

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 18, 2024

10:30am

**Reflection:** “Jesus brings a sword, not peace. Here the sword represents choice, not judgment. Decision leads to division, even in families, as one chooses Christ while another chooses darkness. This text establishes that to choose Christ is to offer him a love supreme.” *Dan Doriani*

### 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 90

**Minister:** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

**People:** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

**ALL:** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us.

Hymn of Adoration.....O God Our Help in Ages Past (#30)



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 - 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are  
 5. The bu - sy tribes of flesh and blood, with  
 6. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears  
 7. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is your  
 earth re - ceived her frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 - like an eve - ning gone; short as the watch that  
 all their lives and cares, are car - ried down - ward  
 all its sons a - way; they fly for - gott - en,  
 hope for years to come: O be our guard while



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 - ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 by your flood, and lost in foll - 'wing years.  
 as a dream dies at the op - 'ning day.  
 trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Considered one of the finest paraphrases written by Isaac Watts, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" expresses a strong note of assurance, promise, and hope in the LORD as recorded in the first part of Psalm 90, even though the entire psalm has a recurring theme of lament. Watts wrote the paraphrase in nine stanzas around 1714 and first published the text in his *Psalms of David*. The *Psalter Hymnal* includes the most well-known stanzas. The first line, originally "Our God, our help ... ," was changed to "O God, our help..." "by John Wesley in his *Collection of Psalms and Hymns*.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn of Preparation.....Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed (#254)**



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior  
2. Was it for crimes that I had  
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness  
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing  
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re -



bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die! Would  
done he groaned up - on the tree! A -  
hide, and shut his glo - ries in, when  
face while his dear cross ap - pears; dis -  
pay the debt of love I owe; here,



he de - vote that sa - cred head for  
maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And  
Christ, the might - y Ma - ker, died for  
solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and  
Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis



such a worm as I!  
love be - yond de - gree!  
man the crea - ture's sin.  
melt mine eyes in tears.  
all that I can do.

**————— WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON —————**

**Call to Confession.....Psalm 90**

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. Return, O Lord! Have pity on your servants!

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....Psalm 91**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

**Hymn of Response.....***Lord Jesus, You're More Excellent*



1. Lord Je - sus, you're more ex - cel - lent than Mo - ses' an - cient  
2. Lord Je - sus, you're more ex - cel - lent than all the guar - dian  
3. Kind Je - sus, you're more ex - cel - lent than doubts and trou - bles



cov - e - nant: its Law you per - fect - ly o - beyed  
an - gels sent to guide our steps both day and night,  
I in - vent; your life laid down, my vic - t'ry won,



and on the cross its curse you paid. My Roy - al  
since Je - sus guards with sov - 'reign might. Great Sav - ior,  
my Ad - vo - cate, God's ho - ly Son. O Christ, you  
4. O Righ - teous



Priest is ex - cel - lent a - bove the dy - ing priests who  
you're more ex - cel - lent than all the Dev - il's ar - rows  
are most ex - cel - lent, by new and bet - ter cov - e -  
One, most ex - cel - lent, your cross ful - filled the cov - e -



went in year - ly ter - ror through the veil, but once for  
spent in fu - rious rage a - gainst the ones for whom Christ  
nant: Re - deem - ing Love who took my part, in - scribed your  
nant; O Wor - thy One, who took my place, I long to



all Christ did pre - vail, but once for all Christ did pre - vail.  
died to make his sons, for whom Christ died to make his sons.  
Law up - on my heart, in - scribed your Law up - on my heart.  
wor - ship face to face. I long to wor - ship face to face.

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

**Confession of Faith**.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 32 & 34*  
Ruling Elder, Dan Bent

Elder:           What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

**People:**       **They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.**

Elder:           What is adoption?

**People:**       **Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.**

**The First Reading of God’s Word**.....Psalm 41:1-13  
*p 469*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word**.....Matthew 10:34-11:1  
*pp 815-816*

Reader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Amen!**

**Prayer of Consecration and Illumination**

Our optional **Children’s Lesson** for children 4 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade **will be begin to be offered again next Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like us to continue offering this ministry, please consider volunteering to teach or as a teacher’s helper. You may sign-up through the QR Code.



**Hymn of Response.....***Forever Settled in the Heavens (#59)*

1. For - ev - er set - tled in the heav'ns  
2. Thy word and works un - moved re - main,  
thy word, O Lord, shall firm - ly stand;  
thine ev - 'ry pur - pose to ful - fill;  
thy faith - ful - ness shall nev - er fail;  
all things are thine and thee o - bey,  
the earth a - bides at thy com - mand.  
and all as ser - vants wait thy will.

**Hearing from God's Word.....**Matthew 10:34-11:1  
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Division and Multiplication*

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

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

“We must not be grieved, that we have nothing to trust upon besides Christ for our salvation; but rather we are to rejoice, that we need nothing else, and that we have a sure foundation to rely on, incomparably better than any other that can be imagined.”  
*Walter Marshall*

“He who looks upon sin merely as a fiction, as a misfortune, or as a trifle, sees no necessity either for deep repentance or a great atonement. He who sees no sin in himself will feel no need of a Saviour. He who is conscious of no evil at work in his heart, will desire no change of nature. He who regards sin as a slight affair will think a few tears or an outward reformation ample satisfaction. The truth is no man ever thought himself a greater sinner before God than he really was. Nor was any man ever more distressed at his sin than he had just cause to be.”  
*William S. Plumer*

# Communion Hymns

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## **My Faith Has Found a Resting Place** – E.E. Hewitt/Greg Thompson

1. My faith has found a resting place,  
From guilt my soul is free.  
I trust the Ever-living One,  
His wounds shall plead for me.

