

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 9, 2025

10:30am

### **Reflection:**

“The Father graciously gives both Jesus and his closest disciples a sign of Jesus’ glory and the Father’s favor when they need it most. The main event and point are simple: despite his suffering, Jesus is the glorious Son.”

*Ian Duguid*

### **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 Psalm 107*

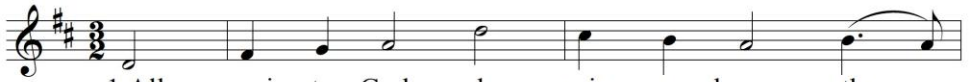
**Minister:** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.**

**Minister:** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works!

**People:** **For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

## Hymn of Adoration.....All Praise to God who Reigns Above (#4)



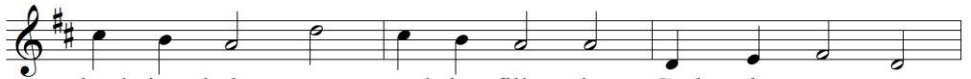
1.All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the  
2.I cried to him in time of need: Lord,  
3.The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his  
4.Then come be - fore his pres - ence now and



God of all crea - a - tion, the God of won - ders,  
God, O hear my call - ing! For death he gave me  
cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge  
ban - ish fear and sad - ness; to your Re - deem - er



pow'r, and love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With  
life in - deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For  
and their rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As  
pay your vow and sing with joy and glad - ness; though



heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery  
this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our  
with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his  
great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did



sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
all things well. To God all praise and glo - ry!

This hymn extols the greatness of God for giving all good things to His people, and calls on us to continue to give God the praise He richly deserves. We hear echoes of Deuteronomy 32:3 in this hymn: "For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!" Psalm 107 is a beautiful testimony to God and His active, steadfast love which we also hear in this hymn. All Praise to God who Reigns Above uses a variety of metaphors for God and for His works as this hymn overflows with proclamations of God's loving care for His people.

## Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*



1. Je - sus, I my cross have ta - ken,
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me.
3. Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me,
4. Soul then know thy full sal - va - tion,
5. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low thee. Na - ked, poor, de - spised,  
 They have left my Sav - ior too. Hu - man hearts and looks  
 'Twill but drive me to thy breast. Life with tri - als hard  
 Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care. Joy to find in ev' -  
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. Heav'n's e - ter - nal days



for - sa - ken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.  
 de - ceive me. Thou art not like them un - true.  
 may press me, Heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.  
 - ry sta - tion, Some - thing still to do or bear.  
 be - fore thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, All I've sought, or hoped,  
 Oh while thou dost smile u - pon me, God of wis - dom, love,  
 Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, While thy love is left  
 Think what spir - it dwells with - in thee, Think what Fa - ther's smiles  
 Soon shall close thy earth - ly miss - ion, soon shall pass thy pil -



or known. Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,  
 and might. Foes may hate and friends dis - own me.  
 to me. O 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
 are thine. Think that Je - sus died to win thee,  
 - grim days. Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,



God and heav'n are still my own.  
 Show thy face and all is bright.  
 Were that joy un - mixed with thee.  
 Child of heav'n canst thou re - pine.  
 Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

**Call to Confession**.....*Psalm 109*

Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love!

**Words of Comfort and Promise**.....*Psalm 109*

With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord; For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.

**Hymn of Response**.....*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*



1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, from  
2. My Great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the  
3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the  
4. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this



guilt my soul is free. I trust the ev - er -  
lost He came to save; for me His pre - cious  
writ - ten Word of God, sal - va - tion by my  
ends my fear and doubt; a sin - ful soul I



liv - ing One, His wounds shall plead for me.  
blood He shed, for me His life He gave.  
Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion through His blood.  
come to Him, He'll nev - er cast me out.



I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er



plea, it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and



that He died for me.

—————**WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE**—————

**Confession of Faith**.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 2*  
Ruling Elder, Andrew Caudal

Elder: What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**People: Three things: First, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such a redemption.**

**The First Reading of God’s Word**.....Deuteronomy 18:15-22  
*p 161*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word**.....Matthew 17:1-13  
*p 822*

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.....*How Firm a Foundation (#94)*



1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
2. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

Hearing from God's Word.....*Matthew 17:1-13*

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

*A Preview of the Promise*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

"If Christ had remained dead like any other 'savior' or 'teacher' or 'prophet,' his death would have meant nothing more than yours and mine. Death's waves would have closed over him just as they do every other human life, every claim he made would have sunk into nothingness, and humanity would still be without hope of being saved from sin. But when breath entered his resurrected lungs again, when resurrection life electrified his glorified body, everything Jesus claimed was fully, finally, unquestionably, and irrevocably vindicated." *Greg Gilbert*

**"A life-shaping celebration of God's grace is only ever born out of one thing; a deep sense of profound personal need. Will you trust the grace of the Gospel and quit frantically seeking what you have already been given in Christ?"** *Paul David Tripp*

# Communion Hymns

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## **Bread of the World in Mercy Broken (#425) – Reginald Heber/John S. B. Hodges**

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| 1. Bread of the world in mercy broken,<br>Wine of the soul in mercy shed,<br>By whom the words of life were<br>spoken,<br>And in whose death our sins are dead. | 2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken,<br>Look on the tears by sinners shed;<br>And be thy feast to us the token<br>That by thy grace our souls are fed. |
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## **Begone Unbelief – John Newton/Kevin Twit**

1. Begone unbelief, My Savior is near,  
And for my relief will surely appear:  
By faith let me wrestle, with God in the  
storm, and help me my Savior, the faith  
to adorn, and help me my Savior, the  
faith to adorn.

