

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 7, 2024

10:30am

**Reflection:** “Here is this love in action, expressed in its most positive form, which focuses the fulfilment of the Old Testament scriptures Christ came to bring in. An inner attitude of love and gratitude to our heavenly Father is always proved by an outward attitude of love to others.” *David Jackman*

### Prelude

### Welcome

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### WORSHIP IN PRAISE

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### 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 19*

Minister: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

**People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they acknowledge His glory.**

Minister: There is no land or nation where their voice is not heard.

**People: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**

### Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Preparation.....*Love Still Bids You Welcome*



1. O God of grace, how of - ten have I grieved thee,  
2. For how my heart is hard and un - be - liev - ing,  
3. O Fa - ther, when I sin a - gainst my neigh - bor,  
4. O Lord of light, you call us out of dark - ness



how sel - dom have I sung thy praise;  
for all I've done and left un - done.  
I turn a - way your ve - ry Son  
to turn a - side from sin and live.



and lit - tle do I know how much I need thee,  
Your love is not re - luc - tant to re - ceive me.  
who died to call us friends when we were stran - gers,  
And pro - di - gals, we come to you for par - don;



and time a - gain I turn a - way.  
My soul draws back, but Love says, "Come."  
and says to ev - 'ry sin - ner, "Come."  
oh, Ab - ba, Fa - ther, take us in.

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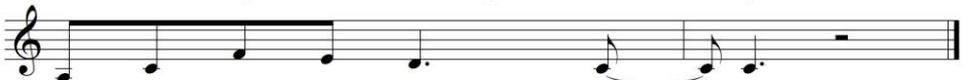
He will not cast you out, he will not cast you out.



Who - ev - er en - ters in will for - ev - er dwell with him.



Draw near, faint heart, draw near;



love still bids you wel - come here.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

**Call to Confession**.....Psalm 102:1-2

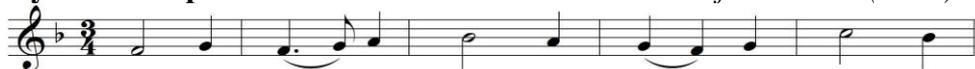
Hear my prayer, O LORD; let my cry come to you! Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Comfort and Promise**.....Romans 10:9-11

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.

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



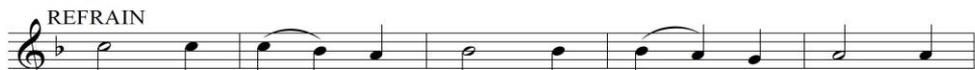
1.Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!  
2.Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me  
3.Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the  
4.Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the  
5.Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than



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.



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.

—————**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**—————

**Jacob Edgar  
Lucy Hames  
Emma Richie  
Sara Sims**

Rev. Andrew Sarnicki

**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 except through 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 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, promising to promote its purity and peace?

\*Book of Church Order

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

**The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism  
Andrew David Emrich  
Covenant Son of Josh and Lisa Emrich  
Rev. Kyle Oliphint**

**Baptism Vows: BCO\* 56-5**

1. Do you acknowledge Andrew'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 his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Andrew to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him 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 Josh and Lisa in the Christian nurture of Andrew, do you?

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**The First Reading of God's Word**.....Isaiah 51:1-6  
*pp 611-612*

**The Second Reading of God's Word**.....Matthew 6:19-24  
*p 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 My Life and Let It Be (#585)*



1. Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed Lord, to  
2. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no lon - ger



thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy



cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.

**Hearing from God's Word.....**Matthew 6:19-24

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

*True Treasure*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

“Salvation is wholly of grace, not only undeserved but undesired by us until God is pleased to awaken us to a sense of our need of it. And then we find everything prepared that our wants require or our wishes conceive; yea, that He has done exceedingly beyond what we could either ask or think.

Salvation is wholly of the Lord and bears those signatures of infinite wisdom, power, and goodness which distinguish all His works from the puny imitations of men. It is every way worthy of Himself, a great, a free, a full, a sure salvation.

