

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**January 19, 2020**

**10:30 AM**

## **Reflection:**

“In our Christian pilgrimage it is well, for the most part, to be looking forward. Forward lies the crown—and onward is the goal. Whether it is for hope, for joy, for consolation, or for the inspiring of our love—the future must, after all, be the grand object of the eye of faith. Looking into the future, the Christian sees sin cast out, the body of sin and death destroyed, the soul made perfect, and fit to be a partaker of eternal glory. Looking further yet, the believer’s enlightened eye can see death’s river passed. He sees himself enter within the pearly gates, hailed as more than conqueror, crowned by the hand of Christ, embraced in the arms of Jesus, glorified with Him, and made to sit together with Him on His throne.”

*Charles Spurgeon*

## **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 35*

Let those who delight in my righteousness shout for joy and be glad and say evermore, “Great is the LORD, who delights in the welfare of his servant!”

**Hymn of Adoration.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#53)**



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 -- 3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4.Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
 5.Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his  
 -- fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath,



he is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
 -- mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee;  
 lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.  
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 -- pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will do,  
 How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re - lief,  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain;



join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth!  
 -- if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
 glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

**Prayer of Adoration.....ending with the Lord's Prayer in unison**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation.....*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, I  
3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want; here  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bo - som fly, While the near - er  
help - less hang on thee; leave, oh leave me  
more than all I find; raise the fall - en,  
cov - er all my sin; let the heal - ing



wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is  
not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort  
cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the  
streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with -



high; hide me, O my Sav - ior hide,  
me! All my trust on thee is stayed, all  
blind. Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am  
- in: thou of life the foun - tain art,



till life's storm is past safe in - to the  
help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
all un - right - eous - ness; false and full of  
let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



ha - ven guide, re - ceive my soul at last.  
fense - less head in the shad - ow of thy wing.  
sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.  
in my heart, for all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....***from Isaiah 43*

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

Hymn of Response.....*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord* (#465)



1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord, grace that ex -  
2. Sin and de - spair like the sea waves cold, threa - ten the  
3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide, what can a -

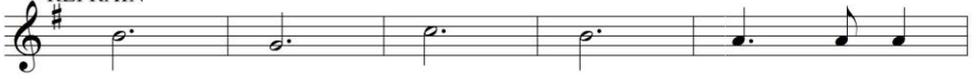


ceeds our sin and our guilt, yon - der on Cal - va - ry's  
soul with in - fi - nite loss; grace that is great - er, yes,  
vail to wash it a - way? Look! there is flow - ing a



mount out - poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.  
grace un - told, points to the Ref - uge, the might - y cross.  
crim - son tide; whit - er than snow you may be to - day.

REFRAIN



Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will



par - don and cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's



grace, grace that is great - er than all our sin.

**Confession of Faith.....Nicene Creed**  
Ruling Elder Dan Bent

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
Of all things visible and invisible.  
And In one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
Very God of very God,  
Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
By Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and our salvation  
Came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
And was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
And on the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
And ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father;  
And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the  
dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets;  
And we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church;  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;  
And we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*"holy catholic church" = the whole Christian church

**The First Reading of God’s Word**.....Psalm 51:1-19  
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**The Second Reading of God’s Word**.....Acts 21:37-22:21  
pp 931-932

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**.....*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**.....Acts 21:37-22:21  
Rev. Kyle Oliphint Paul’s Defense

# 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:*

“Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God’s commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift of God with a believing heart.”

*The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 60*

**“There never was one who came to him with a broken heart, but he healed him. He never said to one, “You are too bad for me to heal;” but he did say, “Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.” My dear hearer, he will not cast you out. You say, “You do not know me, Mr. Spurgeon.” No, I do not; and you have come here to-night, and you hardly know why you are here; only you are very low and very sad.**

**The Lord Jesus Christ loves such as you are, you poor, desponding, doubting, desolate, disconsolate one. Daughters of sorrow, sons of grief, look ye here! Jesus Christ has gone on healing broken hearts for thousands of years, and he is well up in the business. He understands it by experience, as well as by education. He is “mighty to save.” Consider him; consider him; and the Lord grant you grace to come and trust him even now!”**

*Charles Spurgeon*

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*

**“Weak hearts are apt to sit down troubled and discouraged, when they look upon that body of sin which is in them, and those imperfections which attend their best services. They are ready to say, ‘We shall one day perish by the strength of our lusts, or by the defects of our services!’**

**Oh, but to strengthen them against all discouragements, they should remember this - that they stand before God, clothed with the righteousness of their Savior. ‘They are without fault before the throne of God.’ (Rev 14:5) There is no flaw in God’s account. God looks upon weak saints in the Son of His love - and sees them all lovely.**

**Ah, poor souls! You are apt to look upon your spots and blots, and to cry out with the leper not only ‘Unclean! unclean!’ but ‘Undone! undone!’ Well, forever remember this - that you stand before God in the righteousness of Christ; upon which account you always appear before the throne of God without fault; where you are all lovely, and where there is no flaw in you.”**

*Thomas Brooks*

# Communion Hymns

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## I Stand Amazed – Charles Gabriel

1. I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner condemned, unclean.

2. He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered, and died alone. *Refrain*

### *Refrain:*

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me!

