

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.”

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 98*

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.**

Hymn of Adoration.....All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (#297)



1.All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
 2.Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who
 3.Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye
 4.Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the
 5.Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on
 6.O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we



an - gels pros - trate fall; let an - gels pros - trate
 from his al - tar call, who from his al - tar
 ran - somed of the fall, ye ran - somed of the
 worm - wood and the gall, the worm - wood and the
 this ter - res - trial ball, on this ter - res - trial
 at his feet may fall, we at his feet may



fall; bringforth the roy - al di - a - dem,
 call; ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod,
 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
 gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet,
 ball, to him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe,
 fall, We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song,



and crown _____ him,



crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....Approach My Soul, the Mercy Seat



1. Ap - proach my soul, the mer - cy seat where
2. Thy prom - ise is my on - ly plea; with
3. Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, by
4. Be thou my shield and hid - ing place, that,
5. O won - drous love! to bleed and die, to



Je - sus an - swers Prayer. There hum - bly fall be -
this I ven - ture nigh: Thou call - est bur - dened
Sa - tan sore - ly pressed, by war with - out and
shel - tered near thy side, I may my fierce ac -
bear the cross and shame, that guilt - y sin - ners,



fore his feet for none can per - ish there.
souls to thee, and such, O Lord am I.
fear with - in, I come to thee for rest.
cus - er face, and tell him thou has died.
such as I, might plead thy gra - cious name!

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

Call to Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....Proverbs 18

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Hymn of Response.....*Yet Not I But Christ in Me*



1. What gift of love is Je - sus, my Re-deem-er. There is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for-sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for-giv - en, the fu-ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol-low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav-en now to give. He is my joy, my righ-teous-ness and side the Sav-ior, he will stay. I la-bor on in weak-ness and re-sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je-sus bled and suf-fered for my said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re-



free-dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I joic - ing, for in my need, his pow - er is dis-played. To this I par - don, and he was raised to o - ver-throw the grave. To this I new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold:	my hope is on - ly	Je - sus.	For my
hold:	my Shep-herd will de - fend	me.	Through the
hold:	my sin has been de - feat - ed.		Je - sus
hold:	my hope is on - ly	Je - sus.	All the



life is whol-ly bound to his.	Oh how strange and di - vine, I can
deep-est val-ley he will lead.	Oh the night has been won, and I
now, and ev - er, is my plea.	Oh the chains are re-leased, I can
glo - ry ev - er-more to him.	When the race is com-plete, still my



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

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

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 119:145-152

pp 515-516

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 17:14-27

pp 822-823

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

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.

Prayer of Consecration and Illumination

Hymn of Response and Preparation.....*A Mighty Fortress (#92)*



1. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should
2. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no



threat-en to un-do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
thanks to them, a-bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred



grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for
go, this mor-tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's



lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still; his king-dom is for - ev - er.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 17:14-27 Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Generosity*

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 never-
ending, 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.)

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

*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.*

*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.*

Closing Hymn.....*Rejoice the Lord is King (#310)*



1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a -
2. Je - sus the Sav - 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 - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall



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

REFRAIN



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

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
(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: 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 (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, Seth Wilkerson, Nora Fickle*, Mia Lutz*, Lilly Thacker*

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

- **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.

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 21st, 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 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.

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 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.

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 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

NOTES

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