

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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10:30 AM

Reflection:

“In the mystery of God’s grace, repentance awakens a belief in pardon,
while pardon awakens true repentance.” *Doug Milne*

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 36

Minister: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.

People: **How precious is your steadfast love, O God! For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Invocation.....*Be Thou My Vision* (#642)



1.Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2.Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3.Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
4.Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
5.High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art --
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wa - king or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

“On Christ’s glory I would fix all my thoughts and desires, and the more I see of the glory of Christ, the more the painted beauties of this world will wither in my eyes and I will be more and more crucified to this world. It will become to me like something dead and putrid, impossible for me to enjoy.” *John Owen*

Hymn of Preparation.....*Man of Sorrows! What a Name! (#246)*



1.Man of Sor - rows! what a name
2.Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude,
3.Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we;
4.Lift - ed up was he to die,
5.When he comes, our glo - rious King,



for the Son of God, who came ru - ined sin - ners
in my place con - demned he stood, sealed my par - don
spot-less Lamb of God was he; full a - tone - ment!
"It is fin - ished!" was his cry; now in heav'n ex -
all his ran - somed home to bring, then a - new this



to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession.....*from Matthew 5*

- You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
- And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from Romans 5*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism & Presentation of New Member
Ghana Bista
Ruling Elder Andrew Caudal

Membership Vows BCO 57-5**

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

“God uses water in connection with the broader context of redemptive history. All throughout Scripture, water and Spirit appear in contexts that unfold new creation imagery. The Holy Spirit hovered over the creation (Gen. 1:2). Noah sent a dove (the New Testament image for the Spirit) over the receding floodwaters (Gen. 8:8–12; Matt. 3:16). When Israel was baptized in the Red Sea, God placed His Spirit, which He likened to a hovering bird, into Israel’s midst (Ex. 14:21–22; Deut. 32:10–12; Isa. 63:11–14; 1 Cor. 10:1–4). When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove (Matt. 3:16). God employed water along with the work of the Spirit to bring about new creations, whether the first creation, the re-created earth after the flood, Israel’s creation as a nation, or the cornerstone of the new creation through Jesus, the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:45). God was sending a message that He would make the new heavens and earth ultimately a work of the triune God through the work of His Son by water and the work of the Holy Spirit.”

John Fesko

Hymn of Response.....*Before the Throne of God Above*



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris-en Lamb, my per - fect



strong and per - fect plea. A great high priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less right-eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



love Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there Who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him -



gra - ven on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sa - vior died my sin - ful soul is coun - ted
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His



heart. I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can
free. For God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part. No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Ezekiel 34:11-16
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The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Luke 15:1-10
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Reader: This is the Word of God.

People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

We offer an optional **Children’s Church** for children 4 years old through 1st grade. If you choose to have your children participate, you may dismiss them for CC as we sing the hymn printed below. Please know we welcome and encourage your children to remain with you during the sermon. However, in CC 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 Preparation.....*Father of Mercies, in Your Word* (#144)



1. Fa-ther of mer-cies, in your Word what end-less glo-ry shines;
2. Di-vine In-struc-tor, gra-cious Lord, O be for-ev-er near;



for-ev-er be your name a-dored for these ce-les-tial lines.
teach me to love your sa-cred Word, and view my Sav-ior there.

Hearing from God’s Word.....Luke 15:1-10
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Seeking the Lost*

WLC 159: How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

A. They that are called to labor in the ministry of the word, are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.

WLC 160: What is required of those that hear the word preached?

A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please see instructions on the inside back cover of your bulletin

Use the quotes below to help focus your heart and mind on this celebration:

“There is nothing attractive about the gospel to the natural man; the only man who finds the gospel attractive is the man who is convicted of sin.” *Oswald Chambers*

“The man who does not glory in the gospel can surely know little of the plague of sin that is within him.” *J.C. Ryle*

“We have an unchanging gospel, which is not today green grass and tomorrow dry hay; but always the abiding truth of the immutable Jehovah.” *C.H. Spurgeon*

“The story at the heart of Christianity is every [epic] story. There’s a golden age of innocence; mistrust; betrayal; unrequited love; a fall from grace; murder and intrigue; a pit of despair; a Hero’s epic journey; a fight to the death; victory through sacrifice; and a happy ending complete with wedding and singing. The Bible says it was God’s story first. And this story makes sense of our little stories.” *Glen Scrivener*

“Jesus fulfilled the moral dimensions of the law by living in perfect obedience to it, by revealing its depths, but also by paying the penalty for our breach of it. He was born under the law to redeem us from its curse—which he received so that we might receive the blessing. The law-maker became the law-keeper, but then took our place and condemnation as though he were the law-breaker.” *Sinclair Ferguson*

