

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**October 6, 2024**

**10:30am**

**Reflection:** “Poisonous snakes can do nothing good, and the Pharisees can say nothing good. Since anyone can mouth true or kind words, the sense must be that they can say nothing spiritually good or true. The heart is the core of one’s being, the home of core convictions, and if the heart overflows with contempt for Christ, words and deeds will follow.

*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 102 & 103*

**Minister:** In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

**People:** **The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.**

**ALL:** **We praise you Lord, who crowns us with love and compassion, who satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's!**

**Hymn of Adoration.....***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!

Notice the progression of the text of this hymn, written by William How in 1864. The hymn begins with a proclamation of thanksgiving for the saints who confessed Christ and found in him protection and inspiration (st. 1-2). That proclamation is followed by a prayer for Christ's soldiers on earth to be "faithful, true, and bold" (st. 3). At the crux of the text is the confession of a the union of saints in heaven and on earth (st. 4). Though the holy warfare may be persist, "all the saints" may take courage from the vision of a victorious church that worships the triune God on that "more glorious day" at the return of Christ (st. 5-6).

**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**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....Job 19**

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another

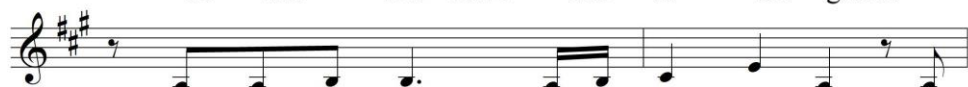
# Hymn of Response.....*The Lord is My Salvation*




1. The grace of God has reached for me,  
 2. I will not fear when dark - ness falls,  
 3. My hope is hid - den in the Lord,  
 4. In times of wait - ing, times of need,  
 5. And when I reach the fi - nal day,



and pulled me from the ra - ging sea.  
 his strength will help me scale these walls.  
 he flow'rs each prom - ise of his Word.  
 when I know loss, when I am weak.  
 he will not leave me in the grave.

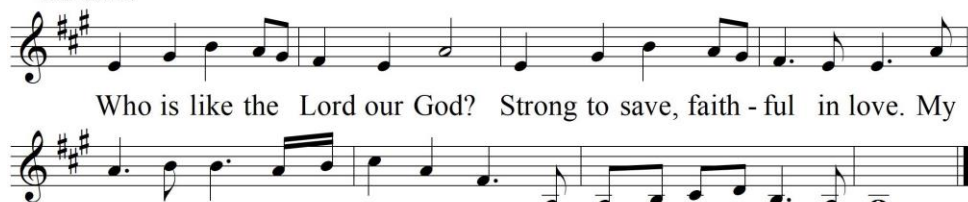


And I am safe on this sol - id ground: the  
 I'll see the dawn of the ris - ing sun: the  
 When win - ter fades, I know spring will come: the  
 I know his grace will re - new these days: the  
 But I will rise, he will call me home: the



Lord is my sal - va - - tion.  
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 Lord is my sal - va - - - - tion.

## REFRAIN



Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faith - ful in love. My  
 debt is paid and the vic - t'ry won: The Lord is my sal - va - - tion.

— Reception of New Members —

Nora Fickle, Albert Harrelson, Ron & Patti Hendricks, Ella Herman,  
Jeff & Ginger Knutson, Jane Leuty, Ben, Lisbeth & Sylvana Urena

**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**

**The First Reading of God’s Word.....**Jeremiah 17:3-10  
*p 645*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word.....**Matthew 12:33-37  
*p 817*

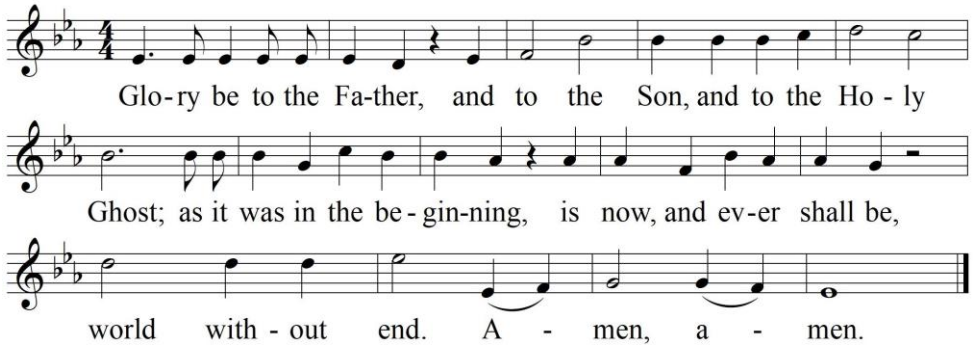
Reader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Amen!**

**Prayer of Consecration and Illumination**

We offer an optional **Children’s Lesson** for children 4 years old through 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.....*Gloria Patri (#735)*



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 12:33-37  
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Heart Words*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

**"When I come to the Lord after I've blown it, I've only one argument to make. It's not the argument of the difficulty of the environment that I am in. It's not the argument of the difficult people that I'm near. It's not the argument of good intentions that were thwarted in some way.**

**I come to the Lord with only one appeal; his mercy. I've no other defense. I've no other standing. I've no other hope. I can't escape the reality of my biggest problem; me! So I appeal to the one thing in my life that's sure and will never fail. I appeal to the one thing that guaranteed not only my acceptance with God, but the hope of new beginnings and fresh starts. I appeal on the basis of the greatest gift I ever have or ever will be given.**

