GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD February 23, 2025 10:30am

Reflection:

"This event offers a glimpse into Jesus' emotional life. Their faithlessness exasperates him: "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you?" (Matt. 17:17), expressing the weary vexation that is clear elsewhere in Matthew (12:39; 16:4) but especially sharp in Mark (3:5; 8:12, 17–21). Jesus has lived with the faithless for thirty years, and his disciples' apparent degeneration distresses him. 'How long am I to be with you?' also suggests that Jesus had an existence prior to his incarnation and desires to return to it."

Prelude	
Welcome	
Silent Prepara	WORSHIP IN PRAISE
Doxology	
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
	Praise Him all creatures here below,

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.

Minister: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.





-WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON-

Call to Confession



0 all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in sing: me. shall Yet not I, but through Christ in o - ver-come! me. I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ sing: in me. Yet not I. but through Christ lips shall re - peat: in me.

-WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE-

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism Lydia Claire Kobel

Covenant Daughter of Beau and Stefani Kobel

Ruling Elder, Brian Nelson

Baptism Vows: BCO* 56-5

- 1. Do you acknowledge Lydia'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 her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate Lydia to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her 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 Beau and Stefani in the Christian nurture of Lydia, do you?

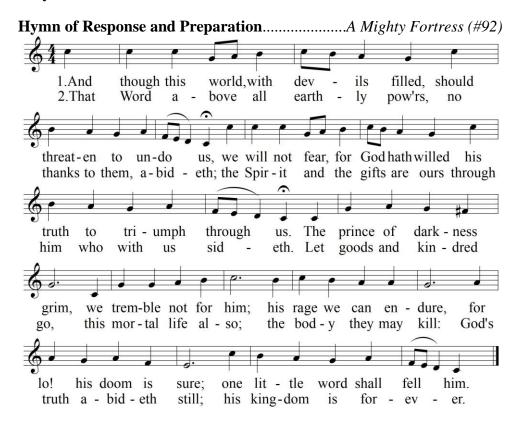
*The Book of Church Order

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.

"It is imperative that we realize our complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit. We must not rely upon our own strength of resolution or purpose. It is when we are weak that we are strong. It is by grace that we are being saved (Rom. 5:10) as surely as by grace that we have been saved (Eph. 2:8-9). If we are not keenly sensitive to our own helplessness, then we can make the use of the means of sanctification the minister of self-righteousness and pride and thus defeat the purpose of sanctification. We must not rely on the means of sanctification but upon the God of all grace."

John Murray

Communion Hymns

Jesus Paid It All (#308) – Elvina Hall/John Grape

1. I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me your all in all."

Refrain:

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find Your power and yours alone,

Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

- 3. For nothing good have I Whereby your grace to claim I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calvary's Lamb. *Refrain*
- 4. And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

Beautiful Savior – Stuart Townend

1. All my days I will sing this song of gladness, Give my praise to the Fountain of delights; For in my helplessness You heard my cry, And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

Refrain:

Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, Clothed in majesty, Lord of history, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life. Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness, You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion And You reign, You reign over all.

- 2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails; Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, Of death defeated and life without end. *Refrain*
- 3. I long to be where the praise is neverending, Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades; Where countless worshippers will share one song, And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb. *Refrain*

Greater Than Our Hearts – Charles Wesley/Matthew Smith

Chorus:

You who are greater than our hearts, Come make your faithful mercies known, The mind of Christ to us impart. Your constant mind in us be shown.

- 1. O let us by your cross abide, You, only you, resolved to know. The Lamb for sinners crucified, A world to save from endless woe. *Refrain*
- 2. Take us into your people's rest, And we from our own works shall cease. With your meek Spirit arm our breast, And keep our minds in perfect peace. Chorus
- 3. Jesus, for this we calmly wait, O let our eyes behold you near. Hurry to make our heaven complete, Appear, our glorious God, appear. Chorus

-WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE-

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

Wondrous King, all glorious, Sovereign Lord victorious,

O. receive our praise with favor! From thee welled God's kindness

Though we in our blindness

Strayed from thee, our blessed Saviour.

Strengthen thou,

Help us now;

Let our tongues be singing,

Thee our praises bringing.

Offertory......Wondrous King, All Glorious

Hallelujahs render

To the Lord most tender.

Ye who know and love the Saviour.

Hallelujahs sing ye,

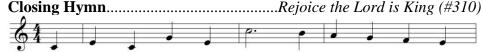
Ye redeemed, O, bring ye

Hearts that yield him glad behavior.

Blest are ye

Endlessly;

Sinless there for ever, Ye shall laud him ever.



1.Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King 2.Je - sus the Say - ior reigns. the God of truth and

3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and 4.He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub -

5.Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall



dore! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. had purged our stains, he took his seat when he love: of death and hell heav'n; the keys are to Je - sus our giv'n. com-mand, and fall be - neath his mit. and bow his feet to to their and take his ser - vants up e - ter - nal home. come.

REFRAIN



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say re - joice!

Benediction

-----ANNOUNCEMENTS-----

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Isaiah 66:16-24—Jamie Burkemper, our missionary in Spain, will be preaching for us.

Financials

Total giving for 2024: \$807,747

Upcoming Events

Missions of Grace (MoG)

GCPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE NEXT WEEKEND!

Program

Saturday March 1st

- 10am Brunches in homes with missionaries (sign-up closed)
- **6:30pm** Panel discussion at the church with our missionary guests, followed by dessert fellowship

Sunday March 2nd

- 9:30am Sunday School classes led by missionaries
- 10:30am Worship service with Jamie Burkemper preaching
- 12 noon Monthly potluck lunch with missionary guests

Monthly Fellowship Lunch Next Sunday

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 2nd. 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: Ft. Worth Mission Trip (April 17-19)

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

• Pastoral Search Committee Update: Thank you for your prayers over our search for the man God has planned to serve alongside Kyle at GCPC! Over the last few months we have received applications for the position and are now arranging to interview candidates. Please continue to pray that the Lord would give us wisdom and unity. Please also pray for the candidates as they seek to discern God's calling for their lives and ministry. The members of the committee are: Phil and Christine Bassett, Dan Bent, Rhett Bentson, Bethany Brooks, Jerry Hames, Sean Henry, Bob James, Ryan Lutz and Kathy Sheffield. Any of them will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

<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 21st, 2025 at 6:00pm at the

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

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 Wednesday, March 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)

- **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 25th 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.

<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 May, 2025.



SMoG will meet this Wednesday night, February 26th.

• 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

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