

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 30, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“Here a professing believer refuses to repent after verifiable sin. Since Jesus has just said that humility, which leads to ready repentance, is a mark of kingdom life (Matt. 18:4), the impenitent define themselves as outsiders.”

Jay Sklar

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 5*

Minister: You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell. But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence I will bow down toward you.

People: **Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.**

ALL: **For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

Hymn of Adoration.....*Let All Things Now Living* (#125)



1.Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2.His law he en - forc-es: the stars in their cours-es, the



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-hant-ly raise, who fash-ioned and
sun in its or-bit, o - be-dient-ly shine; the hills and the



made us, pro - tect-ed and stayed us, who guides us and
moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



leads to the end of our days. His ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic-ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin-ing forth in the
love and re - joic-ing, with glad ad - o - ra-tions a song let us



night, 'til shad - ows have van-ish-ed and dark - ness is
raise, 'til all things now liv - ing a song of thanks -



ban-ish-ed, as for-ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing to God in the high-est, ho - san-na and praise!

Katherine K Davis wrote this text for the tune ASH GROVE in the 1920s. The text was first published as an anthem and descant setting in 1939. She also wrote *The Little Drummer Boy*, originally called *The Carol of the Drum*. Both this hymn and the *Little Drummer Boy* she wrote under the pseudonym "John Cowley".

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#252)



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ my God:
sor - row and love flow min - gled down:
that were a pres - ent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count but loss,
all the vain things that charm me most,
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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

Call to Confession.....*Joel 2*

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.”

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Isaiah 1*

Says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Hymn of Response.....*Glory Be to God the Father*



1. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
2. Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
3. Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
4. "Glo-ry bless-ing, praise e - ter - nal!" Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit,
spot and stain! Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
church - 's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions!
an - gels sings; "Hon-or, rich-es, pow'r, do - min - ion!"



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo-ry, glo-ry,
Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo-ry, glo-ry,
Heav'n and earth, your prai - ses bring; Glo-ry, glo-ry,
Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings; Glo-ry, glo-ry,



glo - ry, glo - ry, While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
glo - ry, glo - ry, To the Lamb that once was slain!
glo - ry, glo - ry, To the King of glo - ry bring!
glo - ry, glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of Kings!

Horatius Bonar, the writer of this hymn, was born at Edinburgh, in 1808. His education was obtained at the High School, and the University of his native city. He was ordained to the ministry, in 1837, and since then has been pastor at Kelso. In 1843, he joined the Free Church of Scotland. His reputation as a religious writer was first gained on the publication of the "Kelso Tracts," of which he was the author. He has also written many other prose works, some of which have had a very large circulation. Nor is he less favorably known as a religious poet and hymn-writer.

John Goss wrote the tune, known as LAUDA ANIMA (the tune of Praise My Soul the King of Heaven). As a boy Goss was a chorister at the Chapel Royal and later sang in the opera chorus of the Covent Garden Theater. He was a professor of music at the Royal Academy of Music (1827-1874) and organist of St. Paul Cathedral, London (1838-1872); in both positions he exerted significant influence on the reform of British cathedral music.

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

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 10&11*
Ruling Elder Andrew Caudal

Elder: Does God permit such disobedience and rebellion to go unpunished?

People: Certainly not. God is terribly angry with the sin we are born with as well as the sins we personally commit. As a just judge, God will punish them both now and in eternity, having declared: “Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.”

Elder: But isn't God also merciful?

People: God is certainly merciful, but also just. God's justice demands that sin, committed against his supreme majesty, be punished with the supreme penalty— eternal punishment of body and soul.

The First Reading of God's Word.....Deuteronomy 19:15-21
p 162

The Second Reading of God's Word.....Matthew 18:15-20
p 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.....*Take My Life and Let it Be*



1. Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed Lord, to
2. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no lon - ger



thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy



cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.

Hearing from God's Word.....*Matthew 18:15-20*

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

Peace and Purity Pursued

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“When I come to the Lord after I’ve blown it, I’ve only one argument to make. It’s not the argument of the difficulty of the environment that I am in. It’s not the argument of the difficult people that I’m near. It’s not the argument of good intentions that were thwarted in some way.

