

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 29, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “Faith cannot be less than total. To trust in God means to look to Him alone, to find in Him all our hope, to hold nothing back, no reserve. Faith is commitment. Yet just because faith looks to God and not to ourselves, faith’s giving is really a receiving.” *Edmund Clowney*

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 96*

Minister: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day
after day.

People: **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous
deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most
worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Hymn of Adoration.....Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (#16)



1. Come, let us sing un - to the Lord
2. The great sal - va - tion of our God
3. He called to mind his truth and grace
4. All lands, to God lift up your voice;



new songs of praise with sweet ac - cord;
is seen through all the earth a - broad;
in prom - ise made to Is - rael's race;
sing praise to him, with shouts re - joice;



for won - ders great by him are done,
be - fore the hea - then's won - d'ring sight
and un - to earth's re - mot - est bound
with voice of joy and loud ac - claim



his hand and arm have vic - t'ry won.
he has re - vealed his truth and right.
glad tid - ings of sal - va - tion sound.
let all u - nite and praise his name.

This hymn is based on Psalm 98: *Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!*

Psalm 98:1-6

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (#257)

1.Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him
2.Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there
3.Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup -
4.Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the

dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man re -
ev - er grief like his? Friends thro' fear his cause dis -
pose the e - vil great here may view its na - ture
ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our sal -

ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the
own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress; man - y
right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the
va - tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of

long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's
hands were raised to wound him, none would
sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who
God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri -

son, yet Da - vid's Lord; by his Son God now has
in - ter - pose to save; but the deep - est stroke that
bears the aw - ful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's A -
fice to can - cel guilt! None shall ev - er be con -

spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
found - ed who on him their hope have built.

— WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON —

Call to Confession.....Isaiah 53

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities

Words of Comfort and Promise..... Isaiah 53

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Hymn of Response.....*In Christ Alone*



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid
God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain. Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious
pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in
God was sa - tis - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is
pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 43-44*
Ruling Elder, Phil Bassett

Elder: What is the preface to the ten commandments?

People: The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Elder: What does the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

People: The preface to the ten commandments teaches us, that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Daniel 3:1-30
pp 739-740

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Hebrews 11:32-40
p 1008

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.....Brethren We Have Met to Worship



1. Bre-thren, we have met to wor - ship and a - dore the
2. Let us love our God su - preme - ly, let us love each



Lord our God; will you pray with all your po - wer
oth - er too; let us love and pray for sin - ners



while we try to preach the Word? All is vain un - less the Spir - it
till our God makes all things new. Then he'll call us home to heaven,



of the Ho - ly One comes down; Bre - thren, pray, and
at his ta - ble we'll sit down; Christ will gird him -



ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.
self and serve us with sweet man - na all a - round.

Hearing from God's Word.....Hebrews 11:32-40

Rev. Dave Boxerman

Faith Without Regret

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“There is no victory over the indwelling power of sin, and there is no pardon for the guilt of sin, but as the soul deals with the blood of Christ.

All true sanctification comes through the cross.

Seek it there. Go to the cross—oh, go to the cross of Jesus. In simplicity of faith, go. With the strong corruption, go. With the burden of guilt, go, go to the cross.

You will find nothing but love there—nothing but welcome there—nothing but purity there. The precious blood of Jesus ‘cleanses us from all sin.’ And while you are kept low beneath the cross, your enemy dares not approach you, sin shall not have dominion over you, nor shall Satan, your accuser, condemn you.”

Octavius Winslow

Communion Hymns

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#252) – Isaac Watts/Gregorian Chant

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Not What My Hands Have Done – Horatius Bonar/Kevin Twit

1. Not what my hands have done
Can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.

3. Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine,
No other blood will do,
No strength save that,
Which is divine,
Can bear me safely through.

2. Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
Thy love to me O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of this dark unrest,
And set my spirit free!

4. I praise the God of grace,
I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine,
My God, my joy, my light
'Tis He Who saveth me,
And freely pardon gives
I love because He loveth me,
I live because He lives.

What Wondrous Love is This (#261) –Folk Hymn

1. What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Who is the great I Am;
While millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

2. To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb

3. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be, And through
eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

Offertory.....*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Closing Hymn.....*Worship Christ the Risen King (#286)*



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone re-
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your



death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoice;
mouth declares: "Death and I could not contain him,
moved with power; all hell's minions may assemble,
sinners jeer; but the truth proclaims a wonder
victorious; sin or hell may seek to seize us,



resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship,
for the throne of life he shares." Come and worship,
but cannot withstand his hour. He has conquered,
thoughtful hearts receive with cheer. He is risen,
but your conquest keeps us free. Stand in triumph,



come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
he is risen, now receive the risen King!
stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 12:33-37

Financials

First Six Months of 2024: \$419,056

Upcoming Events

- **Christian Education** for all ages continues for the semester every Sunday morning at **9:30**. The Adult SS Class is studying the book of Job this year.
- **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 (officegcpcfw@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 will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. They will meet **this Wednesday, October 2nd at 7pm**. The guys are studying the books Esther and Ruth this year and will be meeting in the conference room. Please contact Sean Henry for more information: seanph10@yahoo.com.
- **Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Meeting:** 6:15am every Tuesday in the Conference Room.

Greystone at Grace:

- This semester Jared Brown is offering a **free course on the theology of Paul**. They meet at GCPC on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. The next class will be **Wednesday, October 9th**. It is not too late to join! Please contact Jared to sign up for the course: j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org or (817) 965-2550.

Ladies of Grace (LoG):

- **Ladies' Fall Bible Study:** We are reading *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* by Dane Ortlund and working through the study guide. Please contact Jen Smith with questions.
Tuesday morning in-person (with childcare): September 10 - November 12
Thursday evening Zoom: September 12 - November 14
- **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.
- **SMoG Fall Ministry is well underway!** We meet this **Wednesday night, October 2nd.**

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