2. Though dark be my way, Since he is  
my guide, 'tis mine to obey, and His to  
provide; though cisterns be broken, and  
creatures all fail, the word he has spoken  
will surely prevail, the word he has  
spoken will surely prevail.

*Refrain:*

*Begone unbelief, The Savior is here (3x)  
Though cisterns be broken  
and creatures all fail,*

*the word he has spoken will surely  
prevail, the word he has spoken will  
surely prevail.*

3. Why should I complain, of want or  
distress, temptation or pain? He told me  
no less the heirs of salvation, I know  
from his word, through much tribulation  
must follow their Lord, through much  
tribulation must follow their Lord.

4. Since all that I meet will work for my  
good, the bitter is sweet, the medicine  
food; though painful at present, will  
cease before long, and then, O! how  
glorious,  
the conqueror's song, and then, O! how  
glorious, the conqueror's song. *Refrain*

## **My God, My Father Blissful Name – Anne Steele/Justin Smith**

1. My God, my Father, blissful Name!  
O may I call Thee mine?  
May I, with sweet assurance, claim,  
A portion so divine?  
This only can my fears control,  
And bid my sorrows fly:  
What harm can ever reach my soul,  
Beneath my Father's eye?

2. Whate'er Thy providence denies,  
I calmly would resign;  
For Thou art just, and good, and wise,  
O bend my will to Thine.

Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains,  
O give me strength to bear;  
And let me know my Father reigns,  
And trust His tender care.

3. If pain and sickness rend this frame,  
And life almost depart,  
Is not Thy mercy still the same,  
To cheer my drooping heart?  
If cares and sorrows me surround,  
Their power why should I fear?  
My inward peace they cannot wound  
If Thou, my God, art near.

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

**Offertory**.....*To Christ the Lord*

*To Christ the Lord let every tongue  
Its noblest tribute bring.*

*When He's the subject of His song  
Who can refuse to sing?*

*Survey the beauties of His face,  
And on His glories dwell.*

*Think of the wonder of His grace,  
And all His triumphs tell.*

*Majestic sweetness sits enthroned  
Upon His awful brow.*

*His head with radiant glories crowned  
His lips with grace overflow.*

*No mortal can with Him compare  
Among the sons of men.*

*Fairer He is than all the fair  
That fill the Heavenly train.*

*To Him I owe my life and breath  
And all the joys I have.*

*He makes me triumph over death  
And saves me from the grave.*

*To Heaven the place of His abode  
He brings my weary feet.*

*Shows me the glories of my God  
And makes my joy complete.*

**Closing Hymn**.....*We Come, O Christ, to You (#181)*



1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and  
2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som  
3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in  
4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to



man, by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be -  
paid; in you we face our Judge and Ma - ker un - a -  
you, the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal  
live the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er



gan: in you a - lone we live and move, and  
fraid. Be - fore the throne ab - solved we stand, your  
TRUE! O great I AM! In you we rest, sure  
give: O ris - en Lord! We live in you: in



have our be - ing in your love.  
love has met your law's de - mand.  
an - swer to our ev - ery quest.  
us each day your life re - new.

**Benediction**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Next Week's Sermon Passage

Bradford Green will be leading our service and preaching next week.

### Financials

Total giving for 2024: \$807,747

### Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: March 2** after worship  
**Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator:** Jessica Bell  
(jessicabell@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 (officgpcfw@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. The search committee thanks you for your inquiries! We have been receiving resumes over the winter months and are planning to evaluate them this month. We will continue to update you as we have new information to share.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00pm** at the church. Contact Jordan Sims for more information [jorsim613@gmail.com](mailto: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 Wednesday, February 19<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](mailto: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)

- **Spring Brunch:** please save the date for a spring brunch for the ladies of Grace on **Saturday, April 26** from 10 am to 12 pm in Westminster Hall. HS girls are also welcomed to attend. More details to come!
- **Ladies' Winter/Spring Bible Study:** Our new study has **begun**. They meet again **this Tuesday morning, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**. The book is *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 today in the foyer. Please reach out to Melissa Brown (817-899-0369) if you have any questions.

**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 May, 2025.



**SMoG will meet this Wednesday night, February 12th.**

- **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:  
2/12: Calvinism as a Life-system  
2/26: Calvinism and Religion  
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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