

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 7, 2017

10:30 AM

### Reflection:

“Above all, let us pray for a deeper sense of our own sinfulness, guilt, and undeserving. This, after all, is the true secret of a thankful spirit. It is the man who daily feels his debt to grace, and daily remembers that in reality, he deserves nothing but hell – this is the man who will be daily blessing and praising God. Thankfulness is a flower which will never bloom well excepting upon a root of deep humility.” *J.C. Ryle*

### 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!**

### Prayer of Invocation

**Hymn of Invocation.....Come, Thou Almighty King (#101)**



1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy  
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal



name to sing, help us to praise.  
 might - y sword, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more.



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy Word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

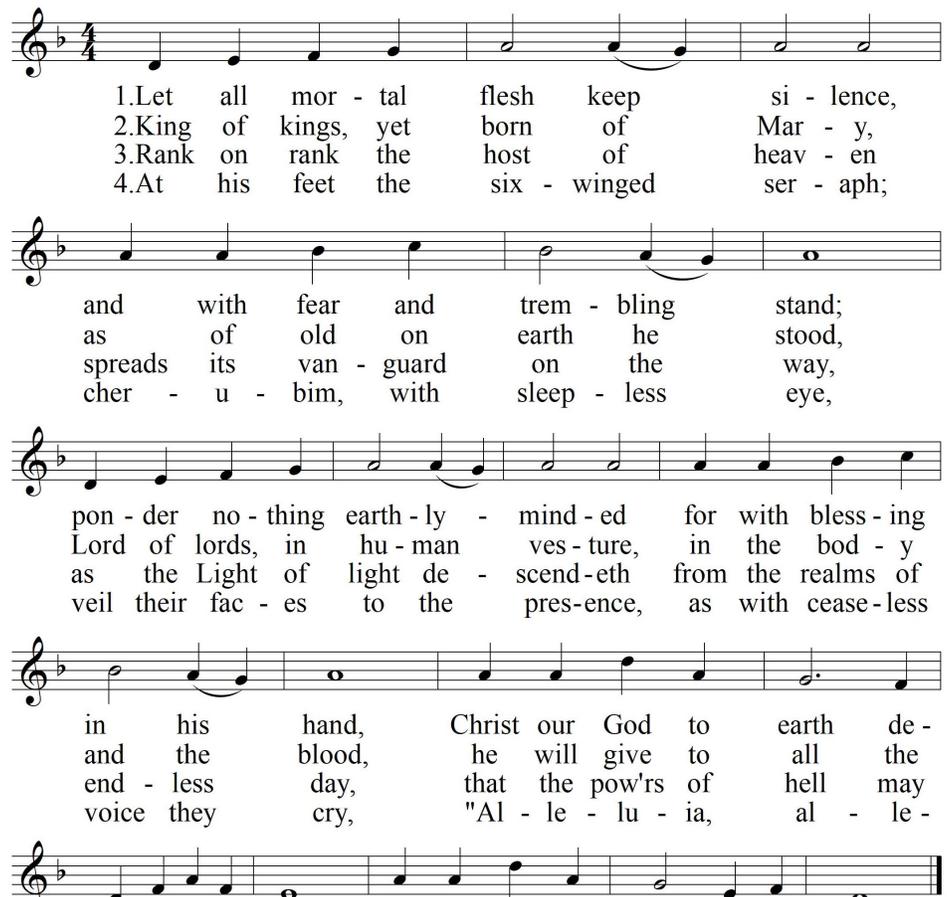


come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

“We may patiently pass through this life with its misery, cold, contempt, reproaches, and other troubles—content with this one thing: that our King will never leave us destitute, but will provide for our needs until, our warfare ended, we are called to triumph.”

*John Calvin*

**Hymn of Preparation.....Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#193)**



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,  
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y,  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en  
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph;

and with fear and trem - bling stand;  
as of old on earth he stood,  
spreads its van - guard on the way,  
cher - u - bim, with sleep - less eye,

pon - der no - thing earth - ly - mind - ed for with bless - ing  
Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y  
as the Light of light de - scend - eth from the realms of  
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less

in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -  
and the blood, he will give to all the  
end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may  
voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....from Colossians 2**

*And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

Hymn of Response.....*It is Well with My Soul (#691)*



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my  
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should  
3. My sin, -- O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous  
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be



way when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what -  
come, let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that  
thought! -- my sin not in part, but the whole, is  
sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.  
more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
scend, "E - ven so" -- it is well with my soul.

