

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**October 13, 2024**

**10:30am**

**Reflection:** “God accommodates His revelation to humanity in our finitude and fallenness. The Scriptures we have are addressed and adjusted to needy people: guilty, defiled, spiritually dead, broken, enslaved, tyrannized by fear, self-deceived, alienated and alone.” *Dennis Johnson*

“In opposition...to all the suggestions of the devil, the sole, simple, and sufficient answer is the word of God. This puts to flight all the powers of darkness. The Christian finds this to be true in his individual experience. It dissipates his doubts; it drives away his fears; it delivers him from the power of Satan.” *Charles Hodge*

“The hearing of a truth preached is the sucking of a flower; there must be a working of it in the hive of the heart by meditation, then it turns to honey.” *Thomas Watson*

## **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 Revelation 19*

**Minister:** Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

**People:** **Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.**

**Hymn of Adoration.....All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (#296)**



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let  
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who  
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye  
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the  
 5. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on  
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we



an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al  
 from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of  
 ran - somed of the fall; hail him who saves you  
 worm-wood and the gall, go, spread your tro - phies  
 this ter - res - trial ball, to him all ma - jes -  
 at his feet may fall; we'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of  
 Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of  
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of  
 at his feet, and crown him Lord of  
 ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of  
 last - ing song, and crown him Lord of



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 all; hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 all; go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and  
 all; to him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe, and  
 all; we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



crown him Lord of all.  
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**Prayer of Adoration**

Hymn of Preparation.....*The Power of the Cross*



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day:  
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face  
3. Now the day - light flees. Now the ground be - neath  
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.  
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.  
quakes as its Ma - ker bows His head.  
for through Your suff - 'ring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then  
Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed  
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood.  
crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.  
fin - ished the vict - 'ry cry.  
won through Your self - less love.



1.2.3. This the power of the cross; Christ be - came  
4. This the power of the cross; Son of God



sin for us. Took the blame, bore the  
slain for us. What a love, what a



wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
cost. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

— WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON —

**Call to Confession**.....*Psalm 32*

I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity

**Words of Comfort and Promise**.....*Psalm 32*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered

**Hymn of Response**.....*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with  
5. Thou spreast a ta - ble in my sight; thine  
6. And so through all the length of days thy



good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am  
ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant pas - tures  
yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der gent - ly  
thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my com - fort  
unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and O what trans - port of de -  
good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I sing your



his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth.  
praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

**Confession of Faith.....Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 45-48**  
**Ruling Elder, Dan Bent**

Elder: Which is the first commandment?

**People: The first commandment is, Thou shall have no other gods before me.**

Elder: What is required in the first commandment?

**People: The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the holy true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.**

Elder: What is forbidden in the first commandment?

**People: The first commandment forbids the denying or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.**

Elder: What are we specially taught by these words, *before me* in the first commandment?

**People: These words *before me* in the first commandment teach us, that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.**

**The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 130**  
*p 461*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word.....John 11:1-7; 17-44**  
*pp 897-898*

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.....*Spirit of the Living God* (#726)

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the  
liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me! Melt me! Mold me!  
Fill me! Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

## Hearing from God's Word.....John 11:1-7; 17-44

Rev. Justin Smith

*Waiting on Jesus*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Love isn't just a sentiment. It is a great controlling passion & always expresses itself in terms of obedience.

*Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

**"The greatest good suffering can do for me is to increase my capacity for God."**

*Joni Earekson Tada*

"A humble heart cannot be satisfied with so much grace as to bring him to glory, with so much heaven as will keep him from dropping into hell; he is still crying out, 'Give, Lord, give! Give me more of yourself; more of your Son; more of your Spirit; more of your light, more life, more love.'" *Thomas Brooks*

**"Every time we look at the cross Christ seems to say to us, 'I am here because of you. It is your sin I am bearing, your curse I am suffering, your debt I am paying, your death I am dying.' Nothing in history or in the universe cuts us down to size like the cross. All of us have inflated views of ourselves, especially in self-righteousness, until we have visited a place called Calvary. It is there, at the foot of the cross, that we shrink to our true size."**

*John R. W. Stott*

# Communion Hymns

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## Just As I Am (#501) – Charlotte Elliot

1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2. Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Come Then, Lord Jesus – Horatius Bonar/Katy Bowser/Kenny Hutson

1. The Church has waited long  
Her absent Lord to see  
And still in loneliness she waits  
A friendless stranger she  
Age after age has gone,  
Sun after sun has set  
And still, in weeds of widowhood,  
She weeps a mourner yet

Wilt thou not judge Thy suffering Church,  
Her sighs and tears and blood? *Refrain*

*Chorus: Come then, Lord Jesus, come  
Come then, Lord Jesus  
Come then, Lord Jesus, come, come,  
come.*

3. We long to hear thy voice,  
To see Thee face to face  
To share Thy crown and glory then,  
As now we share thy grace  
Should not the loving bride,  
The absent Bridegroom mourn?  
Should she not wear the weeds of grief,  
Until her Lord return? *Refrain*

2. The serpent's brood increase,  
The powers of hell grow bold  
The conflicts thicken, faith is low,  
And love is waxing cold  
How long, O Lord our God,  
Holy and true and good

4. The whole creation groans,  
And wait to hear that voice  
That shall restore her comeliness,  
And make her wastes rejoice  
Come, Lord, and wipe away,  
The curse, the sin, the stain  
And make this blighted world of ours,  
Thine own fair world again.

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#616) – Elisha Hoffman/Anthony Showalter

1. What a fellowship,  
What a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness,  
What a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

In the pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path  
Grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Chorus*

*Chorus:  
Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2. Oh, how sweet to walk

3. What have I to dread,  
What have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace  
With my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Chorus*

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Closing Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation (#347)



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her  
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the  
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op -  
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de -  
5. 'Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tum - ult of her  
6. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in



Lord; she is his new cre - a - tion by  
earth, her char - ter of sal - va - tion one  
pressed, by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by  
fend, to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is  
war, she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of  
One, and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with



wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n he came and  
Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she  
her - e - sies dis - tressed, yet saints their watch are  
with her to the end; though there be those that  
peace for - ev - er - more; till with the vis - ion  
those whose rest is won: O hap - py ones and



sought her to be his ho - ly bride; with  
bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, And  
keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" And  
hate her, and false sons in her pale, a -  
glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, and  
ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, like



his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
the great church vic - tor - ious shall be the church at rest.  
them, the meek and low - ly on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Next Week's Sermon Passage

Ephesians 2:1-10

### Financials

First Six Months of 2024: \$419,056

### Upcoming Events

- **Our next monthly Fellowship Lunch will be November 3 Bassett Flock is up to help with set-up and/or clean-up**  
**If you are able, please bring the following:**

- ALL: main dish
- By Last Name:
- A-J: salad
- K-O: side
- P-Z: dessert

### **Missions Spotlight in November: MTW Western Hub**

- **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 between 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 25th 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 **this 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 23<sup>rd</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://gpcfw.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 16<sup>th</sup>**.

