

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 13, 2025

10:30am

Reflection: “False leaders love honors and titles like *father* and *teacher*, but they usurp the Lord’s honor, for he is Father and Teacher (vv. 8–9). They claim to be teachers but make salvation seem harder than it is and so slam the door to God’s kingdom in people’s faces (vv. 13–15). They trivialize God’s truth. Some of their teachings are mistaken (vv. 16–22); others are true but insignificant (vv. 23–24). They are corrupt, and they persecute God’s prophets (vv. 25–36).” *J.M. Hamilton*

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.....Psalm 11

Minister: The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord’s throne is in heaven.

People: For the Lord is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Adoration.....Psalm 104



1.Bless the Lord, my soul! O Lord my God, you are so
 2.He makes grass to grow for cat - tle, plants for man to
 3.Lord, how man - y are your won - ders! Wise - ly you have
 4.I will praise the Lord my God with all my life and



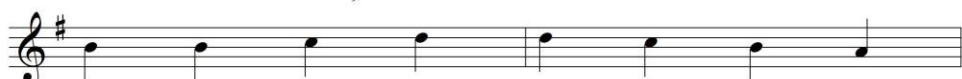
ver - y great. You are clothed with glo - rious beau - ty,
 cul - ti - vate, bring - ing from the earth its pro - duce,
 made them all. Earth is full of all your crea - tures,
 all my voice. May my med - i - ta - tion please him,



wrapped in robes of ho - ly light. He who stretch - es
 food for all man - kind to eat. He makes wine to
 liv - ing things both great and small. Here's the sea, so
 for I, in the Lord, re - joice. Let all sin - ners



out the heav - ens, like a cur - tain vast and wide,
 cheer the peo - ple, bring - ing joy to each man's heart,
 vast and spa - cious, filled with life that mul - ti - plies.
 be de - mol - ished; let the wick - ed be no more!



builds his great ce - les - tial cham - bers
 oil that makes his face re - splen - dent,
 There le - vi - a - than is play - ing;
 Bless the Lord, my soul, O praise him!



on the heav'n - ly wa - ters high.
 bread that strength and health im - part.
 there the sail - ing ships pass by.
 Come, my soul, and praise the Lord!

Hymn of Preparation.....*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre-cious Re -
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com-for-ter, Keep - er, Spir - it we
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly



deem-er and Friend; Who would have thought that a
 long to em - brace; You of - fer hope when our
 lov - ing Your own; Here in our weak - ness You



Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?
 hearts have hope-less - ly lost the way,
 find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne,



Oh, you res - cue the souls of men.
 Oh, we hope-less - ly lost the way.
 Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

REFRAIN



You are the One that we praise, You are the one we a -



dore. You give the heal-ing and grace our hearts al-ways



hun-ger for, Oh, our hearts al-ways hun-ger for.

This contemporary hymn beautifully adores God for His perfect blend of power, compassion, and unwavering grace. It invites us to praise God's awesome power and tender compassion. A heartfelt prayer and declaration, this hymn draws us to worship the triune God who is both mighty in power and tender in mercy. It reminds us of our need for Him and His constant, faithful presence.

Call to Confession.....*Ephesians 1*

You were dead in the trespasses and sins...following the prince of the power of the air... we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

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

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved!

Hymn of Response.....*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#614)*



1.O	for	a	thou - sand	tongues to sing my
2.My	gra - cious	Mas - ter	and my God, as -	
3.Je -	sus, the	name that	charms our fears, that	
4.He	breaks the	pow'r of	reign - ing sin, he	
5.He	speaks and,	list - 'ning	to his voice, new	
6.Hear	him, ye	deaf; his	praise, ye dumb, your	



great	Re - deem - er's	praise, the	glo - ries of my
sist	me to pro - claim,	to spread through	all the
bids	our sor - rows	cease; 'tis	mu - sic in the
sets	the pris - 'ner	free; his	blood can make the
life	the dead re - ceive;	the	mourn - ful, bro - ken
loos - ened	tongues em - ploy;	ye	blind, be - hold your



God	and King, the	tri - umphs of his	grace.
earth	a - broad the	hon - ors of thy	name.
sin - ner's	ears, 'tis	life and health	and peace.
foul - est	clean, his	blood a - vailed	for me.
hearts	re - joice; the	hum - ble poor	be - lieve.
Sav - ior	come; and	leap, ye lame,	for joy.

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

Confession of Faith.....*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 34-35*
Ruling Elder Candidate Rhett Bentson

Leader: Why do you call him “our Lord”?

People: **Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

Leader: What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

People: **That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David’s true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.**

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 11:1-7
p 452

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Matthew 23:1-39
pp 828-829

Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration and Illumination

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.

