

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 24, 2019

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“Apollos is the patron saint of those who find religion is not enough!”

Lloyd Ogilvie

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 24*

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory! Selah**

Hymn of Adoration.....Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (#76)



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en,
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor
 3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us;
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish,
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him;



to his feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed,
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress; praise him,
 well our fee - ble frame he knows; in his
 blows the wind and it is gone; but while
 you be - hold him face to face; sun and



healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his
 still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and
 hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from
 mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un -
 moon bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in



praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him,
 all our foes praise him, praise him, praise him,
 chang - ing on. Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him,



praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer of Adoration

“Indeed, in the triune God is the love behind all love, the life behind all life, the music behind all music, the beauty behind all beauty and the joy behind all joy.”

Michael Reeves

Hymn of Preparation.....*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 IN CONFESSION AND PARDON**—————

Call to Confession.....*1 John 2*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from 1 John 2*

Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

Hymn of Response.....*In Christ Alone*



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid
God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right-eous-
world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in
God was sa - tis - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is
pluck me from His hand; Till He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid, here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Confession of Faith.....The Heidelberg Catechism*

Ruling Elder Candidate Brian Nelson

Elder: *What is your only comfort in life and death?*

People: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Elder: *What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?*

People: First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

* The Heidelberg Catechism was written in Heidelberg, Germany at the request of Elector Frederick III, ruler of the most influential German province, the Palatinate, from 1559 to 1576. This pious Christian prince commissioned Zacharius Ursinus, twenty-eight years of age and professor of theology at the Heidelberg University, and Caspar Olevianus, twenty-six years old and Frederick's court preacher, to prepare a catechism for instructing the youth and for guiding pastors and teachers. The Catechism was soon divided into fifty-two sections, so that a section of the Catechism could be explained to the churches each Sunday of the year. The National Synods of the sixteenth century adopted it as one of the Three Forms of Unity, requiring office-bearers to subscribe to it and ministers to explain it to the churches. These requirements were strongly emphasized by the great Synod of Dort in 1618-19. The Heidelberg Catechism has been translated into many languages and is one of the most influential and generally accepted of the several catechisms of Reformation times.

The First Reading of God’s Word..... Numbers 6:1-21
p 114

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Acts 18:18-28
pp 926-927

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.....Acts 18:18-28
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Making Vows and Teaching Teachers*

Q. 155. How is the word made effectual to salvation?

Answer: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

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.

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:

“The religion of the Bible is a frankly supernatural religion. By this is not meant merely that, according to it, all men, as creatures, live, move and have their being in God. It is meant that, according to it, God has intervened extraordinarily, in the course of the sinful world’s development, for the salvation of men otherwise lost.”

BB Warfield

“What matters supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it—the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hands [Isa. 49:16]. I am never out of his mind. All my knowledge of him depends on his sustained initiative in knowing me. I know him because he first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is no moment when his eye is off me, or his attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when his care falters. This is momentous knowledge. There is unspeakable comfort—the sort of comfort that energizes, be it said, not enervates—in knowing that God is constantly taking knowledge of me in love and watching over me for my good. There is tremendous relief in knowing that his love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench his determination to bless me.”

J.I. Packer

“If you give your soul up to anything earthly, whether it be the wealth, or the honors, or the pleasures of this world, you might as well hunt after the mirage of the desert or try to collect the mists of the morning, or to store up for yourself the clouds of the sky, for all these things are passing away.”

Charles Spurgeon

“All that I am I give to you, and all that I have I share with you,” says the bride to her groom on their wedding day. This is a profound mystery, but I am talking about the cross. For on the cross we shared with Christ all that we have. Born of Mary, he had already come to share our flesh and blood; on the cross we then gave to him all our sin, our death, our shame. The loving Bridegroom took the sorrows and sickness of his Bride down to death to bury them forever.”

Michael Reeves

“The best proof that He will never cease to love us lies in that He never began. The heaven in which the Christian by anticipation dwells is not the cosmical heaven, it is a thoroughly redemptive heaven, a heaven become what it is through the progressive upbuilding and enrichment pertaining to the age-long work of God in the sphere of redemption.”

Geerhardus Vos

Communion Hymns

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!
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.
2. My faith burns low,
My hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
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.

O Great God – Bob Kauflin

1. O great God of highest heav'n,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme,
Conquer every rebel power.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forevermore.
2. I was blinded by my sin,
Had no ears to hear Your voice,
Did not know Your love within,
Had no taste for heaven's joys.
3. Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n,
Glorify Your Name through me.

Not What My Hands Have Done – Horatius Bonar/Kevin Twit

1. Not what my hands have done
Can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.
2. Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
Thy love to me O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of this dark unrest,
And set my spirit free!
3. Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone, O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
4. I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt,
I bury in His tomb
My unbelief, and all my fear,
Each lingering shade of gloom.
5. I praise the God of grace,
I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine,
My God, my joy, my light
'Tis He Who saveth me,
And freely pardon gives
I love because He loveth me,
I live because He lives!

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

Offertory.....Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Closing Hymn.....Jesus Shall Reign



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. To him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns;
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring



does his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and prais - es thron - g to crown his head;
dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
the pris - 'ner leaps to lose his chains,
pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
his name, like sweet per - fume shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,



till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
and all the sons of want are blest.
and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Benediction

For 2019, our church budget is \$518,000. We will keep you updated with each monthly total here:

- **1Q:** \$148,661
- **2Q:** \$146,593
- **3Q:** \$115,670
- **11/3:** \$16,563
- **11/10:** \$10,473
- **11/17:** \$18,872

Each week we provide a basic Family Worship plan to help our families to more regularly worship together during the week.