“We are not needy because of sin; we are needy by divine design. Certainly, we can need in sinful ways, and we habitually confuse needs with wants, but we were not created to be self-sufficient. Nor were we re-created in Christ to be so. Sanctification is the process of learning increasing dependence, not autonomy.” *Jen Wilken*

“We know God will answer us when we call because one terrible day he did not answer Jesus when he called. Jesus’ prayers were given the rejection that we sinners merit so that our prayers could have the reception that he merits.” *Tim Keller*

Communion Hymns

My Redeemer's Love – *Joel Sczebel/Jordan Kauflin/Mark Altrogge*

1. My Redeemer's love is deeper
Than the depths of sin and hell.
He who was enthroned in glory
Came to bring us to Himself.
My Redeemer's love is wider
Than the breach my sins had made.
He reached down into my darkness.
He alone has pow'r to save.

*Chorus: Deeper than the rolling seas,
Higher than the mountain peaks,
Your love is all I need.
Stronger than the rushing wind,
Shattering the power of sin,
Your love is all I need.*

2. My Redeemer's love is stronger
Than my fiercest enemies.
He will hold me in the tempest.
Through the flood He carries me.
My Redeemer's love will lead me
Through the deepest valley here.
He will shepherd me and guide me.
He will ever keep me near. *Chorus*

3. My Redeemer's love grows sweeter
As eternity draws near
I'll enjoy His love forever
At His throne for endless years
My Redeemer's love will fill me
On the day I see His face
I will love Him back forever
And forever sing His praise.

I Glory in Christ – *Horatius Bonar/Sandra McCracken*

1. God forbid that I should glory,
Save in the Redeemer's cross.
Counting shame for Him but honor,
Counting earthly gain but loss.
All the love of God is here,
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

2. God forbid that I should glory,
Save in Christ, my Lord alone.
Him I lean on; Him I follow,

Him, before the world, I own.
All the love of God is here,
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

3. God forbid that I should glory,
Save in Christ the Son of God.
Him who sought me Him who bought me,
Him who washed me in his blood.
All the love of God is here,
Oh, love that casteth out all fear.

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting – *Jean S. Pigott/David Hampton*

1. Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,
And Thy beauty fills my soul,
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole.

*Refrain: Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy Loving Heart.*

2. Oh how great Thy loving kindness,
Vaster, broader than the sea!
O, how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me!
Yes I rest in Thee, beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine

Know Thy certainty of promise,
And have made it mine. *Refrain*

3. Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold thee as thou art,
And thy love, so pure, so changeless,
Satisfies my heart;
Satisfies its deepest longing,
Meets, supplies its every need,
Compasseth me round with blessings;
Thine is love indeed! *Refrain*

4. Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee;
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,
Earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face,
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace. *Refrain*

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

Offertory.....My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*My Shepherd will supply my need:
 Jehovah is His Name;
 In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
 Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wandering spirit back
 When I forsake His ways,
 And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
 In paths of truth and grace.*

*Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
 Doth still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows,
 Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God
 Attend me all my days;
 O may Thy house be my abode,
 And all my work be praise.
 There would I find a settled rest,
 While others go and come;
 No more a stranger, nor a guest,
 But like a child at home.*

*When I walk through the shades of death
 Thy presence is my stay;
 One word of Thy supporting breath
 Drives all my fears away.*

Closing Hymn.....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.

Benediction

For 2018, our church budget is \$501,023. We will keep you updated with each monthly total here:

- **1st Quarter: \$129,472**
- **2nd Quarter: \$133,124**
 - **July: \$50,088**
 - **Aug: \$41,290**

For 2018, we are providing a basic Family Worship plan to help our families to more regularly worship together during the week.

Weekly Hymn: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q87:** *What does the second commandment teach you?*
Answer: To worship God only as he commands, and not to worship God by using statues or pictures.

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q87:** *What is repentance unto life?*
Answer: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Bible Reading:

- Sun – 9/23 – 1 John 3 & Psalm 120-121
- Mon – 9/24 – 1 John 4 & Psalm 122-123
- Tue – 9/25 – 1 John 5 & Psalm 124-125
- Wed – 9/26 – 2 John 1 & Psalm 126-127
- Thurs – 9/27 – 3 John 1 & Psalm 128-129
- Fri – 9/28 – Jude 1 & Psalm 130-131
- Sat – 9/29 – Revelation 1 & Psalm 132-133

Next Week's Preaching Passage:

- Luke 15:11-32

Nursery Volunteers (please arrive by 10:15)

- **Today: Alan and Katie Eaves**
 - Next week: Jeff & Kierra Edgar
 - 10/7: Rodney & Becca Ellison
 - 10/14: Josh & Lisa Emrich
 - 10/21: Tim & Sarah Farrar

Daily Bible Reflections:

We want to provide two questions a day for you to study God's Word with not only your family, but to invite other church family members to study it with you.