Hymn of Response and Preparation.....*I Need Thee every Hour* (#674)



I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
I need thee, O I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

Hearing from God's Word.....Matthew 23:1-39

Rev. Kyle Oliphint

When Religion Makes You Godless

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

“The central and simple message of the New Testament is that the promised age to come has dawned, the promised victory over what has emptied life of meaning and filled it with confusion and dismay has been won. . . . Were it not for the resurrection, Paul suggests, abandoning ourselves to a life of empty party-making and a fatalistic sense of doom would be quite logical.

There is no hope in ‘this age.’ It lies under the judgment of God. It is all, despite its brilliance, now dying. It has no future. It can offer many pleasurable experiences, many momentary distractions, but it is doomed. It has no long-term future and can offer no meaning besides what it manufactures for the moment, which is as fleeting as the morning mist.”

David Wells

“Bring your heart with its profoundest emptiness, its most startling discovery of sin, its lowest frame, its deepest sorrow, and sink it into the depths of the Saviour’s love. . . . Christ’s love touching your hard heart, will dissolve it; touching your cold heart, will warm it; touching your sinful heart, will purify it; touching your sorrowful heart, will soothe it; touching your wandering heart, will draw it back to Jesus. Only bring your heart to Christ’s love.”

Octavius Winslow

Communion Hymns

My Jesus, I Love Thee (#648) – *William Featherstone/Adoniram Gordan*

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

3. I'll love Thee in life, and I'll love Thee in death. I'll praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright; and sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (#251) – *Elizabeth Clephane/Frederick Maker*

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The Shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me;

And from my stricken hear with tears
Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
Than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross..

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (#599) – *Dorothy Thrupp/William Bradbury*

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. (2x)

2. We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray. (2x)

3. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Let us early turn to Thee. (2x)

4. Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blesséd Jesus, blesséd Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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

Offertory.....*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

*O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless,
free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me!*

*Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading
homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!*

Closing Hymn.....*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

CHORUS



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to-geth-er.



We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire. He
2. In the dark of night be-fore the dawn, my
3. Ev-'ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed. You



is the Lord our God. We are not con - sumed by the
soul, be not a - fraid, for the prom-ised morn - ing, O how
are the faith - ful One, and from the gar - den to the



flood. Up - held, pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up.
long. O God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
grave, bind us to-geth - er, bring sha - lom.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week's Sermon Passage

Psalm 15

Financials

1st Quarter 2025: \$203,063

Upcoming Events

- **Monthly Potluck Lunch: August 3 after worship**
- Our **Sunday School** program is on Summer Break. We will begin again in the late summer/early fall. Dates coming soon.
- **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, Leaman family, Leonard family and Jacob Smith. Andrew Bell and Melody Leonard our two of our covenant children who have become communing members since April.
- **Asst Pastor Search Update:** The committee is currently interviewing candidates and are grateful for your prayers for us and the candidates as both sides seek to discern the Lord's will.
- **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 **Friday, July 25th, 2025 at 6:00pm** at the church. Contact Jordan Sims for more information jorsim613@gmail.com.
- **Men's Group:** Men's Group: The Guys of Grace study have completed their studies and are on Summer Break. They will begin again this coming fall. 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:** We are watching ten video lessons by R.C. Sproul titled "Classic Collection" and discussing the accompanying questions.
June 3 - August 12
-Tuesday 9:30-11:00am, in-person with childcare
-Tuesday 7:00-8:30pm ZOOM
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:** This month's mission spotlight is our **GCPC Reynosa Team**. We had a team of 12 faithful members (the entire Henry family, Jacob and Rebecca Hoshauer, Lezli Richie and her daughter Emma, Olivia Harrelson, and John Rohde) who worked with our Isaiah 55 partners the week of July 5-11 doing

community service, construction projects, and helping with the local VBS. Please pray that there will be fruit born from their service!

- **Variety Show, Mission Testimonies & Nacho Bar - Saturday, August 9, 5:30p** - Our annual variety show needs your talent for an evening of fun fellowship! Alongside the variety show, you will hear testimonies from members of Grace regarding their involvement in missions work over the last year. Please plan to join the fun and contact Ann Geer for your variety entry 940-393-3524.

Student Ministries of Grace (SMoG) (text @smogrem to 81010 for periodic reminders of all things SMoG related)

- **SMOG - Summer Church Fellowship Nights--Every Wednesday night through August 6th.** SMOG will be hosting church fellowship nights at GCPC from **6:30-8:30PM**. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Join us **this Wednesday, July 16**. All GCPC families are welcome to attend!
- **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 August, 2025.



Greystone at Grace: Summer Book Club

- **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 on the second Saturday each month at 7 PM at Jared and Melissa Brown's house. More details to come. If you are interested in

- **Schedule:**
- August 9: chapters 6&7

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