

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**January 12, 2025**

**10:30am**

**Reflection:** “Jesus performs public healings, as he had done in Israel. The ministry lasts for days, and the crowds begin to run out of food. Unwilling to send them away hungry, Jesus multiplies a small amount of bread and fish to feed four thousand. Compassion motivates Jesus. The miracles demonstrate his power, hint at his deity, and produce praise to God.”

*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 Isaiah 12*

**Minister:** We will praise you, O Lord. Though you were angry with us, your anger has been turned away, and you have comforted us.

**People:** **The Lord, the Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

**ALL:** **Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**Hymn of Adoration.....***O Worship the King (#2)*



1.O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a -  
 2.O tell of his might, O sing of his  
 3.The earth with its store of won - ders un -  
 -- 4.Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re -  
 5.Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as  
 6.O mea - sure - less Might! In - eff - a - ble



bove, O grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his  
 grace, whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py  
 told, Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of  
 -- cite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the  
 frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to  
 Love! While an - gels de - light to hymn you a -



love; our shield and De - fen - der, the An - cient of  
 space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds  
 old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a change - less de -  
 -- light; it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the  
 fail; your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the  
 above, the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their



Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 -- plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.  
 end, our Ma - ker, De - fen - der, Re - deem - er, and Friend!  
 lays, with true a - dor - a - tion shall lisp to your praise.

“Robert Grant was influenced in writing this text by William Kethe’s paraphrase of Psalm 104 in the Anglo-Genevan Psalter (1561). In 1835 his original six-stanza text was published in Henry Elliott’s *Psalm and Hymns*.

Rather than being a paraphrase or versification, the text is a meditation on the creation theme of Psalm 104. Stanzas 1-3, which allude to Psalm 104:1-6, focus on God’s creation as a testimony to his “measureless Might.” More personal in tone, stanzas 4 and 5 confess the compassion of God toward his creatures and affirm with apocalyptic vision that the “ransomed creation, with glory ablaze” will join with angels to hymn its praise to God.”

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn of Preparation.....***Man of Sorrows, What a Name (#246)*



1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name  
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude,  
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we;  
4. Lift - ed up was he to die,  
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King,



for the Son of God, who came ru - ined sin - ners  
in my place con - demned he stood, sealed my par - don  
spot-less Lamb of God was he; full a - tone - ment!  
"It is fin - ished!" was his cry; now in heav'n ex -  
all his ran - somed home to bring, then a - new this



to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

“‘Man of Sorrows’ is a reference to the prophet Isaiah's depiction of the ‘suffering servant’ (Isa. 52: 13-53: 12). The full text draws on that prophetic vision and on the gospel narratives of Christ's crucifixion and atoning death. While much of the text affirms objectively the redemptive work of Christ, stanza 2 makes a very personal confession (like 386): ‘in my place condemned he stood, sealed my pardon with his blood.’ Stanzas 4 and 5 move from Christ's death to his exaltation at the right hand of God and to his return as ‘glorious King.’ Each stanza concludes with an ‘alleluia’ to so great a Savior.”

—————**WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON**—————

**Call to Confession**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....***Psalm 117*

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

**Hymn of Response.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#53)**



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 -- 3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4.Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
 5.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his  
 -- fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath,



he is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
 -- mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;  
 lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.  
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 -- pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do,  
 How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief,  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth!  
 -- if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

“Loosely based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150, with echoes from other psalms, this is a strong hymn of praise to our covenant God, who heals, provides for, and defends us. Let ‘all that has life and breath’ sing praise to the Lord!”

**The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism**  
**Josiah Daniel Hoshino**  
**Covenant Son of Daiju and Amanda Hoshino**  
Ruling Elder, Dan Bent

**Baptism Vows: BCO\* 56-5**

1. Do you acknowledge Josiah’s need for the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Josiah to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

**To the Congregation**

Do you, members of Grace Community Presbyterian Church, undertake the responsibility of assisting Daiju and Amanda in the Christian nurture of Josiah, do you?

\*The Book of Church Order

**The First Reading of God’s Word**.....Psalm 86:8-17  
*p 494*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word**.....Matthew 15:29-39  
*p 821*

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 15:29-39

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

*A Sequel*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

**“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*

Therefore, this is the worthiness – the best and only kind we can bring to God – to offer our vileness (and so to speak) our unworthiness to him so that we might be lifted up by him; to accuse ourselves so that we may be justified by him; moreover, to aspire to that unity which he commends to us in his Supper; and, as he makes all of us one in himself, to desire one soul, one heart, one tongue for all... How could we, needy and bare of all good, befouled with sins, half-dead, eat the Lord's body worthily? Rather, we shall think that we, as being poor, come to a kindly giver; as sick, to a physician; as sinners, to the Author of righteousness; finally, as dead, to him who gives us life. We shall think that the worthiness, which is commended by God, consists chiefly in faith, which reposes all things in Christ, but nothing in ourselves.

*John Calvin*

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

*Martyn Lloyd-Jones*

# Communion Hymns

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## **Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts** – *Bernard of Clairvaux/Brian T. Murphy*

1. Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts!  
Thou Fount of life, thou Light of men!  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn unfilled to thee again.

2. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on thee call;  
To them that seek thee thou art good;  
To them that find thee All in all.

3. We taste of thee, O living Bread,  
And long to feast upon thee still;

We drink of thee, the fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

4. Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blessed, when our faith can hold thee fast.

5. O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world the holy light.

## **Jesus, with Thy Church Abide** – *Thomas Pollock/Christopher Miner*

1. Jesus, with Thy church abide;  
Be her savior, Lord, and Guide,  
While on earth her faith is tried:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

2. Keep her life and doctrine pure;  
Grant her patience to endure,  
Trusting in Thy promise sure:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

3. May she one in doctrine be,  
One in truth and charity,  
Winning all to faith in Thee:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

4. May she guide the poor and blind,  
Seek the lost until she find  
And the brokenhearted bind:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

5. Save her love from growing cold,  
Make her watchmen strong and bold,  
Fence her round, thy peaceful fold:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

6. May she holy triumphs win,  
Overthrow the hosts of sin,  
Gather all the nations in:  
We beseech Thee, hear us. (2x)

## **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (#520)** – *Nikolaus von Zinzendorf*

1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
'Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2. Bold shall I stand in Thy great day;  
For who ought to my charge shall lay?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3. When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,

Ev'n then this shall be all my plea,  
Jesus hath lived, hath died, for me.

4. Jesus, the endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me—  
For me a full atonement made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

5. O let the dead now hear Thy voice;  
Now bid Thy banished ones rejoice;  
Their beauty this, their glorious dress,  
Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness.

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

**Offertory**.....*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

<i>Wonderful, merciful Savior</i>	<i>You are the One that we praise</i>
<i>Precious Redeemer and Friend</i>	<i>You are the One we adore</i>
<i>Who would have thought that a Lamb could</i>	<i>You give the healing and grace our</i>
<i>Rescue the souls of men,</i>	<i>Hearts always hunger for,</i>
<i>Oh You rescue the souls of men.</i>	<i>Oh our hearts always hunger for.</i>

**Closing Hymn**.....*How Great Thou Art (#44)*



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some  
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have  
 wan - der and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the  
 spar - ing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it  
 ma - tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing  
 trees, when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 in, that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing, he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 ra - tion, and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my sav-ior God, to thee: how great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my sav-ior God, to



thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

**Benediction**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 16:1-12

### Financials

First Three Quarters of 2024: \$599,354.51

### Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: Sunday, February 2nd after worship**

Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Kathy Hall

Please bring the following:

ALL: main dish

By Last Name:

A-J: side

K-O: dessert

P-Z: salad

**Mission Spotlight: TBD**

Please check your email, the LoG Facebook page, or look for a text from Remind to sign-up to help with set-up and/or clean-up this month. Thank you for your help with this ministry!

- **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.
  - **Our newest members so far who will be publicly received April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025:** Jess and Judy Alonso, Michael and Alexandra Amidon (Esther and Evelyn), Gabriel and Kathryn Ingram, Kelly Proffit, Kevin and Bonnie Saunders, Sam and Dorinda Wetselaar (Jeffery and Benjamin), Andrew White, Nora Fickle\*, Mia Lutz\*, Lilly Thacker\*

\*Children becoming communing members (coming to the Lord's Table for the first time)

- We now have a **search committee** tasked with finding the person God has for us. Please pray for them as they undertake this work: Phil Bassett, Christine Bassett, Dan Bent, Rhett Bentson, Bethany Brooks, Jerry Hames, Sean Henry, Bob James, Ryan Lutz and Kathy Sheffield
- **Members of GCPC:** Our nominations for ordained office close **today after worship**. It is not too late. If you would like to nominate someone and have received their permission, ballots and booklets that explain the process are available for a brief time after worship this morning and you can find them in the foyer.

**Guys of Grace (GoG)** (text @guysofgr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things GoG related)

- **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 be **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm** at the church. Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.
- **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 **again this Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The guys have been studying the books Esther and Ruth this year and meet 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.

**Ladies of Grace (LoG)** (text @loggr to the number 81010 for periodic updates on all things LoG related)

- **Ladies' Winter/Spring Bible Study:** Our new study begins on **January 21**. We will read *What a Royal Mess: A Study of 1 and 2 Kings* by Susan Tyner (\$13). Sign-ups have begun in the church foyer.  
**Tuesday morning in-person (with childcare): January 21-April 1**

## **Thursday evening Zoom: January 23 - April 3**

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

## **Missions of Grace (MoG)**

- **Save the date: GCPC Missions conference March 1-2**
- **Missions of Grace Spotlight for January is Isaiah 55:** Isaiah 55 is a ministry in Reynosa, Mexico. They run a school for deaf children and outreach activities in the local community, and are beginning a church plant. Praise God for the growth of their ministry which reflects growing trust from the community. Pray for the funds to pursue their goals, and for more qualified teachers for the school.

## **Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG)** (text @smogrem to 81010 for periodic reminders of all things SMoG related)

- **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 will meet this Wednesday night, January 15th.**

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