1. Sunday:

- a. Read 1 John 3: What are the two themes of the chapter (v1-10; 11-24)? What should characterize the children of God? How does our relationship with sin and one another radically change in being born of God (v4-10; 14-18)?
- b. Read Psalm 120-121: What are the "songs of ascents," that describe Psalm 120-134? How might the promises of 120-121 comfort you as you "ascend" to church every week?

2. Monday:

- a. Read 1 John 4: Why are we supposed to "test the spirits" who teach in the name of Jesus? What are the signs to look for in those who teach? How does John define love and how should it affect the way we view relationships?
- b. Read Psalm 122-123: How often do you "look to the LORD," when faced with hardship? What other saviors are you tempted to look toward when the heat is turned up? Why?

3. Tuesday:

- a. Read 1 John 5: What has God given us as a certainty of overcoming the world (v1-5)? How does the testimony of Christ testify to this victory? What does God want us to be certain of (v13-21)?
- b. Read Psalm 124-125: What is the practical help of trusting in the name of the LORD? Reflect on how you can make faith in His name more routine this week.

4. Wednesday:

- a. Read 2 John 1: What is John warning about in this letter? What are we in the church to hold fast to? How can your family encourage others to hold fast to the truth and walk in love?
- b. Read Psalm 126-127: What aspects of daily life are credited as being gifts from God? Reflect upon God's daily provision as a family by making a list and adding to it daily.

5. Thursday:

- a. Read 3 John 1: What is the danger of pride when we stop listening to God's Word (v9-10)? What do we learn about Christian hospitality? In order to not fall prey to false teaching, what is essential for the believer to have (v11-12)?
- b. Read Psalm 128-129: What "fear" is necessary to a godly family? What is the godly response to affliction?

6. Friday:

- a. Read Jude 1: What warning does Jude give regarding false teachers (v8)? How are believers to live in the midst of false teaching (v17-22)? Reflect upon the promises in the doxology in v24-25 and how you see God's hand in fulfilling them even now in your life.
- b. Read Psalm 130-131: What is the LORD's response to those who cry out to him in the midst of sin and tribulation? What is key to receiving mercy from Him? Sing *Be Still My Soul* and note the similarities with Psalm 131.

7. Saturday:

- a. Read Revelation 1: What is the purpose of the letter (v1-3)? What is the revelation of Jesus that John saw (v9-20)? How does the sovereign lordship of Christ comfort you throughout the week? Reflect on how you can encourage others this week with Christ's reign.
- b. Read Psalm 132-133: What does the psalmist emphasize as the overarching theme of worship as they ascend into Jerusalem (hint: God's covenant _____) In light of these two chapters, what promises should dictate our approach in worship?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Officer Nominations:

- Members of GCPC will be able to nominate men for the office of Elder or Deacon beginning October 8. All member families should have received nomination booklets in the mail. You may pick up additional booklets near the bulletin table or access and print additional booklets from the Members Only page of our web site gpcfw.org. **Members:** Please prayerfully consider if God has brought men to our church to serve Him and you as an officer of His church.

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Cookout:** next Sunday, Sept. 30th, from 12-2, all youth families are invited to join us for a cook out picnic at the Geneva Pavilion. Please RSVP on Facebook or email to Pastor Davis.

Guys of Grace: text @goggr to 81010 for updates

- Our next Wednesday night Bible study will be 9/26. For more information contact Sean Henry at seanph10@yahoo.com.

Ladies of Grace: text @loggr to 81010 for updates

- The Women's fall Bible study, *From Garden to Glory*, is underway and is covering a chapter/week. The study meets Tues. at 10 am and Wed. at 7 pm. Questions? Contact Anne Nelson, Tracy Carter, or Debbie Goelz.

Grief Share

- Meets every Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in Calvin classroom. Questions? contact Brian Nelson (405)250-6680 or nelsonokc@cox.net

Covenant College Info Trip (11/1-11/4):

- Dave Dennison will be taking a college preview trip to Covenant College, in Lookout Mountain, GA. Covenant is the college of the PCA, and GCPC supports it financially resulting in a 12.5% tuition break for all church members. We have 5 alumni in our church, and 1 current student.
- Covenant hosts a preview weekend where prospective students can attend classes and meet with financial aid. We recommend rising juniors, seniors, or college transfers for this trip and request at least one parent attend. Please inform Dave if interested and register on Covenant's website for the weekend. Deadline is **THIS WEEK**.