

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 11, 2025

10:30am

Reflection:

“These blind men illustrate the life of a disciple in three ways. They call on Jesus, confident that he has power and authority to heal. They let no one deter them from seeking Jesus. And once he heals them, they immediately follow him. The passage reveals Jesus’ character too. He is motivated by mercy, yet he acts on his own authority, in his own power.” *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 104*

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!

People: **You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment.**

Minister: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live!

People: **I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.**

Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

Hymn of Adoration.....*Holy, Holy, Holy (#100)*



1.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4.Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass-y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

In 325 AD, Church leaders convened in the town of Nicaea in Bithynia to formulate a consensus of belief and practice amongst Christians. What resulted was the Nicene Creed, a document passed on through the ages as one of the pillars of church doctrine. The primary function of this creed was to establish a firm belief in the Trinity, countering the heresy of Arius, who believed that Jesus was not fully divine. It was this creed that inspired Reginald Heber to write this great hymn of praise to the Triune God. The tune, composed by John B. Dykes for Heber's text, is also titled NICAEA in recognition of Heber's text. The words evoke a sense of awe at the majesty of God, and call on all of creation – humans, saints and angels, and all living things – to praise the Godhead three-in-one.

Hymn of Preparation.....Come Ye Sinners



1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed,
2. Come ye need - y, come and wel - come;
3. Come ye wea - ry, heav - y la - den,
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,
5. Lo! The In - car - nate God as - cen - ded;



weak and woun - ded, sick and sore. Je - sus rea - dy stands
 God's free boun - ty glor - i - fy: true be - lief and true
 bruised and bro - ken by the fall. If you tar - ry till
 nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream. All the fit - ness He
 pleads the mer - it of His blood. Ven - ture on Him; ven -



to save you, full of pi - ty joined with power.
 re - pen - tance, ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
 you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
 re - quires is to feel your need of Him.
 ture who - lly, let no oth - er trust in - trude.



He is a - ble,	He is a - ble;
With - out mon - ey,	with - out mon - ey
Not the right - eous,	not the right - eous;
This He gives you,	this He gives you,
None but Je - sus,	none but Je - sus



He is will - ing;	doubt no more.
come to Je - sus	Christ and buy.
sin - ners Je - sus	came to call.
'tis the Spir - it's	ris - ing beam.
can do help - less	sin - ners good.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession.....*Proverbs 28*

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses
and forsakes his transgression will obtain mercy.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*Proverbs 28*

Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always. When the righteous triumph,
there is great glory.

Hymn of Response.....*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*



1.O	Love	that	will	not	let	me	go,	I
2.O	Light	that	fol -	low'st	all	my	way,	I
3.O	Joy	that	seek -	est	me	through	pain,	I
4.O	Cross	that	lift -	est	up	my	head,	I



rest	my	wear - y	soul	in	thee;	I	give	thee	back	the
yield	my	flick-'ring	torch	to	thee;	My	heart	re -	stores	its
can -	not	close	my	heart	to	thee;	I	trace	the	rain -
dare	not	ask	to	fly	from	thee;	I	lay	in	dust
										life's



life	I	owe,	that	in	thine	o -	cean
bor -	rowed	ray,	that	in	thy	sun -	shine's
through	the	rain,	and	feel	the	prom -	ise
glo -	ry	dead,	and	from	the	ground	there



depths	its	flow	may	rich -	er	ful -	ler	be.
blaze	its	day	may	bright -	er,	fair -	er	be.
is	not	vain,	that	morn	shall	tear -	less	be.
bloss -	oms	red	life	that	shall	end -	less	be.

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 20&21*
Ruling Elder Candidate Caleb Bell

Leader: Are all people then saved through Christ
just as they were lost through Adam?

People: **No. Only those are saved who through true faith are
grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.**

Leader: What is true faith?

People: **True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold
as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is
also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates
in me³ by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not
only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal
righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer
grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.**

The First Reading of God's Word.....Isaiah 35:1-10
pp 595-596

The Second Reading of God's Word.....Matthew 20:29-34
pp 825-826

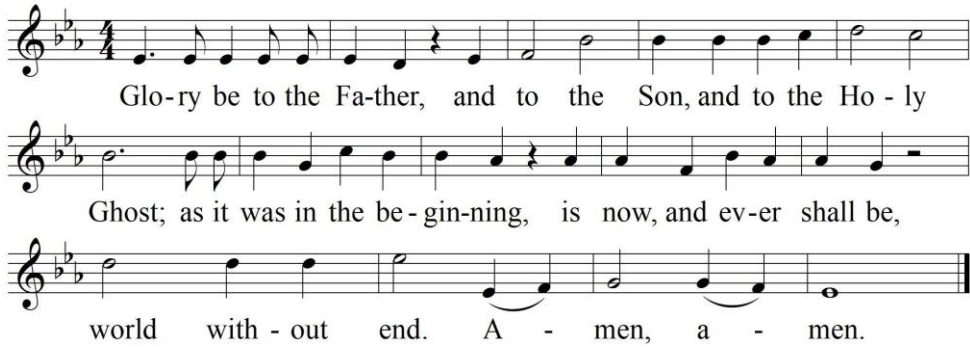
Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

