

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 17, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops. *Luke 12:2-3*

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 89

Minister: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

Minister: O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?

People: Blessed be the LORD forever! Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Adoration.....*This Is My Father's World* (#111)

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for -

ears, all na - ture sings and round me rings the
 raise, the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de -
 get that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God

mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world: I
 clare their Ma-ker's praise. This is my Fa-ther's world: he
 is the Ru - ler yet. This is my Fa-ther's world: the

rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of
 shines in all that's fair; in the rus - tling grass I
 bat - tle is not done; Je - sus who died shall be

skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

In ancient times, people believed that as the planets revolved in the universe, they made music or harmony. This is the belief Maltbie Babcock referred to in the line, "and round me rings the music of the spheres." Though this belief has since been disproven, we know that objects in space do in fact emit sounds. Even more amazing, the ocean is also making noises at its very lowest and darkest depths - sounds which scientists are still unable to identify. The whole universe is singing a song of its creation, revealing something to us about He who created it. But, as Albert Bailey writes, "in stanza three, the author realizes that all's not right with the world" (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 553). Creation is fallen and broken. Yet, it also still belongs to God. We are thus charged to listen attentively to the voice of God in His world - from the heights of space to the depths of the ocean - and witness how He restores it, listening for our own calling to be stewards of Creation.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (#247)



1. O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ner's
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est



down; now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with
gain: mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but
Friend, for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy



thorns, thine on - ly crown; O sa - cred Head, what
thine the dead - ly pain. Lo, here I fall, my
pit - y with - out end? O make me thine for -



glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine! Yet,
Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place; look
ev - er; and should I faint - ing be, Lord,



though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession.....*Psalm 38:17-18, 21*

For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Romans 8:28-29*

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Hymn of Response.....*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*



1.Let us love and sing and won - der,
2.Let us love the Lord who bought us,
3.Let us sing though fierce temp - ta - tion
4.Let us won - der grace and jus - tice,
5.Let us praise and join the chor - us



Let us praise the Sa - vior's name, He has hushed the law's
Pit - ied us when en - e - mies Called us by his grace
Threat - ens hard to bear us down. For the Lord our strong
Join and point to mer - cy's store. When through grace in Christ
Of the saints en - throned on high. Here they trust - ed Him



loud thun - der, He has quenched Mount Si -
and taught us Gave us ears and gave
sal - va - tion Holds in view the con -
our trust is, Jus - tice smiles and asks
be - fore us. Now their prais - es fill



- nai's flame, He has washed us with His blood, He has
us eyes. He has washed us with His blood, He has
- qu'ror's crown. He who washed us with His blood, He who
no more. He who washed us with His blood, He who
the sky. Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast



washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood,
washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,



He has brought us nigh to God.
He pre - sents our souls to God.
Soon will bring us home to God.
Has se - cured our way to God.
Thou art wor - thy Lamb of God.

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A #5-6*
Ruling Elder, Phil Bassett

Elder: Are there more Gods than one?

People: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Elder: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

People: There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

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

The First Reading of God’s Word.....*Amos 5:18-24*
pp 613-614

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....*Matthew 6:1-4*
pp 810-811

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.....*Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way (#532)*



1. Teach me, O Lord, thy ho - ly way, and give me
2. Guide me, O Sav - ior, with thy hand, and so con -



an o - be - dient mind; that in thy ser - vice
trol my thoughts and deeds, that I may tread the



I may find my soul's de - light from day to day.
path which leads right on - ward to the bless - ed land.

Hearing from God's Word.....*Matthew 6:1-4*

Rev. Andrew Sarnicki

Worship that God Sees and Loves

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

"[Christ] is always accessible, under every condition reliable and therefore the one proper object of faith, the only safe source of confidence because in him alone is that eternal certainty which faith needs to rest upon if it is to be faith at all."

Geerhardus Vos

"We are simple people. You can't remember ten things at once. Invariably, if you could remember just ONE true thing in the moment of trial, you'd be different. Bible 'verses' aren't magic. But God's words are revelations of God from God for our redemption. When you actually remember God, you do not sin. The only way we ever sin is by suppressing God, by forgetting, by tuning out his voice, switching channels, and listening to other voices. When you actually remember, you actually change. In fact, remembering is the first change."

David Powlison

"A man that is satisfied with his own righteousness doth not prize Christ."

Thomas Manton

Communion Hymns

Jesus Paid It All (#308) – Elvina Hall/John Grape

1. I hear the Savior say,
“Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me your all in all.”

Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Your power and yours alone,

Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

3. For nothing good have I
Whereby your grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calvary's Lamb. *Refrain*

4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,”
My lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

Living Waters –Kristyn Getty/Ed Cash

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

2. Christ is calling. Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters.

*Chorus: 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.*

3. Spirit moving, mercy washing,
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shore line.
Life is in these living waters.
Chorus

4. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.
Chorus

Greater Than Our Hearts – Charles Wesley/Matthew Smith

Chorus:
*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.*

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

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.
Chorus

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.
Chorus

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*Take My Life and Let It Be*

*Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,*

*Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

Closing Hymn.....*O God Beyond All Praising (#660)*



1.O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to day
2.Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know your fav - or may serve you as our King;
for we can on-ly won-der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor-rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up-on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 6:5-15

Financials

2023 Total Giving: \$795,788

Upcoming Events

General:

- **Evening Worship Service:** Please plan to join us tonight at 6:00pm for our monthly evening worship service.
- **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 or on Facebook 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 discuss the final lesson: 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.

NOTES

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