Weekly Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q1:** *Who made you?*
Answer: God.

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q41:** *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?*
Answer: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Bible Reading:

- Sun – 11/24 – Habakkuk 2-3 & Proverbs 19-20
- Mon – 11/25– Zephaniah 1-3 & Proverbs 21-22
- Tue – 11/26 – Haggai 1-2 & Proverbs 23-24
- Wed – 11/27 – Zechariah 1-2 & Proverbs 25-26
- Thurs – 11/28 – Zechariah 3-4 & Proverbs 27-28
- Fri – 11/29 – Zechariah 5-6 & Proverbs 29-30
- Sat – 11/30 – Zechariah 7-8 & Proverbs 31

Next Week's Passages:

- Preaching: Acts 19:1-20

Nursery Volunteers (please arrive by 10:15)

- **Today: Brandon and Jennifer Fickle**
 - Next week: John and Debbie Goelz
 - 12/8: Philip and Sherrie Hamby
 - 12/15: Sean and Vanessa Henry
 - 12/22: Javy and Vanessa Hernandez
 - 12/29: Glenn and Laurie Hoshauer

Daily Bible Reflections:

Part of our covenantal focus at Grace is providing multigenerational interaction and growth. We want to provide questions 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 Daniel 1— Describe how Daniel's story begins (v1-2). Explain the background that tells why Judah went into captivity – 2 Kings 23:28-37. What plan did the king have for young men (v3-4)? What kind of men were chosen? What does this tell you about Daniel? What training were they to be given (v5)? What young men were chosen, and what names were they given (v6-7)? What decision did Daniel make in v8? What reasons might have motivated Daniel to make this choice? How are Daniel's actions a foreshadowing of the life of Jesus and the choices He made regarding clean vs. unclean (see Mark 1:40-45; 7:14-23).

2. Monday:

a. Read Daniel 2:1-16 — Who had a dream? When was it, and what effect did it have on him (v1)? Whom did he call to him about the dream – 2:2? What kind of practices would these men have been involved in? What concern did the king express, and what offer did the men whom he had called make (v3-4)? What consequences did the king offer for those who could not interpret his dream, and what were the consequences for those who could interpret it? Why did the king's advisors say they could not answer his request (v10-11)?

3. Tuesday-Wednesday:

a. Read Daniel 2:17-30 — What did the wise men's answer reveal about their power? How does this help us understand the nature of true direct revelation? How did Daniel and his friends request help in answering the king's request (v17-18)? How did Daniel respond to the fact that God had answered his prayer (v20)? What should we learn? What powers did Daniel say God has in v21? Explain each of these powers and give examples that illustrate these powers. What powers did Daniel say God has in v22? How does this relate to the request that Daniel made? What did Daniel say God had done in v23? What did Daniel do when he had received this information from God (v24)? How did Daniel contrast God's power to that of the occult advisors (v27-28)? What did Daniel say was the purpose of the king's dreams (v28-29)? What did Daniel explain about the source of knowledge he had (v30)? What should we learn?

4. Thursday-Friday:

a. Read Daniel 2:31-49 — What did Daniel say the king saw in his dream (v31)? How did he describe it? What are the parts of the image and what does each represent (v32-33)? What happened to the image? What happened to the stone that struck it (v34-35)? What would God set up, and how is it described – 2:44? 37. When would this kingdom be set up? How does identifying the fourth kingdom prove to us when God's kingdom would be established? What would the stone do to the other kingdoms in v45? How did Nebuchadnezzar react to Daniel's interpretation of the dream in v46-47? What effect did these events have on Daniel and his friends in v48-49?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Congregational Meeting:

- We will have a Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on December 8, for the purpose of electing church officers. After being nominated by the Congregation, the following men have been trained and instructed in the work of the office which he seeks. Each of the following men has also been examined according to the requirements of the Book of Church Order, and the Session has determined each to be eligible to stand for election for the office opposite his name (all communing members of GCPC who are in good standing are eligible to vote in person).

Jeff Edgar – Deacon

Sean Henry - Ruling Elder

James McClure – Deacon

Brian Nelson - Ruling Elder

John Rohde – Deacon

Christmas Choir:

- As the Christmas season approaches, Elizabeth is putting together a choir to sing for our Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 PM. Rehearsals will be Tues. Dec. 3 and Wed. Dec. 11 at 7:00 PM. If you'd like to be a part, email Elizabeth (hames.elizabeth@gmail.com) for more details. This is open to anyone who loves to sing, including middle school and high school students!

Annual Progressive Dinner:

- Mark your calendars now and reserve your babysitting for our annual progressive dinner on Saturday, December 14th, from 5-10 pm. We need host families for appetizers and dinner groups so please RSVP with Meagan Dennison for more information.

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Roots Discipleship Ministry:** our covenant ministry to our students and their families will next meet on Wednesday night, 12/4 from 7-8:30, covering different theological and pastoral issues as young disciples in Christ. We will be covering chapter 7 of this semester's readings.
- **Christmas Party:** mark your calendars for our joint Christmas party on Saturday, December 21st, from 6-9 pm at the Caudals' house. Please bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange!

Guys of Grace:

- **Men's Bible study** will next be meeting this Wednesday night, 12/4, from 7-8:30 in the church conference room. This fall we will be finishing our study of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Scripture passages that support it. For more information please contact Sean Henry at seanph10@yahoo.com or 678-438-5720.