I come to the Lord with only one appeal; his mercy. I’ve no other defense. I’ve no other standing. I’ve no other hope. I can’t escape the reality of my biggest problem; me! So I appeal to the one thing in my life that’s sure and will never fail. I appeal to the one thing that guaranteed not only my acceptance with God, but the hope of new beginnings and fresh starts. I appeal on the basis of the greatest gift I ever have or ever will be given.

I leave the courtroom of my own defense, I come out of hiding and I admit who I am. But I’m not afraid, because I’ve been personally and eternally blessed. Because of what Jesus has done, God looks on me with mercy. It’s my only appeal, it’s the source of my hope, it’s my life. Mercy, mercy me!”

Paul David Tripp

“Your Redeemer traverses the rugged path of suffering, along which He went with heaving heart and heavy footsteps, that He might pave a royal road of mercy for His enemies.”

Charles Spurgeon

Communion Hymns

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place – E.E. Hewitt/Greg Thompson

1. My faith has found a resting place,
From guilt my soul is free.
I trust the Ever-living One,
His wounds shall plead for me.

*Chorus: I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.*

2. My great physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;

For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave. *Chorus*

3. My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation through His blood. *Chorus*

4. Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out. *Chorus*

Behold the Lamb – Stuart Townend/Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins
away, slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in
faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that
brings us life, paid the price to make us
one. So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of
sin, shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter
in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

4. And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

Lift High the Cross (#263) –George W. Kitchin/Sydney H. Nicholson

*Chorus: Lift high the cross,
The love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.*

1. Come, brethren, follow where our Savior
trod, our King victorious,
Christ the Son of God.
Chorus

2. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.

Chorus

3. Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair
may cease beneath the shadow of its healing
peace.
Chorus

4. For thy blest Cross which doth for us
atone creation's praises rise before thy
throne.
Chorus

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

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

Offertory.....*Not What My Hands Have Done*

*Not what these hands have done
can save this guilty soul;
not what this toiling flesh has borne
can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
can give me peace with God;
not all my prayers and sighs and tears
can bear my awful load.*

*Thy grace alone, O God,
to me can pardon speak;
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,
can this sore bondage break.
I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
and with unfalt'ring lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.*

Closing Hymn.....*Make Me a Captive, Lord*



1. Make me a cap - tive, Lord, and then I shall be
2. My heart is weak and poor un - til it mas - ter
3. My pow'r is faint and low til I have learned to
4. My will is not my own till thou hast made it



free: force me to ren - der up my sword, and
find; it has no spring of ac - tion sure, it
serve; it wants the need - ed fire to glow, it
thine; if it would reach the mon - arch's throne, it



I shall con - qu'ror be; I sink in life's a - larms when
var - ies with the wind; it can - not free - ly move till
wants the breeze to nerve; it can - not drive the world un -
must its crown re - sign; it on - ly stands un - bent, a -



by my - self I stand; im - pri - son me with -
thou hast wrought its chain; en - slave it with thy
til it - self be driv'n; its flag can on - ly
mid the clash - ing strife, when on thy bo - som



in thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.
match - less love, and death - less it shall reign.
be un - furled when thou shalt breathe from heav'n.
it has leaned, and found in thee its life.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 18:21-35

Financials

Total giving for 2024: \$807,747

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: Next Sunday, 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 (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 **next Sunday, April 6th, 2025**. 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, Kirk and Susan Bentson, 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 have interviewed a number of potential prospective 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 23rd, 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, April 2nd, 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:** They meet for their final meeting this spring **this Tuesday morning, April 1st, 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)

- Please take this survey from **Missions of Grace** following our Missions Conference:



- **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.

2. Reynosa, Mexico

Our Reynosa Missions Trip will be from **July 5-11, 2025!** This year, our space is extremely limited, so if you are planning to go you need to contact John Rohde as soon as possible to have your slot reserved and to receive updated and needed documents for this year. Contact John Rohde today if you are planning on going at john.rohde63@gmail.com. There will be a short informational meeting on **Sunday, April 13** for first-timers, but don't wait until then to reserve your slot! Please contact John with 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, April 2nd.

- **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:

4/9: Calvinism and Art

4/23: Calvinism and the Future

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