*Chorus: I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.*

2. My great physician heals the sick,  
The lost He came to save;

For me His precious blood He shed,  
For me His life He gave. *Chorus*

3. My heart is leaning on the Word,  
The written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's name,  
Salvation through His blood. *Chorus*

4. Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
This ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to Him,  
He'll never cast me out. *Chorus*

## **Behold the Lamb** – Stuart Townend/Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins  
away, slain for us: and we remember:  
The promise made that all who come in  
faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that  
brings us life, paid the price to make us  
one. So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of  
sin, shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter  
in to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith  
We rise to respond: and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

## **Lift High the Cross (#263)** –George W. Kitchin/Sydney H. Nicholson

*Chorus: Lift high the cross,  
The love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.*

1. Come, brethren, follow where our Savior  
trod, our King victorious,  
Christ the Son of God. *Chorus*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks  
combine. *Chorus*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.  
*Chorus*

4. Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair  
may cease beneath the shadow of its healing  
peace. *Chorus*

5. For thy blest Cross which doth for us  
atone creation's praises rise before thy  
throne.  
*Chorus*

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

**Offertory**.....*To You, O Lord, I Fly*

*To you, O Lord, I fly  
And on your help depend;  
You are my Lord and King Most High;  
Great God, my soul defend.  
A heritage for me  
Jehovah will remain;  
My portion rich and full is he,  
My right he will maintain.*

*I keep before me still  
The Lord whom I have proved;  
At my right hand he guards from ill,  
And I shall not be moved.  
Life's pathway you will show,  
To your right hand will guide,  
Where streams of pleasure ever flow,  
And boundless joys abide.*

**Closing Hymn**.....*Make Me a Captive, Lord*

(Tune: Crown Him with Many Crowns)



1. Make me a cap - tive, Lord, and then I shall be  
2. My heart is weak and poor un - til it mas - ter  
3. My pow'r is faint and low til I have learned to  
4. My will is not my own till thou hast made it



free: force me to ren - der up my sword, and  
find; it has no spring of ac - tion sure, it  
serve; it wants the need - ed fire to glow, it  
thine; if it would reach the mon - arch's throne, it



I shall con - qu'ror be; I sink in life's a - larms when  
var - ies with the wind; it can - not free - ly move till  
wants the breeze to nerve; it can - not drive the world un -  
must its crown re - sign; it on - ly stands un - bent, a -



by my - self I stand; im - pri - son me with -  
thou hast wrought its chain; en - slave it with thy  
til it - self be driv'n; its flag can on - ly  
mid the clash - ing strife, when on thy bo - som



in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.  
match - less love, and death - less it shall reign.  
be un - furled when thou shalt breathe from heav'n.  
it has leaned, and found in thee its life.

**Benediction**



## Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 11:2-19

## Financials

First Six Months of 2024: \$419,056

(Our Treasurer will be gone for a few weeks. Your contributions to GCPC will be deposited upon his return.)

## Upcoming Events

- **Summer Hang-Out: Wednesday, August 28th**, from 6:30-8:30 at GCPC. SMOG families and anyone else are invited. Bring your dinner or eat before. Bring games to play. There will be sports equipment and popsicles.
- **Christian Education** for all ages begins **next Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**. Our goal is to dismiss at 10:10 so you can hang out and enjoy one another for a few minutes before we gather for worship. The Adult SS Class will be studying the book of Job this year. We're praying members and visitors of GCPC will be blessed by this ministry this year.

## **Guys of Grace Fellowship Night (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 this **Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm** at the church.
- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study is currently on Summer Break. 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' Fall Bible Study:** We will read *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by Dane Ortlund and work through the study guide. The study guide is \$6. If your family did not receive a copy of *Gentle and Lowly* from the church in 2021, please contact Jen Smith for a copy.  
**Tuesday morning in-person** (with childcare): September 10 - November 12  
**Thursday evening Zoom:** September 12 - November 14  
**You can sign up this morning in the church foyer.**
- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

### **Missions of Grace (MoG):**

- **A Summer of Missions** - Join us this summer and take 15 minutes at home during your normal Sunday School hour to learn more about missions. You choose your book, magazine, podcast, etc. MoG has a list of suggestions on their Facebook page. Let's learn more about the spread of the Gospel together!
- What would happen if GCPC committed to send 1% of its church members to the mission field? How many global communities could be renewed by the transformative power of the Gospel? How many unreached people groups would hear the Gospel? How many new churches would be birthed, or how many struggling churches could be better supported? This is the heartbeat of MTW (Mission to the World- PCA) for our denomination in the next few years. Will you pray during the month of July that GCPC and all PCA churches would raise up an additional 1% of their church members to serve in missions.

## Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG):

- **All Events Listed:** Please see SMoG page on our website: <https://gpcfw.org/resources/student-ministries-of-grace/> for a full calendar of events for SMoG through December 2024.
- **SMoG Fall Ministry is underway!** We meet this **Wednesday night, August 21<sup>st</sup>!**
- **Service Project** this Saturday, **August 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9a-12p. Our students will be serving members of our congregation on this Saturday morning.
- **Serving in SMoG:** Would you like to serve the students in our church through SMoG? If so, please let us know by speaking to any of your elders, or speaking to Scott Gamelson, Jacob Sizemore, Caleb Bell or by sending an email to [smoggpcfw@gmail.com](mailto:smoggpcfw@gmail.com)

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