GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD February 2, 2025 10:30am

Reflection:

Prelude

Welcome

People:

ALL:

"Jesus reveals that he must go to Jerusalem to be slain. Peter rebukes Jesus for this, but Jesus replies that Peter must prepare to follow him to death as well. In verses 24–28, Jesus teaches that a disciple's life must conform to his."

Daniel Doriani

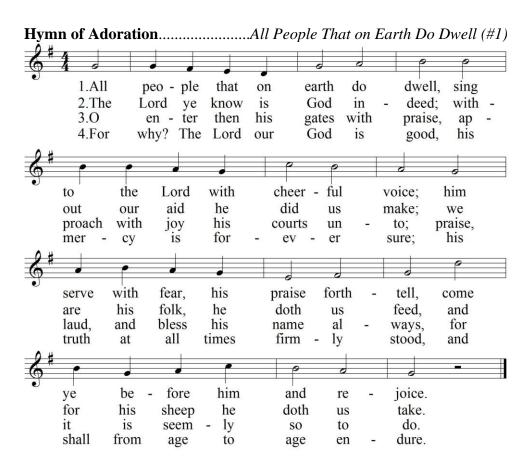
Worship in Praise						
Silent Prepar	ration					
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.					
Call to Worship						
Minister:	Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!					

praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

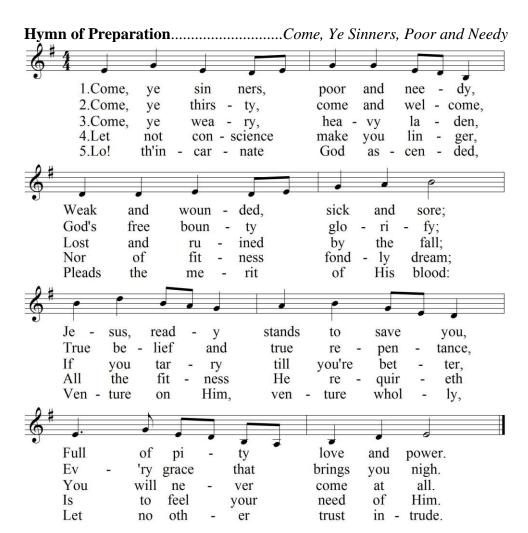


"There is probably no musical composition, with the exception of the ancient Ambrosian and Gregorian tones, that has been so universally sung by worshipping assemblies, as the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune, and certainly none so familiar to the ear of Protestant communities. It has proved equally acceptable to the instructed and the uninstructed musical taste. When in any congregation, through ignorance or bad taste, it has been for a time laid aside to make way for more modern yet more feeble tunes, it has been taken up again, after the intermission, with increased interest. The Name of the Tune, as The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune, is peculiar to England. In foreign psalters, especially in the French and the Dutch, the tune is set to the hundred and thirty-fourth psalm. From the days of the Reformation to the end of the seventeenth century, it was commonly called in England The Hundredth Psalm Tune."

Rev William Henry Havergal

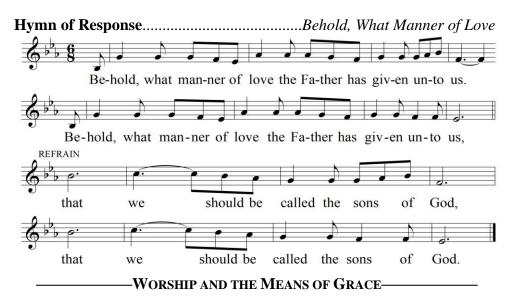
In his book The History of the Old Hundreth, published in 1854

Prayer of Adoration



-WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON-

Call to Confession



Elder: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People:

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head, yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.

The First Reading of God's Word.....Zechariah 14:1-9

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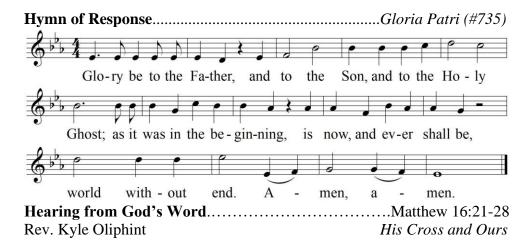
The Second Reading of God's Word......Matthew 16:21-28

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

We offer an optional <u>Children's Lesson</u> 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.

Prayer of Consecration and Illumination



THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Behold the eternal security of the weakest believer in Jesus. The act of justification, once passed under the great seal of the resurrection of Christ, God can never revoke without denying Himself. Here is our safety. If God, the God of spotless purity, the God of inflexible righteousness, justifies me, 'who is he that condemns?' Sin may condemn, but it is God that justifies! 'If GOD is for us, who can be against us?' Who will dare condemn the soul whom He justifies? How gloriously will this truth shine forth in the great day of judgment! Every accuser will then be dumb. Every tongue will then be silent. Nothing shall be laid to the charge of God's elect. GOD Himself shall pronounce them fully, and forever justified: 'And those He justifies, He also glorifies.'"

