return good for evil is divine. To love as God loves is moral perfection.”
Alfred Plummer

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 5

Minister: In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; early in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

People: **You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward you.**

Minister: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Hymn of Adoration.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#53)



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 -- 3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4.Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his
 -- fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with
 dore him! All that hath life and breath,



he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
 -- mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;
 lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
 -- pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do,
 How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief,
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth!
 -- if with his love he be - friend thee.
 spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* (#253)



1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn
 2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that
 3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your
 4. Then in a no - ble, sweet - er song I'll
 5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall



from Im - man - uel's veins; and sin - ners, plunged be -
 foun - tain in his day; and there have I, as
 flow - ing wounds sup - ply, re - deem - ing love has
 sing your pow'r to save, when this poor lisp - ing,
 ne - ver lose its pow'r, till all the ran - somed



neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains: lose
 vile as he, washed all my sins a - way: washed
 been my theme, and shall be till I die: and
 stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave: lies
 church of God be saved to sin no more: be



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 saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no



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WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession.....*Psalm 32:5*

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Psalm 32:1-2*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Hymn of Response.....*Fairest Lord Jesus (#170)*



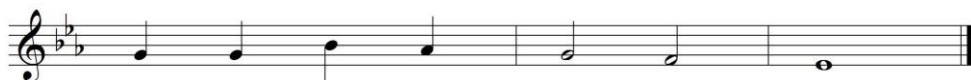
1.Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture,
2.Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3.Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4.Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host:
Son of God and Son of Man!



Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er than
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #4*
Pastoral Intern, Paul Yu

Elder: What is God?

People: God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

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

The First Reading of God’s Word.....*Isaiah 53:2-12*
pp 613-614

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....*Matthew 5:38-48*
pp 810-811


Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!


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.

Prayer of Consecration

Hymn of Response.....*Father of Mercies, in Your Word (#144)*



1.Fa-ther of mer-cies, in your Word what end-less glo-ry shines;
2.Di-vine In-struc-tor, gra-cious Lord, O be for-ev-er near;



for-ev-er be your name a-dored for these ce-les-tial lines.
teach me to love your sa-cred Word, and view my Sav-ior there.

Hearing from God’s Word.....*Matthew 5:38-48*
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *God Loved Us, His Enemies*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“Bring your heart with its profoundest emptiness, its most startling discovery of sin, its lowest frame, its deepest sorrow, and sink it into the depths of the Savior’s love. . . . Christ’s love touching your hard heart, will dissolve it; touching your cold heart, will warm it; touching your sinful heart, will purify it; touching your sorrowful heart, will soothe it; touching your wandering heart, will draw it back to Jesus. Only bring your heart to Christ’s love.”

Octavius Winslow

“True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction that everything God reveals in his Word is true; it is also a deep-rooted assurance, created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel, that, out of sheer grace earned for us by Christ, not only others, but I too, have had my sins forgiven, have been made forever right with God, and have been granted salvation.”

The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21

“God’s triumph through Christ over sin is so glorious that we are driven to conclude that apart from sin, such incredible love and mercy in the heart of God could never have been displayed.”

Ed Clowney

For when a man is brought to a true knowledge of sin, he begins truly to hate and abominate sin. He also is sincerely dissatisfied with himself, confesses that he is lost and undone, and wishes he were different from what he is.

John Calvin

“For we always seem to ourselves righteous and upright and wise and holy—this pride is innate in all of us—unless by clear proofs we stand convinced of our own unrighteousness, foulness, folly, and impurity. Moreover, we not thus convinced if we look merely to ourselves and not also to the Lord, who is the sole standard by which this judgment must be measured. For, because all of us are inclined by nature to hypocrisy, a kind of empty image of righteousness in place of righteousness itself abundantly satisfies us. And because nothing appears within or around us that has not been contaminated by great immorality, what is a little less vile pleases us as a thing most pure—so long as we confine our minds within the limits of human corruption.”

John Calvin

Communion Hymns

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide – *Thomas Pollock/Christopher Miner*

1. Jesus, with Thy church abide;
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

4. May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

2. Keep her life and doctrine pure;
Grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

5. Save her love from growing cold,
Make her watchmen strong and bold,
Fence her round, thy peaceful fold:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

3. May she one in doctrine be,
One in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

6. May she holy triumphs win,
Overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in:
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me – *Robinson/Farren/Thompson*

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and
freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and
boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is
mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am
free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in
me.

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me.
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall
repeat; Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Greater Than Our Hearts – *Charles Wesley/Matthew Smith*

Refrain:

*You who are greater than our hearts,
Come make your faithful mercies known,
The mind of Christ to us impart.
Your constant mind in us be shown.*

2. Take us into your people's rest,
And we from our own works shall cease.
With your meek Spirit arm our breast,
And keep our minds in perfect peace.
Refrain

1. O let us by your cross abide,
You, only you, resolved to know.
The Lamb for sinners crucified,
A world to save from endless woe.
Refrain

3. Jesus, for this we calmly wait,
O let our eyes behold you near.
Hurry to make our heaven complete,
Appear, our glorious God, appear.
Refrain

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....Living Waters

Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Rise up in these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure.
Do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.

Christ is calling, find refreshing
At the cross of living waters.

Lay your life down, all the old gone,

Closing Hymn.....Be Thou My Vision (#642)



1.Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2.Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3.Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
4.Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
5.High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art --
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wa - king or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Benediction

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 6:1-4

Financials

2023 Total Giving: \$795,788

Upcoming Events

General:

- **Membership at GCPC:** If you are interested in becoming a member of GCPC, please make note of our next new member public reception date: **Sunday, April 7, 2024.** Please contact Sherrie Hamby (officegcpcfw@gmail.com) before 3/24 to schedule a membership interview with our elders to be included.

Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):

- **Fellowship Events:** We have two fellowship events this month. **Middle school** will have a games and pizza fellowship at the church on Saturday, 3/30 from 12:00-2:30. **High school** will have an Escape Room night on Friday evening, 3/29, time TBD. We will meet for dinner beforehand, for anyone who wants to join. Please sign up through the links sent out on FB and Remind if your student is planning to attend one of these events.
- **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):

- **Pearls of Wisdom Motherhood Panel:** Monday, March 18 at 7 pm at Kathy Sheffield's home. A panel of five women from our church will share in a Q&A format about socializing while parenting, parenting adopted children, engaging the secular world, parenting with an eye on grandparenting, and parenting joyfully at each stage. Dessert and coffee will be served. Bring any questions you'd like to ask the panelists. RSVP on Facebook or to Rebecca Passmore (beccapassmore@gmail.com).
- **Ladies of Grace Spring Brunch:** Saturday, April 13 from 10 am - 12 pm in Westminster Hall. Come enjoy fellowship, food, music, and stories of God's faithfulness to sisters in Christ through different seasons of life. Sign up in the church foyer by Sunday, April 7.

- **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. We will NOT meet this week to discuss the study this week. Next week (Tuesday, 3/19 and Thursday, 3/21) will be our final week of the study, and we will discuss Lesson 10: A Call to Continue in the Faith.

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)

- **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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