

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 20, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“The grave could not long keep Christ; it shall not always keep Christians. It was a loathsome prison before, it is a perfumed bed now! He whose head is in heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave. Awake and sing, you that dwell in the dust, for the enmity of the grace is slain by Christ!”

Matthew Henry

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 Genesis, Isaiah and Luke*

Minister: The LORD God said to the serpent, I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

People: **The Lord is risen!**

Minister: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief.

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Hymn of Adoration.....Christ the Lord is Risen Today (#277)



- 1."Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - le - lu - ia!
- 2.Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
- 3.Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
- 4.Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!
- 5.Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!



sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Al - le - lu - ia!



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 thee we greet tri - um - phant now; Al - le - lu - ia!



sing ye heav'ns and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 hail the Res - ur - rec - tion, thou! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*What Wondrous Love Is This* (#261)



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,



what won - drous love is this, O my soul!
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;



What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,



to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my soul,
while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,



to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

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

Call to Confession.....*1 Peter 2*

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*John 5*

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

Hymn of Response.....*The Power of the Cross*



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face
 3. Now the day - light flees. Now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
 quakes as its Ma - ker bows His head.
 for through Your suff - ring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
 Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood.
 crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
 fin - ished the vict - 'ry cry.
 won through Your self - less love.



1. 2. 3. This the power of the cross; Christ be - came
 4. This the power of the cross; Son of God



sin for us. Took the blame, bore the
 slain for us. What a love, what a



wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 cost. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 14&15*
Ruling Elder Brian Nelson

Elder: Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?

People: **No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of. Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God’s eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.**

Elder: What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

People: **One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Deuteronomy 30:15-20
p 172

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 19:13-30
pp 824-825

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.....*Speak, O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho-ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
Words of pow'r that can ne - ver fail; Let their
pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 19:13-30
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *New World, New Life*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“Christ, as the first fruits, arises, and that in the name and stead of all believers; and so they rise in him and with him; for Christ did not rise as a private person, but he arose as a public head of the church; so that in his arising all believers did virtually arise.” *Edward Fisher*

Communion Hymns

All to Jesus I Surrender (#562) – Judson W. VanDeVenter/Winfield S. Weeden

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
May I ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

*I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,

Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain*

3. All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know thy power divine. *Refrain*

4. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me. *Refrain.*

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done (#275) –Latin Hymn/Giovanni Palestrina

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia!

2. The powers of death
Have done their worst;
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst:
Alleluia!

3. The three sad days are quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead;

All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell!
Alleluia!

5. Lord, by the stripes
Which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting
Thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to Thee:
Alleluia!

Blessed Assurance (#693) – Fanny Crosby/Phoebe Knapp

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture

Now burst on my sight;
Angels descending,
Bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness,
Lost in his love.
Refrain

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed*

Closing Hymn.....*We Go to All the World*



1. Fa - cing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our
 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered
 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of
 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spir - it who in -



knees. A need that, un - di - min - ished, re -
 sway; where for - ces that de - fied Thee, de -
 those who gave their life pro - claim - ing that
 spired, Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to



bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - jice to
 fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their
 Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com -
 toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de -



know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy throne the
 cry - ing for life, and love, and light, un -
 mis - sion, the same glad mess - age ours; fired
 fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth



so - lemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.
 num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
 by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.
 on Thine er - rand send us to la - bor for Thy sake.

REFRAIN



We go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No



oth - er name has pow'r to save but Je - sus Christ the Lord.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 19:13-30

Financials

1st Quarter 2025: \$203,063

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: May 4 after worship**

Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Melinda Timpf (timpf@sbcglobal.net)

Please bring the following:

ALL: main dish

By Last Name:

A-J: side

K-O: dessert

P-Z: salad

Missions Spotlight: Metanoia

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

- **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 **Sunday, October 5th, 2025.**
- **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 Wednesday, April 30th, 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 brunch on ***Saturday, April 26 from 10 am to 12 pm*** in Westminster Hall! We will enjoy delicious catered food, fellowship, music, and hear testimonies from several women in our church. All women, high school age and up, are welcome to attend, and there is no registration fee. **TODAY** is the last day to sign up in the church foyer or on Facebook!

- **Ladies' Bible Study:** We have finished *What a Royal Mess: A Study of 1 and 2 Kings*. Our next study will begin in **June**. More information will come in May.
- **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:



Opportunities for Mission Trips with GCPC

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.

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 23rd.

- 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:

4/23: Calvinism and the Future

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