Octavius Winslow

"There is a thirst for happiness in the soul of man, but there is a drought in all things but in God."

Edward Griffin

Communion Hymns

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Henry Baker/Irish Hymn

- 1. The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never.

 I nothing lack if I am his,
 And he is mine forever.
- 2. Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth; And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me; And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

- 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth; And oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.

Satisfied – Karl Digerness

1. All my life long, I had panted For a drink from some cool spring That I hoped would quench the burning Of the thirst I found within.

Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me, The one my soul so long has craved! Jesus satisfies all my longings; Through his blood I now am saved.

2. Feeding on the filth around me 'Til my strength was almost gone. Longed my soul for something better, Only still to hunger on.

Chorus

- 3. Poor I was and sought for riches, Something that would satisfy. But the dust I gathered 'round me Only mocked my soul's sad cry. *Chorus*
- 4. Well of water, ever springing Bread of Life so rich and free. Untold wealth that never faileth, My Redeemer is to me. *Chorus*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us - Stuart Townend

- 1. How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss -The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.
- 2. Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.

- It was my sin that held Him there
 Until it was accomplished;
 His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.
- 3. I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart -His wounds have paid my ransom.

-WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE-

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

Offertory......Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken Jesus. I my cross have taken. Perish every fond ambition, All to leave and follow Thee. All I've sought or hoped or known. Destitute, despised, forsaken, Yet how rich is my condition! Thou from hence my all shall be. God and heaven are still my own. Closing Hymn......Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (#76) 1.Praise. the King of heav my soul. en, 2.Praise him for his fa grace and vor 3.Fa ther like, he tends and spares us; 4.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour ish. 5.An gels. help dore us to a him; his feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed. to to our fa - thers in dis tress; praise him, fee - ble well our frame he knows: in his wind and blows the it is but while gone; be hold him face to face: and vou sun healed. stored, for giv - en. who, like his re me. still the same for ev - er, slow to chide and from hands he gent - ly bears us. res - cues us God en tals mor rise and per - ish, dures un dwell-ers bow down be fore him. all in moon praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, swift to bless: praise him. praise him. a11 praise him, praise him, praise him, our foes chang - ing Praise him, praise him, praise him, on. time praise him, praise him, praise him, and space. praise him, King. praise the ev er last - ing glo - rious praise him. in his faith - ful ness. wide - lv his praise him. as mer - cy goes. praise him, praise the High E ter - nal One. with the God praise him, praise us of grace.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 17:1-13

Financials

Total giving for 2024: \$807,747

Upcoming Events

• Monthly Potluck Lunch: Today, after worship. Please join us. Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Kathy Hall 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 in the months ahead month. Thank you for your help with this ministry!

• Monthly Potluck Lunch: March 2 after worship

Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Jessica Bell (jessicarbell@gmail.com)

Please bring the following:

ALL: main dish By Last Name:

A-J: salad K-O: side P-Z: dessert

Missions Spotlight in March: World Relief

- 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. The search committee thanks you for your inquiries! We have been receiving resumes over the winter months and are planning to evaluate them in the month of February. We will continue to update you as we have new information to share.

<u>Guys of Grace (GoG)</u> (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, February 5th 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.

<u>Ladies of Grace (LoG)</u> (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 morning, February 4th at 9:30. We

will read *What a Royal Mess: A Study of 1 and 2 Kings* by Susan Tyner (\$13).

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)

• GCPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE March 1-2

MOG is excited to bring 5 of the Missionaries we support to meet you personally during the Missions Conference:

Jamie and Jen Burkemper, Madrid, Spain

Josh and Klodi Foist, Tirana, Albania

Mario and Keila Xoca, Isaiah 55 Ministries, Reynosa, Mexico Paul Miller, Metanoia Ministries

Justin Smith, RUF at University of North Texas In addition, **Jerry Gibson**, who has more than 23 years of experience in cross-cultural ministry, leadership will be joining us.

Please mark the dates, plan to attend and pray for the Lord to energize us all in the area of missions.

• Missions Conference Brunch: Saturday March 1st, 10 am -12 pm.

Burkempers from Spain - Oliphint home, N. Fort Worth Foists from Albania - Bassett home, Benbrook Xoca from Mexico - Smith home, Colleyville Sign up starts today in the foyer. Please reach out to Melissa Brown (817-899-0369) if you have any questions.

<u>Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG)</u> (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, February 5th.

• 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:

2/26: Calvinism and Religion

2/12: Calvinism as a Life-system

3/12: Calvinism and Politics 3/26: Calvinism and Science

4/9: Calvinism and Art

4/23: Calvinism and the Future

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