**I leave the courtroom of my own defense, I come out of hiding and I admit who I am. But I'm not afraid, because I've been personally and eternally blessed. Because of what Jesus has done, God looks on me with mercy. It's my only appeal, it's the source of my hope, it's my life. Mercy, mercy me!"**

*Paul David Tripp*

**"Your Redeemer traverses the rugged path of suffering, along which He went with heaving heart and heavy footsteps, that He might pave a royal road of mercy for His enemies."**

*Charles Spurgeon*

**"There is tremendous release in knowing that His love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion Him about me in the way that I am so often disillusioned about myself."**

*J.I. Packer*

# Communion Hymns

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## Let Me Find Thee – Joachim Neander/Matthew Smith

1. Behold me here, in grief draw near,  
Pleading at Thy throne oh King.  
To Thee each tear, each trembling fear,  
Jesus Son of Man I bring.  
Let me find Thee, (3x)  
Lord of mercy King of grace.

2. Look down in love, and from above,  
With Thy Spirit satisfy.  
Thou hast sought me,

Thou hast bought me,  
And thy purchase Lord am I.  
Let me find Thee, (3x)  
Here on earth and then on high.

3. Hear the broken, scarcely spoken,  
Longings of my heart to thee  
All the crying, all the sighing,  
Of Thy child accepted be.  
Let me find Thee, (3x)  
Wounded Healer, suffering Lord.

## Speak, I Pray Thee, Gentle Jesus –William Williams/Kevin Twit

1. Speak, I pray Thee, gentle Jesus!  
O, how passing sweet Thy words,  
Breathing o'er my troubled spirit  
Peace which never earth affords.  
All the world's distracting voices,  
All the tempting tones of ill,  
At Thy voice, so mild, melodious  
Are subdued, and all is still.

2. Tell me Thou art mine, O Savior,  
Speak a true assurance clear,  
Banish all my dark misgivings,

Still my doubting, calm my fear.  
In Thy righteousness I'll triumph,  
In Thy wisdom I'll be wise,  
In Thy robes I'm perfect beauty,  
In Thy power I'll arise.

I'll arise, in Thy power, I'll arise.  
I'll arise, I'll arise,  
In Thy power, I'll arise.  
I'll arise, I'll arise,  
In Thy power, I'll arise.

## Jesus, Strong and Kind – Buchanan/Robinson/Farren/Thompson

1. Jesus said that if I thirst,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can satisfy,  
I should come to him.

2. Jesus said If I am weak,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my strength.  
I should come to him

*Refrain:*  
*For the Lord is good and faithful*  
*He will keep us day and night*

*We can always run to Jesus*  
*Jesus strong and kind.*

3. Jesus said that if I fear,  
I should come to him.  
No one else can be my shield.  
I should come to him. *Refrain*

4. Jesus said if I am lost,  
He will come to me.  
And he showed me on that cross,  
He will come to me. *Refrain*

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

**Offertory**.....*Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord*

*Thee we adore, eternal Lord!*

*From day to day, O Lord, do we*

*We praise Thy Name with one accord,*

*Highly exalt and honor Thee!*

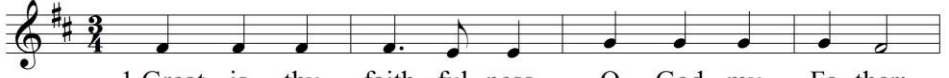
*Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,*

*Thy Name we worship and adore,*

*Through all the world do worship Thee.*

*World without end, for evermore!*

**Closing Hymn**.....*Great is Thy Faithfulness (#32)*



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**REFRAIN**



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see:



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

**Benediction**



## Next Week's Sermon Passage

John 11:1-7; 17-44

## Financials

First Six Months of 2024: \$419,056

## Upcoming Events

- **Our monthly Fellowship Lunch** is today, immediately following our service this morning in Westminster Hall. All are invited to stay and have lunch.  
Nelson Flock: set-up and/or clean-up  
Missions Spotlight: Paul Miller
- **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 contact our Ministry Coordinator, Sherrie Hamby (officgcpcfw@gmail.com). She will coordinate a meeting with the elders and those interested in becoming members of our church. We will publicly receive our newest members during our worship service on **Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. But those who meet with the elders and are received into membership will be full members from that point on. The public reception is for our congregation to see our newest members.

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** at the church.

- **Men's Group:** The Guys of Grace study will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month. They will meet **Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. The next class will be **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**. 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):**

- Missions of Grace is planning a **missions conference for March**. If you or your family have any interest in being part of the planning committee (hosting missionaries, food, decorations,

kid's activities etc) please get in touch with Bob James (rajgeologo@gmail.com)

- Missions of Grace Spotlight for October is **Metanoia Ministries**. This is a ministry of MNA, partnering with the church for the discipleship, mentoring and reintegration of prisoners. To this end they use correspondence courses with a biblical curriculum, one-on-one mentoring of prisoners and help for re-integration in society. Please pray for Paul Miller as he heads up this ministry in Texas.

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

- **All Events Listed:** Please see SMoG page on our website: <https://gcpcfw.org/resources/student-ministries-of-grace/> or scan the QR code for a full calendar of events for SMoG through December 2024.



- **SMoG Fall Ministry is well underway!** We meet this **Wednesday night, October 9<sup>th</sup>**.

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