

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 26, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“Matthew 15–16 records a string of disappointments. The Pharisees and scribes question Jesus for his failure to observe the ‘tradition of the elders.’ A pagan woman seems to understand Jesus’ mission better than the disciples. Later, Pharisees and Sadducees test Jesus, but the disciples barely follow Jesus’ warning about them. Here, Jesus takes the disciples aside for uninterrupted conversation about his identity.”

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 95*

Minister: Oh come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Minister: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Minister: For the Lord is a great God,

People: and a great King above all gods.

Hymn of Adoration.....*Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul (#57)*



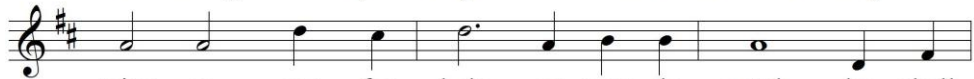
1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his
3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - ner
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah



praise; I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my
aid; he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the
free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the
praise; I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my



God through all my days. Put no con - fi - dence in
Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the Lord cre -
sight - less eye to see. Well Je - ho - vah loves the
God through all my days. O - ver all God reigns for -



princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend; he shall
at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain; he de -
righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends, helps the
ev - er, through all a - ges he is King; un - to



die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Rock of Ages (#500)*



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

Call to Confession.....*Romans 3*

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Psalm 34*

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Hymn of Response.....*Let us Love and Sing and Wonder (#172)*



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en -



Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
en - e - mies, called us by his grace, and taught us,
bear us down! For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion,
mer - cy's store; when through grace in Christ our trust is,
throned on high; here they trust - ed him be - fore us,



he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame: he has washed us
gave us ears and gave us eyes: he has washed us
holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown: he who washed us
jus - tice smiles and asks no more: he who washed us
now their prais - es fill the sky: "You have washed us



with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.
with his blood, has se - cured our way to God.
with your blood, you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"

Confession of Faith.....*Apostles Creed*
Ruling Elder, Phil Bassett

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy *catholic church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

**catholic church = the whole Christian church*

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 2:1-12
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The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 16:13-20
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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.....Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs 3)

O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be; let that
grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee. Prone to
wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love: here's my
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 16:13-20
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Peter's Profession*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“The atoning death of Christ, and that alone, has presented sinners as righteous in God’s sight; the Lord Jesus has paid the full penalty of their sins, and clothed them with His perfect righteousness before the judgment seat of God. But Christ has done for Christians even far more than that. He has given to them not only a new and right relation to God, but a new life in God’s presence for evermore. He has saved them from the power as well as from the guilt of sin. The New Testament does not end with the death of Christ; it does not end with the triumphant words of Jesus on the Cross, ‘It is finished.’ The death was followed by the resurrection, and the resurrection like the death was for our sakes. Jesus rose from the dead into a new life of glory and power, and into that life He brings those for whom He died. The Christian, on the basis of Christ’s redeeming work, not only has died unto sin, but also lives unto God.” *J. Gresham Machen*

Communion Hymns

Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear – *W. Gadsby/K. Bowser and M. Jones*

1. Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

2. Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, "Go,"
But surely will take out thy stain

A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

3. The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

O Great God – *Bob Kauflin*

1. O great God of highest heav'n,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.

2. I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.

Then Your Spirit gave me life,
Opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son,
Gave me endless hope and peace.

3. Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n,
Glorify Your Name through me.

My Redeemer's Love – *Joel Sczebel/Jordan Kauflin/Mark Altrogge*

1. My Redeemer's love is deeper
Than the depths of sin and hell.
He who was enthroned in glory
Came to bring us to Himself.
My Redeemer's love is wider
Than the breach my sins had made.
He reached down into my darkness.
He alone has pow'r to save.

*Chorus: Deeper than the rolling seas,
Higher than the mountain peaks,
Your love is all I need.
Stronger than the rushing wind,
Shattering the power of sin,
Your love is all I need.*

2. My Redeemer's love is stronger
Than my fiercest enemies.
He will hold me in the tempest.
Through the flood He carries me.
My Redeemer's love will lead me
Through the deepest valley here.
He will shepherd me and guide me.
He will ever keep me near. *Chorus*

3. My Redeemer's love grows sweeter
As eternity draws near
I'll enjoy His love forever
At His throne for endless years
My Redeemer's love will fill me
On the day I see His face
I will love Him back forever
And forever sing His praise. *Chorus*

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

Offertory.....*Jesus Shall Reign*

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.*

*People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,*

*Let every creature rise and bring
The highest honors to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.*

Closing Hymn.....*All Glory Laud and Honor (#235)*



1.All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er,
2.The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee
3.Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we



King, to whom the lips of chil - dren made
went; our prayer and praise and an - thems be -
bring, who in all good de - light - est, thou



sweet ho - san - nas ring! Thou art the King of
fore thee we pre - sent: to thee, be - fore thy
good and gra - cious King! All glo - ry, laud, and



Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who
pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to



in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 16:21-28

Financials

Total giving for 2024: \$807,747

Please make plans to join us **next Sunday, February 2nd, at 9:30 am** in Westminster Hall to hear from Deacon Darren Pettitt our annual report on 2024 and how we plan to steward our funds for 2025. Middle School and High School classes will meet with the adults. The Children's Sunday School classes will meet as they normally do.

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: Next 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!

- **VBS 2025!** Mark your calendars **June 23-27**
- **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.

- **Our newest members so far who will be publicly received April 6th, 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

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 this Friday, **March 28th, 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 **1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month**. They will meet **again this Wednesday, January 29th 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 has **begun**. They meet again **this Tuesday, January 28**. 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 29th.

- **Greystone at Grace:** Please join us this semester to discuss Abraham Kuyper's Lectures on Calvinism. We will meet every **2nd and 4th Wednesday** night in Calvin from February to April. If you would like to join us, please pick up a copy of the book and contact Jared: Jrbrown50@yahoo.com or (817) 965-2550. We will meet from 7-8p pm/ All are welcome! Schedule:

