

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 27, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“The soul that loves God seeks no other reward than that God whom it loves. Were the soul to demand anything else, then it would certainly love that other thing and not God.”

Bernard of Clairvaux

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 145

Minister: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

People: **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Minister: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Hymn of Adoration.....*O Worship the King (#2)*

1.O wor-ship the King all-glo-rious a-
 2.O tell of his might, O sing of his
 3.The earth with its store of won-ders un-
 -- 4.Your boun-ti-ful care what tongue can re-
 5.Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee-ble as
 6.O mea-sure-less Might! In-eff-a-ble

bove, O grate-ful-ly sing his pow'r and his
 grace, whose robe is the light, whose can-o-py
 told, Al-might-y, your pow'r has found-ed of
 -- cite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the
 frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to
 Love! While an-gels de-light to hymn you a-

love; our shield and De-fen-der, the An-cient of
 space. His char-iots of wrath the deep thun-der-clouds
 old; has 'stab-lished it fast by a change-less de-
 -- light; it streams from the hills; it de-scends to the
 fail; your mer-cies how ten-der, how firm to the
 bove, the hum-bler cre-a-tion, though fee-ble their

Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird-ed with praise.
 form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 cree, and round it has cast, like a man-tle, the sea.
 -- plain; and sweet-ly dis-tills in the dew and the rain.
 end, our Ma-ker, De-fen-der, Re-deem-er, and Friend!
 lays, with true a-dor-a-tion shall lisp to your praise.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” These may be some of the best-known words in the Bible, but in 1835, Robert Grant wrote a text that helps us see the creation story in a new light. His meditation on the creation theme of Psalm 104 consists of six verses that parallel the six days of creation. But rather than simply paraphrase the psalm or the first two books of the Bible, Grant focuses on how creation is a testimony to God’s “measureless might.” And Grant’s beautiful text doesn’t stop at Genesis Two. Rather, in the fourth and fifth verse we celebrate God’s saving grace to his creation.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer (#713)



1.Great King of na - tions, hear our prayer, while
2.The guilt is ours, but grace is yours, O
3.Our fa - thers' sins were man - i - fold, and
4.When dan - gers, like a storm - y sea be -
5.With pi - tying eye be - hold our need, and



at your feet we fall, and hum - bly, with u -
turn us not a - way; but hear us from your
ours no less we own, yet won - drous - ly from
set our coun - try round, to you we looked, to
thus we lift our prayer; cor - rect us with your



ni - ted cry, to you for mer - cy call.
loft - y throne, and help us when we pray.
age to age your good - ness has been shown.
you we cried, and help in you we found.
judg - ments, Lord, then let your mer - cy spare.

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

Call to Confession.....Hebrews 8

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you
put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Words of Comfort and Promise.....Hebrews 8

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son
but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us
all things?

Hymn of Response.....*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, whose
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
 5. Thou spreast a ta - ble in my sight; thine
 6. And so through all the length of days thy



good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am
 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant pas - tures
 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der gent - ly
 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my com - fort
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and O what trans - port of de -
 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I sing your



his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought
 still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth.
 praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

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

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 16&17*

Deacon and Ruling Elder Candidate Darren Pettitt

Leader: Why must the mediator be a true and righteous human?

People: **God's justice demands that human nature, which has sinned, must pay for sin; but a sinful human could never pay for others.**

Leader: Why must the mediator also be true God?

People: **So that the mediator, by the power of his divinity, might bear the weight of God's wrath in his humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.**

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 145:1-21
pp 524-525

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 20:1-16
p 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.....*Come, Thou Almighty King*

2. Come, thou In-car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
Word suc-cess; Spir-it of ho - li-ness, on us de - scend.

Hearing from God’s Word.....Matthew 19:13-30
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Does the King Owe You?*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.
1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Communion Hymns

My Faith Looks up to Thee (#528) – *William Ray Palmer/Lowell Mason*

1. My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight – *Anne Steele/Kevin Twit*

1. Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore,
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more.

2. Thy glory o'er creation shines,
But in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

3. 'Tis here, where'er my comforts droop,
And sin and sorrow rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies.
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

4. But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain.
Oh, and I again complain.

5. Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of
night, And chase my fears away.
Won't you chase my fears away.

6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love,
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above.
They are only known above.

None Other Lamb (#157) – *Christina Rossetti/William Jeater*

1. None other Lamb, None other Name,
None other hope in Heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and
shame, None beside Thee!

2. My faith burns low,
My hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me

By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.

3. Lord, Thou art Life,
Though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor Heav'n have I, nor place to lay my
head, Nor home but Thee.

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*The King in All His Beauty*

O lift your eyes to heaven, see

The King in all His beauty

The Holy One eternal

Behold the Lord of majesty

Now see the Savior lifted up

Exalted in His temple

The Lamb who reigns in splendor

As symphonies of angels praise

The hope of every tribe and tongue

Now strain to sound His glory

His kingdom is forever!

Come worship, fall before His grace

Bring praise and honor to His courts

The King in all His beauty

Bring wisdom, power, blessing

For endless ages we'll adore

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy

The King in all His beauty

Closing Hymn.....*Worship Christ the Risen King*



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has con- quered

2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp- ty now, its

3. Hear the earth pro- test and trem- ble, see the stone re-

4. Doubt may lift its head to mur- mur, scoff- ers mock and

5. We ac- claim your life, O Je- sus, now we sing your



death and hell. Sing as all the earth re- joic- es;

mouth de- clares: "Death and I could not con- tain him,

moved with pow'r; all hell's min- ions may as- sem- ble,

sin- ners jeer; but the truth pro- claims a won- der

vic- to- ry; sin or hell may seek to seize us,



res- ur- rec- tion an- them's swell. Come and wor- ship,

for the throne of life he shares." Come and wor- ship,

but can- not with- stand his hour. He has con- quered,

thought- ful hearts re- ceive with cheer. He is ris- en,

but your con- quest keeps us free. Stand in tri- umph,



come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!

come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!

he has con- quered, Christ the Lord, the ris- en King!

he is ris- en, now re- ceive the ris- en King!

stand in tri- umph, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 20:17-28

Financials

1st Quarter 2025: \$203,063

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: Next Sunday, 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.**
- **Asst Pastor Search Update:** In the Lord's providence the candidates we brought in for interviews have chosen other opportunities and so the search is continuing. Please pray that we will trust the Lord as a church while we search and wait on His perfect timing to bring us the man He's chosen for us.

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 have completed their studies of Ruth and Esther. Watch this space for their next meeting and what book of the Bible they will be studying.
- **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' 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 30th.

Greystone at Grace: Summer Book Club

This summer we will discuss J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*. Although written in the early 1900s, Machen's classic defense of Reformed Orthodoxy remains relevant today. We will meet once a month from June to August at Jared and Melissa Brown's home. More details to come. If you are interested in joining the conversation, please contact Jared Brown. You can email Jared: j.brown@greystoneinstitute.org.

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