3. When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me. *Refrain*

## My God, My Father Blissful Name – Anne Steele/Justin Smith

1. My God, my Father, blissful Name!  
O may I call Thee mine?  
May I, with sweet assurance, claim,  
A portion so divine?  
This only can my fears control,  
And bid my sorrows fly:  
What harm can ever reach my soul,  
Beneath my Father's eye?

Whate'er Thy sacred will ordains,  
O give me strength to bear;  
And let me know my Father reigns,  
And trust His tender care.

2. Whate'er Thy providence denies,  
I calmly would resign;  
For Thou art just, and good, and wise,  
O bend my will to Thine.

3. If pain and sickness rend this frame,  
And life almost depart,  
Is not Thy mercy still the same,  
To cheer my drooping heart?  
If cares and sorrows me surround,  
Their power why should I fear?  
My inward peace they cannot wound  
If Thou, my God, art near.

## O Love That Will Not Let Me Go – George Mattheson/Christopher Miner

1. O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

2. O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms  
red. Life that shall endless be.

WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

Offertory.....Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the everlasting King.

Angels help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Closing Hymn.....Worship Christ the Risen King (#286)



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered  
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its  
3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone re-  
4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and  
5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your



death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoice;  
mouth declares: "Death and I could not contain him,  
moved with power; all hell's minions may assemble,  
sinners jeer; but the truth proclaims a wonder  
victory; sin or hell may seek to seize us,



resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship,  
for the throne of life he shares." Come and worship,  
but cannot withstand his hour. He has conquered,  
thoughtful hearts receive with cheer. He is risen,  
but your conquest keeps us free. Stand in triumph,



come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!  
he is risen, now receive the risen King!  
stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

Benediction

# SERMON NOTES

## for kids

What was your favorite song today?



Today is: \_\_\_\_\_

The speaker is: \_\_\_\_\_



What are we learning about God today?



What is today's Bible passage?

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you hear any words you didn't understand?



Fill in the blanks below:

Hearing and believing that God is \_\_\_\_\_

changes the way that I \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture of something you heard during today's sermon:



Find one thing you liked about today's sermon and be sure to tell your parents about it after church:



We will provide the final numbers for 2019 and keep you updated with your generosity in 2020 in this space soon. In the meantime, please see the announcement on page 12, entitled **State of the Church Address**.

**Various Bible Reading Plans are available on our website.**

Go to [gcpcfw.org](http://gcpcfw.org) and click on the Bible Reading Plans page and choose one that best suits you and your family.

**Your Weekly Devotions:** We provide you a small, printed booklet as your bulletin with the hope that you will use it in your devotional time in the week ahead. Consider reviewing the passages used in various parts of our service, reading the context and studying the intent. Choose a different hymn to sing or meditate on daily. Review the passage the sermon was based on alongside the notes you took. Read next week's passage (below) that the sermon will be based on as a way of preparation. Remember that we try to provide you access to the upcoming bulletin by mid-week to enhance your preparation for next week.

Allow this morning's service to catapult you into a week where God continues to feed you His truths from our corporate worship service and access next week's service to help you prepare for our upcoming corporate worship service.

**Next Week's Passage:**

- Preaching: Acts 2:22-23:11

**Nursery Volunteers (please arrive by 10:15)**

- **Today: Justice and Mandy Kerr**
  - Next week: Ryan and Amy Lutz
    - 2/2: Adolph and Linda Makia
    - 2/9: Glenn and Fran Mayo
    - 2/16: James and Kristen McClure

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **Student Ministries of Grace:**

- **Roots Discipleship Ministry:** our covenant ministry to our students continues Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **SIGNUP AND DEPOSITS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 26 for RYM Summer Camps.**

We are planning to attend the following RYM summer camps this year:

**Middle School** RYM Camp at Alasso Ranch - June 1-5, 2020 (6th-9th grade)

**High School** RYM Camp at YMCA of the Rockies - June 14-20, 2020 (9th grade - Class of 20) Please let Andrew know if your student is interested in attending, and hand him the deposit check. **See your emails for more information.**

### **Guys of Grace:**

- **Men's Bible study** continues Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Sean Henry at seanph10@yahoo.com or 678-438-5720.
- Save the date for a Guys of Grace retreat April 24-25. More details and sign-ups to come soon, but for now we hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to join us!

### **Missions of Grace:**

- Please note that the trip dates for next year's Reynosa Missions Trip July 25-31, 2020. More details to come soon! Please contact John Rohde at john.rohde63@gmail.com if you have any questions about the trip.

### **State of the Church Address—Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am**

- Sunday morning, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 we will review God's faithfulness to our church in 2019 and how we are seeking to be faithful to Him in the plans we are making for 2020. This is always an encouraging meeting as the Deacons summarize our budget from 2019 and present to you the approved budget for 2020. Please plan to attend. It will be in Westminster Hall during the Sunday School hour. All communing members are invited, as well as guests.

### **Send-Off Luncheon for the Morgans—Next Sunday, January 26th**

- **Next Sunday** we *will* have a send-off luncheon for the Morgan family as they head to Colorado. We must have RSVPs to plan for food. Please RSVP to kerrdops@sbcglobal.net or on the Ladies of Grace Facebook page.