

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 23, 2025

10:30am

### **Reflection:**

“To the central place now comes Jesus Christ, God the Son, to take and to open the sealed scroll. He bears the emblems of his lion-like greatness, the seven horns and eyes which show him to be ‘the power of God and the wisdom of God’ (1 Cor. 1:24), and the marks of his lamblike humiliation, ‘Those wounds yet visible above, In beauty glorified’, which make him equally worthy of praise. Around him are not only the circles of the elders and living creatures, but an outer circle of multitudes of angels; and beyond them, the entire creation is offering its praise to God.” *Michael Wilcock*

### **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 118*

**Minister:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good and his love endures forever.

**People:** **You are our God, and we will give you thanks: you are our God, and we will exalt you.**

**Hymn of Adoration.....***When Morning Gilds the Skies (#167)*



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries: May  
2. When sleep her balm de - nies, my si - lent spir - it sighs: May  
-- 3. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find: May  
4. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this: May  
5. Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re - sound: May  
6. Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine: May



Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer to  
Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo - lest, with  
-- Je - sus Christ be praised. Or fades my earth - ly bliss? My  
Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear, when  
Je - sus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky, from  
Je - sus Christ be praised. Be this th'e - ter - nal song, through



Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
-- com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
depth to height, re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
all the a - ges on: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

Several of the Psalms begin and end with fervent declarations of praise, such as this: “Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! ... Praise the Lord!” (Psalm 113:1, 9b ESV). Likewise, from the opening lines of early morning praise to the final couplet about eternal praise before the throne of God in heaven, this hymn has the constant refrain, “May Jesus Christ be praised.” This hymn is often classified as a morning hymn simply because of the opening line. However, a number of places throughout the entirety of the text name other times of day; for example, “When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs.” It is more properly a hymn of praise for various times of day and many situations of life – joy and sorrow, worship and work, and more.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Hymn of Preparation.....***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (#254)*



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior  
 2. Was it for crimes that I had  
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness  
 4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing  
 5. But drops of grief can ne'er re -



bleed, and did my Sov - erein die! Would  
 done he groaned up - on the tree! A -  
 hide, and shut his glo - ries in, when  
 face while his dear cross ap - pears; dis -  
 pay the debt of love I owe; here,



he de - vote that sa - cred head for  
 maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And  
 Christ, the might - y Ma - ker, died for  
 solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and  
 Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis



such a worm as I!  
 love be - yond de - gree!  
 man the crea - ture's sin.  
 melt mine eyes in tears.  
 all that I can do.

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

**Call to Confession.....***Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....***Psalm 51*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Hymn of Response.....***My Jesus, I Love Thee (#648)*



1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art  
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed  
3. I'll love thee in life; I will love thee in  
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de -



mine; for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re -  
me, and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's  
death; and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me  
light, I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so



sign. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art  
tree. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy  
breath; and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my  
bright; I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my



thou; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus 'tis now.  
brow; if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus 'tis now.  
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**WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE**

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**Confession of Faith.....***Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 8&9*  
Ruling Elder Dan Bent

**Elder:** Are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined toward all evil?

**People:** **Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.**

**Elder:** Doesn't God do us an injustice by requiring in his law what we are unable to do?

**People:** **No, God created human beings with the ability to keep the law. They, however, provoked by the devil, in willful disobedience, robbed themselves and all their descendants of these gifts.**

**The First Reading of God's Word**.....Psalm 145  
pp 524-525

**The Second Reading of God's Word**.....Revelation 5:6-14  
p 1031

Reader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Amen!**

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.

### **Prayer of Consecration and Illumination**

**Hymn of Response and Preparation**.....*Psalm 96*

*Tune: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*



The Lord is great. How great his praise! A - bove all gods he's feared.



For hea-then gods are i - dols vain; the Lord the hea-vens made.



Be-fore him hon-or ma-jes-ty, and strength and splen - dor be!

**Hearing from God's Word**.....Revelation 5:6-14

Rev. Dave Boxerman Pastor Emeritus Lakeside Presbyterian Church

*A God-Centered Theology Produces a God-Centered Doxology*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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

“We are not called to build the kingdom of glory, but to carry a cross in the kingdom of grace. To forget the cause of missions is to forget the purpose of Christ in a world still spared from destruction. The purpose of your life must be the purpose of Christ's death.”  
*Edmund P. Clowney*

# Communion Hymns

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## **All Must Be Well** – *Mary Bowler Peters/Matthew Smith*

1. Through the love of God our Savior,  
All will be well. Free and changeless is  
His favor, All is well. Precious is the  
blood that healed us. Perfect is the grace  
that sealed us. Strong the hand stretched  
forth to shield us, All must be well.

Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,  
All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation,  
All will be well. Ours is such a full  
salvation, All is well. Happy still in God  
confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding,

3. We expect a bright tomorrow;  
All will be well. Faith can sing through  
days of sorrow, All is well.  
On our Father's love relying,  
Jesus every need supplying,  
Yes in living or in dying,  
All must be well.

## **Jesus I Am Resting, Resting** – *Jean S. Pigott/David Hampton*

1. Jesus I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by Thy transforming power  
Thou hast made me whole.

Know Thy certainty of promise,  
And have made it mine. *Refrain*

*Refrain: Jesus I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy Loving Heart.*

3. Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,  
I behold thee as thou art,  
And thy love, so pure, so changeless,  
Satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longing,  
Meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings;  
Thine is love indeed! *Refrain*

2. Oh how great Thy loving kindness,  
Vaster, broader than the sea!  
O, how marvelous Thy goodness  
Lavished all on me!  
Yes I rest in Thee, beloved  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for Thee;  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with Thy grace. *Refrain*

## **I Stand Amazed** – *Charles Gabriel*

1. I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner condemned, unclean.

2. He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered, and died alone. *Refrain*

*Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me!*

3. When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me. *Refrain*

## WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

### Offertory.....*Glory Be to God the Father*

*Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit:  
great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!*

*Glory to the King of angels,  
glory to the Church's King,  
glory to the King of nations;  
heav'n and earth your praises bring!  
Glory, glory, to the King of glory sing!*

*Glory be to him who loved us,  
washed us from each spot and stain;  
glory be to him who bought us,  
made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was  
slain!*

*Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory to the King of kings!*

### Closing Hymn.....*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim (#165)*



1. Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2. God ru - leth on high, al - might - y to save,  
3. Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,



and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name;  
and still he is nigh his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.  
all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,



the name, all vic - to - rious, of Je - sus ex - tol;  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,



his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.  
fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

### Benediction

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 18:15-20

### Financials

Total giving for 2024: \$807,747

### Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: April 6 after worship**  
Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Chyrese Thacker  
(chyrese@thacker.com)  
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 April. Thank you for your help with this ministry!  
Please bring the following:  
ALL: main dish  
By Last Name:  
A-J: dessert  
K-O: salad  
P-Z: side  
**Missions Spotlight: Foists**
- **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, Lynn DeMoss, Gabriel and Kathryn Ingram, Kelly Proffit, Kevin and Bonnie Saunders, Sam and Dorinda Wetselaar (Jeffery and Benjamin), Andrew White, Luke Wilkerson, Seth Wilkerson, Christine Bentson\*, Fynn Bentson\*, 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 on Friday, **May 25th, 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 **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays each month**. They will meet **again Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</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.
- **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)

- **Ladies of grace Spring Brunch:** Join us for a spring brunch on **Saturday, April 26** from 10 am to 12 pm in Westminster Hall. High School girls are also welcome to attend. RSVP by **Sunday, April 20** in the church foyer or on Facebook!

- **Ladies' Winter/Spring Bible Study:** Our new study has **begun**. They meet again **this Tuesday morning, March 25<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.
- Ladies, *would you consider joining some of us* for a special time together at the **PCA Women's "Made for More Conference" in Dallas at Park Cities Pres, April 4-5?** The conference is also geared for young daughters grades 3-12. For more information on the Conference and registration, contact Karen Taylor karen\_taylor@sil.org

### Missions of Grace (MoG)

- **Missions of Grace Spotlight for March 2025**

### **Opportunities for Mission Trips with GCPC**

#### **1. Local: Fort Worth refugees (April 17-19)**

We will be connecting with refugee families in our city, playing games with the children, planting flowers to brighten their lives, engaging in Gospel conversations and praying with them. Contact Ann Geer (jageer2@yahoo.com; 940.393.3524) if interested. **There is an interest meeting for the Fort Worth trip on this morning, Sunday, March 23 directly after worship in Westminster Hall.**

#### **2. Reynosa, Mexico (July 5-11)**

We will be spending a week with Isaiah 55 to do practical projects for them and engage with the kids. Contact John Rohde (john.rohde63@gmail; 480.398.5538) if interested. More information to come.

**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, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

- **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](mailto:Jrbrown50@yahoo.com) or (817) 965-2550. We will meet from 7-8p pm/ All are welcome!

Schedule:

3/26: Calvinism and Science

4/9: Calvinism and Art

4/23: Calvinism and the Future

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