

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

February 16, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“I am slow of speech: This vividly expresses the frustration of the man who knows that he cannot speak. We are never told that Moses’ self-estimate was incorrect. He is blamed for making excuses, not necessarily because the reasons given are untrue, but because they indicate lack of faith.”

R.A. Cole

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 65*

Minister: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

People: **O you who hear prayer, to you all people will come.**

Minister: When we were overwhelmed by our sins, you forgave our transgressions.

People: **Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.**

Hymn of Adoration.....Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (#38)



1.Im - mor-tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
2.Un - rest-ing, un - hast-ing and si - lent as light, nor
3.Great Fa-ther of glo-ry, pure Fa-ther of light, thine



light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes; most
want-ing, nor wast-ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all



bles - ed, most glo-rious, the An-cient of Days, al -
jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis



might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
clouds which are foun-tains of good-ness and love.
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter C. Smith based this text on 1 Timothy 1: 17: "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever." The six-stanza text was published in Smith's *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life* (1867) and, after having been revised by Smith, in W. Garrett Horder's *Congregational Hymns* (1884). Further revisions were made by the *Psalter Hymnal* Revision Committee.

"Immortal, Invisible" is a strong text of praise to God, who created and sustains the lives of all his creatures. The text focuses on the Creator of the universe, the invisible God whose visible works in nature testify to his glory and majesty. "Light" is the prevailing image in stanzas 1, 2, and 4 (see also Ps. 104:2); our inability to see God is not because of insufficient light but because the "splendor of light hides [God] from view."

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....My Worth is Not in What I Own



1. My worth is not in what I own; not
 2. My worth is not in skill or name; in
 3. As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or
 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess; my



in the strength of flesh and bone. But
 win or lose, in pride or shame. But
 youth and beau - ty hur - ry by. But
 hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But
 worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. My



in the cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. 2.My
 in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.
 life e - ter - nal calls to us at the cross. 4.I
 I will boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.
 val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid at the cross.

CHORUS



I re-joyce in my Re-deem-er. Great-est trea-sure, well-spring of my soul.



I will trust in Him, no oth-er; my soul is sat-is-fied in him a - lone.

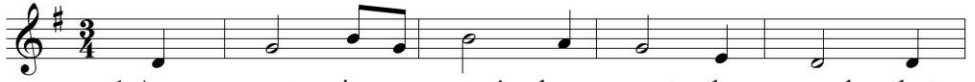
—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Hymn of Response.....*Amazing Grace* (#460)



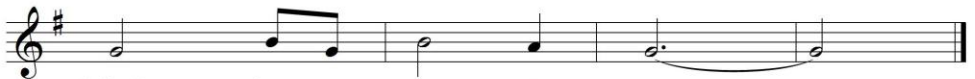
1. A - ma - zing grace! -- how sweet the sound -- that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail and
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I
grace my fears re - lieved; how
have al - read - y come; 'tis
Word my hope se - cures; he
mor - tal life shall cease, I
shin - ing as the sun, we've



once was lost, but now am found, was
pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the
grace has brought me safe thus far, and
will my shield and por - tion be, as
shall pos - sess with - in the veil a
no less days to sing God's praise than



blind, but now I see.
hour I first be - lieved!
grace will lead me home.
long as life en - dures.
life of joy and peace.
when we've first be - gun.

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

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 3*
Ruling Elder, Doug Flowers

Elder: How do you come to know your misery?

People: **Out of the Law of God.**

The First Reading of God's Word.....John 4:16-26
p 889

The Second Reading of God's Word.....Exodus 4:1-17
p 47

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 and Preparation.....*Jesus I Come*

Out of my bon - dage, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy free - dom,
glad - ness, and light, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sick - ness in - to Thy health, out of my
want - ing and in - to Thy wealth, out of my sin and
in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

Hearing from God's Word.....Exodus 4:1-17
Rev. Bradford Green *Moses and the Soul of Shame*
RUF Minister—TCU

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“‘If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come!’ (2 Corinthians 5:17). When you became a Christian, something amazing happens: you are a new creation. The power of God that made the sun and stars is focused down like a laser into your heart. God steps into the world, as it were, and creates all over again. We’re transformed, reborn, made new. ‘For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ’ (2 Corinthians 4:6). At creation God spoke a word into the darkness, and there was light. He spoke a word into the chaos, and there was beauty. And now again God speaks a word through the gospel. He speaks into the darkness of our hearts, and there is light. He speaks into the chaos of our lives, and there is beauty.”