It is great whether we consider the objects (miserable, hell-deserving sinners), the end (the restoration of such alienated creatures to His image and favor, to immortal life and happiness) or the means (the incarnation, humiliation, sufferings and death of His beloved Son). It is free, without exception of persons or cases, without any conditions or qualifications, but such as He, Himself, performs in them and bestows upon them.”

*John Newton*

# Communion Hymns

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## **Whate'er My God Ordains is Right** –*Samuel Rodigast/David Braud*

1. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Holy His will abideth.  
I will be still whate'er He does,  
And follow where He guideth.  
He is my God, though dark my road.  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
He never will deceive me.  
He leads me by the proper path,  
I know He will not leave me.  
I take, content, what He hath sent.  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait His day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart,  
I take it all unshrinking.  
My God is true, each morn anew.  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,  
Here shall my stand be taken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet  
I am not forsaken.  
My Father's care Is round me there.  
He holds me that I shall not fall,  
And so to Him I leave it all.

## **To Christ the Lord** –*Laura Taylor/Samuel Stennett*

1. To Christ the Lord let every tongue  
Its noblest tribute bring.  
When He's the subject of the song,  
Who can refuse to sing?  
Survey the beauties of His face,  
And on His glories dwell.  
Think of the wonder of His grace,  
And all His triumphs tell.

2. He saw me plunged in deep distress;  
He fled to my relief.  
For me He bore the shameful cross  
And carried all my grief.  
His hand a thousand blessings pours  
Upon my guilty head.  
His presence gilds my darkest hours  
And guards my sleeping bed.

3. To Him I owe my life and breath  
And all the joys I have.  
He makes me triumph over death  
And saves me from the grave.  
To Heaven the place of His abode  
He brings my weary feet.  
Shows me the glories of my God  
And makes my joy complete.

4. Since from His bounty I receive  
Such proofs of love divine  
Had I a thousand hearts to give,  
Lord, they should all be Thine.  
A thousand men could not compose  
A worthy song to bring,  
Yet Your love is a melody  
Our hearts can't help but sing.

## **What a Friend We Have in Jesus (#629)** –*Joseph Scriven/Charles Converse*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal
would thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek
would for Christ my Savior speak.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would mighty be;
mighty so as to prevail
where unaided man must fail;
ever by a mighty hope
pressing on and bearing up.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would truthful be;
and with wisdom kind and clear
let thy life in mine appear;
and with actions brotherly
speak my Lord's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me:
I myself would holy be;
separate from sin, I would
choose and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be,
give to him who gave me thee!

Closing Hymn.....For All the Saints (#358)



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their
3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and
4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the
5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest



rest, who thee by faith be - fore the world con -
might; thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought
bold, fight as the saints who no - bly fought of
west; soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their
day; the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar -
coast, through gates of pearl streams in the count - less



fessed, thy name, O Je - sus be for - ev - er blest.
fight; thou, in the dark - ness dread their one true light.
old, and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
rest; sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
ray; the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
host, sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia!

Benediction

## Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 6:25-34

## Financials

2023 Total Giving: \$795,788

## Upcoming Events

### **General:**

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** Please join us for our monthly potluck fellowship lunch today after the worship service. Even if you didn't bring a dish to contribute, we'd love to have you come, eat, and fellowship with us.  
**Missions Spotlight:** Burkempers

### **Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):**

- **Service Project Opportunity:** We hope you and your students are able to join us for our service project with Cornerstone (1628 Sixth Ave., Fort Worth 76104) on **Saturday, 4/13 from 10:00-12:00pm**. We will be doing landscaping work to serve our neighbors for God's glory. Please sign up through the links available on Facebook or Remind.
- **Youth Group Study:** We offer a study for our middle and high school students on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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 our sisters in Christ through different seasons of life. Sign up in the church foyer or on Facebook by Sunday, April 7 (TODAY!)
- **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 Spring/Summer Bible Study:** More information, including dates and sign-up information will be available soon.
- **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](mailto: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 at 930-393-3524 with your entry.

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