

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 25, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “Prison crushes the body and the spirit, and humans, in their weakness and finitude, are prone to doubt when they suffer. Jesus’ comments about John are kind, but Jesus’ first comment has a prophetic tone. Jesus essentially notes, ‘I am doing what the prophets said the Messiah will do. The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor hear the good news’”. *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 27

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

Minister: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

People: That I may gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

Minister: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

People: Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Hymn of Adoration.....Come, People of the Risen King



1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de -
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and



light to bring him praise. Come all, and tune your
weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
wo - men of the faith. Come, those with full or



hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the
bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For his
emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of his grace. O - ver



shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will
per - fect love will nev - er change, and his
all the world his peo - ple sing; shore to



lift our eyes to him, where stead - y arms of
mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through
shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through



mer - cy reach to gath - er child - ren in.
all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all."

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Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! One



heart, one voice, oh, Church of Christ, re - joice!

Prayer of Adoration

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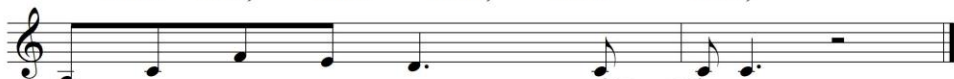
He will not cast you out, he will not cast you out.



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.

Call to Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Psalm 103*

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Hymn of Response.....*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (#172)*



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to
 4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to
 5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en -



Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
 en - e - mies, called us by his grace, and taught us,
 bear us down! For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
 mer - cy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is,
 throned on high; here they trust - ed him be - fore us,



he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame: he has washed us
 gave us ears and gave us eyes: he has washed us
 holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown: he who washed us
 jus - tice smiles and asks no more: he who washed us
 now their prais - es fill the sky: "You have washed us



with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.
 with his blood, has se - cured our way to God.
 with your blood, you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 32 & 35-36*
Ruling Elder, Andrew Caudal

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 sanctification?

People: Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Elder: What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

People: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace and perseverance therein to the end.

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Malachi 3:1-4
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The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 11:2-19
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Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration and Illumination

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.....*O Word of God Incarnate*

1.O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on
2.O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est

high, O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
gold, to bear be - fore the na - tions thy

Light of our dark sky; we praise thee for the ra - diance that
true light, as of old. O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by

from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our
this their path to trace, till, clouds and dark - ness

foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 11:2-19
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Doubt*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“All is of God; the only thing of my very own which I contribute to my redemption is the sin from which I need to be redeemed.” *William Temple*

Communion Hymns

Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear – *W. Gadsby/K. Bowser and M. Jones*

1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go,"
But surely will take out thy stain

3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

O Great God – *Bob Kauflin*

1. O great God of highest heav'n,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.

Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son,
Gave me endless hope and peace.

2. I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.

3. Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n,
Glorify Your Name through me.

My Redeemer's Love – *Joel Sczebel/Jordan Kauflin/Mark Altrogge*

1. My Redeemer's love is deeper
Than the depths of sin and hell.
He who was enthroned in glory
Came to bring us to Himself.
My Redeemer's love is wider
Than the breach my sins had made.
He reached down into my darkness.
He alone has pow'r to save.

2. My Redeemer's love is stronger
Than my fiercest enemies.
He will hold me in the tempest.
Through the flood He carries me.
My Redeemer's love will lead me
Through the deepest valley here.
He will shepherd me and guide me.
He will ever keep me near. *Chorus*

*Chorus: Deeper than the rolling seas,
Higher than the mountain peaks,
Your love is all I need.
Stronger than the rushing wind,
Shattering the power of sin,
Your love is all I need.*

3. My Redeemer's love grows sweeter
As eternity draws near
I'll enjoy His love forever
At His throne for endless years
My Redeemer's love will fill me
On the day I see His face
I will love Him back forever
And forever sing His praise. *Chorus*

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

Offertory.....*He Will Hold Me Fast*

*When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,*

*For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast,
For my Saviour loves me so.
He will hold me fast.*

Closing Hymn.....*Jesus Shall Reign (#441)*



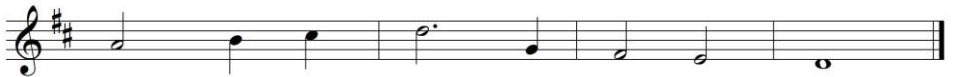
1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring



does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es throug to crown his head;
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Benediction

—————ANNOUNCEMENTS—————

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 11:20-30

Financials

First Six Months of 2024: \$419,056

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 continues **next Sunday, September 1, 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.
- **Monthly Potluck Lunch:** Next Sunday, **September 1** 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: RUF
- **Membership at GCPC:** If you are interested in becoming a member of GCPC, please make note of the next member public reception date: **Sunday, October 6, 2024**. The public reception date following October will be **April 6th, 2025**. Please contact

Sherrie Hamby (officegpcfw@gmail.com) to schedule a membership interview with our elders.

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 **Friday, October 25th at 6:00pm** at the church.
- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study begins **September 4th** and will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. The guys will be studying the books Esther and Ruth this year. Please 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 of Grace Fall Retreat:** Come and hear teaching from Susan Tyner, enjoy fellowship with your sisters in Christ, eat delicious food, participate in a service project partnering with Missions of Grace, and enter or help judge our annual dessert contest on **Friday, September 27 (evening) and Saturday, September 28** at GCPC. Option to stay the night at a nearby hotel

(**must book by 9/13** to get discounted rate!) Sign up by **Sunday, September 22** in the church foyer or online.

- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

Missions of Grace (MoG):

- 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://gcpcfw.org/resources/student-ministries-of-grace/> for a full calendar of events for SMoG through December 2024.
- **Wednesday Hang-Out: This 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. Regular youth group meeting resumes **Wednesday, September 4th**.
- **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 smoggcpcfw@gmail.com

