

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 20, 2024

10:30am

Reflection: “God’s promises were never meant to be thrown aside as waste paper; he intended that they should be used. God’s gold is not miser’s money, but is minted to be traded with. Nothing pleases our Lord better than to see his promises put in circulation; he loves to see his children bring them up to him, and say, Lord, do as thou hast said. We glorify God when we plead his promises.”

Charles Spurgeon

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 48*

Minister: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

People: **We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.**

Minister: As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

People: **This is God, our God...He will guide us forever.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Adoration.....*A Mighty Fortress (#92)*



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'r, no



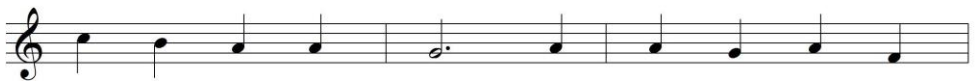
bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er he a -
 striv - ing would be los - ing; were not the right man
 threat - en to un - do us, we will not fear, for
 thanks to them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the



mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
 on our side, the man of God's own choos - ing. Dost
 God hath willed his truth to tri - umph through us. The
 gifts are ours through him who with us sid - eth. Let



still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord
 prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him; his
 goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the



craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cru - el
 Sa - ba - oth his name, from age to age the
 rage we can en - dure, for lo! his doom is
 bod - y they may kill: God's truth a - bid - eth



hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Hymn of Preparation.....*Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear*



1. Poor sin - ner de - ject - ed with fear, Un -
 2. Come just as thou art with thy woe, Fall
 3. The soul that on Je - sus re - lies, He'll



bos - om thy mind to the Lamb; No wrath on his brow he does wear, Nor
 down at the feet of the Lamb; He will not, he can - not say, "Go," But
 nev - er, no nev - er de - ceive; He free - ly and faith - ful - ly gives More



will he poor mourn - ers con - demn; His arm of om - ni - po - tent
 sure - ly will take out thy stain. A foun - tain is o - pened for
 bless - ings than we can con - ceive; Yea, down to old age he will



grace Is a - ble and wil - ling to save; A
 sin, And thou - sands its vir - tues have proved. He'll
 keep, Nor will he for - sake us at last; He



sweet and a per - ma - nent peace He'll
 take thee and plunge thee there - in, And
 knows and is known by his sheep; They're



free - ly and faith - ful - ly give.
 wash thee from filth in his blood.
 his, and he will hold them fast.

Call to Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....Romans 8

If Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Hymn of Response.....Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners (#498)



1. Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than



lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as -
 hide my - self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some - times
 bil - lows o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is
 temp - est still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er -
 all in him I find; he hath grant - ed me for -



sail me, he, my Sav - ior makes me whole.
 fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 takes me, he, my pi - lot hears my cry.
 give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le -



lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing



lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Confession of Faith.....*Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 49-52*
Ruling Elder, Andrew Caudal

Elder: Which is the second commandment?

People: The second commandment is, Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shall not bow to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Elder: What is required in the second commandment?

People: The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

Elder: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

People: The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Elder: What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

People: The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God’s sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he has to his own worship.

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Isaiah 55:1-13
pp 615-616

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Ephesians 2:1-10
p 976

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.....Break Thou the Bread of Life (#146)

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
 as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
 through-out the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,
 then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
 my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.
 and I shall find my peace, my All in all.

Hearing from God’s Word.....Ephesians 2:1-10
 Rev. Dave Boxerman *The Five Solas of the Reformation*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

“Learn to know Christ and him crucified. Learn to sing to Him, and say, ‘Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am Your sin. You have taken upon Yourself what is mine and given me what is Yours. You have become what You were not so that I might become what I was not.’”
Martin Luther

Communion Hymns

Fairest Lord Jesus (#170)– Folk Hymn

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory joy, and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine.

Behold Our God – Baird/Altrogge

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain:

*Behold our God, seated on His throne,
Come let us adore Him.*

*Behold our King, nothing can compare,
Come let us adore Him.*

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His word?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Refrain

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
Refrain

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death – Getty/Boswell/Kauflin/Merker/Papa

1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Refrain: O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain*

3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain*

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Closing Hymn.....How Firm a Foundation (#94)



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5. "E'en down to old age all my peo - ple shall prove
6. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not ov - er - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;
my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - chan - gea - ble love;
I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and when ho - ry hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,
that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 12:38-42

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 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 6th, 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 **this 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 23rd 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 30th**. Please contact Jared for more information: 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 meets this Wednesday night, October 23rd.**

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