Tim Chester

“God saw Abraham’s sacrifice and said, ‘Now I know that you love me, because you did not withhold your only son from me’ [Gen. 22:12]. But how much more can we look at his sacrifice on the Cross, and say to God, ‘Now, we know that you love us. For you did not withhold your son, your only son, whom you love, from us.’ When the magnitude of what he did dawn on us, it makes it possible finally to rest our hearts in him rather than in anything else.”

Timothy Keller

“There may be some foul spot in our lives; the kind of thing that the world never forgives, the kind of thing, at any rate, for which we who know all can never forgive ourselves. But what care we whether the world forgives, or even whether we can forgive ourselves, if God forgives, if God has received us by the death of His Son? If we could appeal to God’s approval as ours by right, how bravely we should boast—boast in the presence of a world of enemies! If God knows that we are right, what care we for the blame of men? Such boasting, indeed, can never be ours. But we can boast in what God has done. Little care we whether our sin be thought unpardonable or no, little interested are we in the exact calculation of our guilt. Heap it up mountain high, yet God has removed it all.

‘I know not,’ the Christian says, ‘what my guilt may be; one thing I know: Christ loved me and gave Himself for me.’

J. Gresham Machen

“The one antithesis of all the ages is that between the rival formulae: Do this and Live, and, Live and do this; Do and be saved, and Be saved and do. And the one thing that determines whether we trust in God for salvation or would fain save ourselves is, how such formulae appeal to us.”

B. B. Warfield

Sin is the dare of God's justice, the rape of His mercy, the jeer of His patience, the slight of His power, and the contempt of His love.

John Bunyan

Communion Hymns

He Leadeth Me (#600) – Joseph Gilmore/William Bradbury

1. He Leadeth me! O blessed thought,
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught;
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*Chorus: He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.*

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest
gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers
bloom, By waters calm, o'er troubled
sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Chorus

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Chorus

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Chorus

Living Waters –Kristyn Getty/Ed Cash

1. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters.

2. Christ is calling. Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone
Rise up in these living waters.

*Chorus: There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure.*

*Do not fear anymore.
Praise the Lord of living waters.*

3. Spirit moving, mercy washing,
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shore line.
Life is in these living waters.

Chorus

4. Are you thirsty? Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Chorus

Cling to the Crucified –Horatius Bonar/Kevin Twit

1. Cling to the Mighty One,
Cling in thy grief,
Cling to the Holy One, He gives relief.
Cling to the Gracious One, Cling in thy pain
Cling to the Faithful One, He will sustain.

*Chorus: Cling to the crucified,
Jesus the Lamb who died.
Cling to the crucified, Jesus the King.*

2. Cling to the Living One, Cling in thy woe
Cling to the Loving One, Through all below

Cling to the Pardoning One,
He speaketh peace.
Cling to the Healing One,
Anguish will cease. *Chorus*

3. Cling to the Bleeding One,
Cling to His side,
Cling to the Rising One, In Him abide.
Cling to the Coming One, Hope shall arise.
Cling to the Reigning One,
Joy lights thine eyes. *Chorus*

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

Offertory.....*Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*

*Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him who our battle hath won
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.*

*Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.*

Closing Hymn.....*For All the Saints (#358)*



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their
3. O may thy sol - diers faith - ful, true, and
4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the
5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious
6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest



rest, who thee by faith be - fore the world con -
might; thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought
bold, fight as the saints who no - bly fought of
west; soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their
day; the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar -
coast, through gates of pearl streams in the count - less



fessed, thy name, O Je - sus be for - ev - er blest.
fight; thou, in the dark - ness dread their one true light.
old, and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
rest; sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
ray; the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
host, sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia!

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 14:17-27

Financials

Total giving for 2024: \$807,747

Upcoming Events

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 for March. Thank you for your help with this ministry!

- **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 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, Luke Wilkerson, Nora Fickle*, Mia Lutz*, Lilly Thacker*

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

- Our **search committee** has been busy at work considering the resumes and cover letters of those who have shown interest in serving GCPC. Please continue pray for them as they serve our church: Phil Bassett, Christine Bassett, Dan Bent, Rhett Bentson, Bethany Brooks, Jerry Hames, Sean Henry, Bob James, Ryan Lutz and Kathy Sheffield. Members of the committee are happy to answer any questions you may have and they will update us as they 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 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 19th 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 @loggrr 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 11th 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 19th.

- **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
3/12: Calvinism and Politics
3/26: Calvinism and Science
4/9: Calvinism and Art
4/23: Calvinism and the Future

NOTES

Text @gcpcr to the number 81010 for periodic reminders of all things, generally, GCPC related.