<p>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.</p>
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Prayer of Consecration and Illumination

Hymn of Response and Preparation.....*Gloria Patri (#735)*



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Hearing from God’s Word.....*Matthew 20:29-34*
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Moving into Darkness*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

“The redeemed have all their objective good in God. God himself is the great good which they are brought to the possession and enjoyment of by redemption. He is the highest good, and the sum of all that good which Christ has purchased. God is the inheritance of the saints; he is the portion of their souls. God is their wealth and treasure, their food, their life, their dwelling place, their ornament and diadem, and their everlasting honor and glory. They have none in heaven but God; he is the great good which the redeemed are received to at death, and which they are to rise to at the end of the world.” *Jonathan Edwards*

“The only way to come to God is by taking off any spiritual mask. The real you has to meet the real God. He is a person.
Your heart could be, and often is, askew. That’s okay. You have to begin with what is real. Jesus didn’t come for the righteous. He came for sinners. All of us qualify. The very things we try to get rid of—our weariness, our distractedness, our messiness— are what get us in the front door! That’s how the gospel works. That’s how prayer works.
In bringing your real self to Jesus, you give him the opportunity to work on the real you, and you will slowly change. The kingdom comes when Jesus becomes king of your life. But it has to be your life. You can’t create a kingdom that doesn’t exist, where you try to be better than you really are. Jesus calls that hypocrisy—putting on a mask to cover the real you.
So instead of being paralyzed by who you are, begin with who you are. That’s how the gospel works. God begins with you.” *Paul Miller*

Communion Hymns

Jesus Cast a Look on Me – *John Berridge/Matthew Perryman Jones*

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity.
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know.

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside.
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled,

Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might.

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest,
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood.

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give.
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry.

By Thy Mercy – *James John Cummings/Greg Thompson*

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

Refrain:

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, Good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, Good Lord,
Good Lord.*

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,

In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace. *Refrain*

5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. *Refrain*

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*

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Closing Hymn.....*To God Be the Glory*



1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has



done! So loved he the world that he gave us his
blood! To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of
done, and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the



Son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin, and
God; the vil - est of - fen - der who tru - ly be - lieves, that
Son; but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be our



o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
won - der; our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O



come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and



give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Matthew 21:1-11

Financials

1st Quarter 2025: \$203,063

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: June 1 after worship**

Set-up/Clean-up Coordinator: Laurie Hoshauer
(glhoshauer@att.net)

Please bring the following:

ALL: main dish

By Last Name:

A-J: salad

K-O: side

P-Z: dessert

Missions Spotlight: Isaiah 55 Mission Trip

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!** It's that time of year again for...VBS!!

This year's theme is True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World through an Alaskan Adventure!! **June 23-27: Monday-Friday, 9:00-12:00** Sign ups are now open:



As always, if you have ANY questions, please reach out to Lezli Richie (972-965-0472, lezliarchie@gmail.com). Looking forward to another AMAZING year of VBS!!

- **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**. So far, since April, we've received the Mbonu family and Andrew Bell.
- **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.

Church Directory! This summer, we will be updating and revamping our church directory. In preparation for this effort, we need your help! If you are a member of GCPC, please follow the link below and take just a few minutes to make sure we have the most current information for you and your family (i.e., names, phone, email, address, etc.). <https://shorturl.at/xqXtY> Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.

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 began their study of Philemon. Their next meeting is Wednesday, **May 21st**, at 7pm. 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' Summer Bible Study:** Our next study will begin **the first week June**. We will watch ten video lessons from R.C. Sproul titled "Classic Collection" and discuss the accompanying outline and questions. Sign-ups available before and after church in the foyer during the month of May. Cost is \$3 for the outline and the videos are free (links will be provided). Contact Jen Smith for more information: 817-627-7655.
- **Ladies' Prayer Meeting:** Thursdays at 10:00am Please contact Robbi Parker for Zoom link: oarsinsailsup@gmail.com.

Missions of Grace (MoG)

- **Missions Spotlight for May: Metanoia Ministries**
Metanoia's purpose is to partner with the church for the discipleship, mentoring and reintegration of prisoners. There are 726,000 Texans either behind bars or in the Texas criminal justice system. They need to hear about hope in Christ!
Paul and Laura Miller disciple prisoners with a team of volunteers in prisons all over Texas.
- Please take this survey from **Missions of Grace** following our Missions Conference:



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, May 14th.

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.

NOTES

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