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It is well with my soul;



it is well, it is well with my soul.

“It is so much better to know we belong to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He loved us and willingly suffered God’s wrath at sin so we wouldn’t have to. If we belong to Jesus, He has bought us, paying for us with His own blood. Having paid so great a price, He will never allow us to perish. Our bodies and souls, whether we live or whether we die, are safe in the hands of One who loves us with so great a love.” *Starr Meade*

Elder: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus” meaning “Savior”?

**People: Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere.**

Elder: Why is He called “Christ” meaning “Anointed”?

**People: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.**

Elder: But why are you called a “Christian”?

**People: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

\*The Heidelberg Catechism was written in Heidelberg at the request of Elector Frederick III. 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 Heidelberg Catechism was adopted by a Synod in Heidelberg and published in German with a preface by Frederick III, dated January 19, 1563. The Catechism was soon divided into fifty-two sections so that a section of the Catechism could be explained to the churches in preaching each Sunday of the year.

**The First Reading of God's Word**.....Revelation 21:22-22:5  
*pp. 1041-1042*

**The Second Reading of God's Word**.....Psalm 24:1-10  
*pp. 458-459*

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**.....*Speak, O Lord*

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to re-ceive the food of Your  
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di-ence, Ho-ly rev - er-ence, true hu -  
Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti-tudes in the  
fash - ion us in Your like - ness; That the  
ra - di-ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
light of Christ might be seen to-day in our  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -  
acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
fill in us all Your pur - pos-es for Your glo - ry.  
ne - ver fail; Let their truth pre-vail o - ver un-be-lief.

**Hearing from God's Word**.....Psalm 24  
Rev. Davis W. Morgan *All You Will Ever Need to Know*

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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*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 sum comes to this, that the honor of the priesthood was competent to none but Christ, because, by the sacrifice of his death, he wiped away our guilt, and made satisfaction for our sin. For, as has been said, there is no access to God for us or for our prayers until the priest, purging away our defilements, sanctify us, and obtain for us that favor of which the impurity of our lives and hearts deprives us. Thus we see, that if the benefit and efficacy of Christ’s priesthood is to reach us, the commencement must be with his death. Whence it follows, that he by whose aid we obtain favor, must be a perpetual intercessor. Christ now bears the office of priest, not only that by the eternal law of reconciliation he may render the Father favorable and propitious to us, but also admit us into this most honorable alliance. For we though in ourselves polluted, in him being priests, (Rev. 1:6) offer ourselves and our all to God, and freely enter the heavenly sanctuary, so that the sacrifices of prayer and praise which we present are grateful and of sweet odor before him.”** *John Calvin*

“Jesus Christ is the center and circumference of the Bible—who He is and what He did in His death and resurrection is the fundamental content of the Bible.” *Martin Luther*

**“The essence of Christianity consists therein: that the creation of the Father, destroyed by sin, is again restored in the death of the Son of God and recreated by the grace of the Holy Spirit to a Kingdom of God. [And] the gospel is the food of faith...God saves by causing Himself to be known and enjoyed in Christ.”** *Herman Bavinck*

“The saving power of faith resides thus not in itself, but in the Almighty Savior on whom it rests.” *B.B. Warfield*

**“I know of no other way to triumph over sin long-term than to gain a distaste for it because of a superior satisfaction in God.”** *John Piper*

# Communion Hymns

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus (#629) – Joseph Scriven/Charles Converse

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,

Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## We Will Feast in the House of Zion – Sandra McCracken/Joshua Moore

*Chorus:*  
*We will feast in the house of Zion.*  
*We will sing with our hearts restored.*  
*He has done great things,*  
*We will say together.*  
*We will feast and weep no more.*

1. We will not be burned by the fire,  
He is the Lord our God.  
We are not consumed, by the flood,  
Upheld, protected, gathered up.  
*Chorus*

2. In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.  
*Chorus*

3. Every vow we've broken and betrayed.  
You are the Faithful One.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
Bind us together, bring shalom.  
*Chorus*

## On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand – Samuel Stennett/Christopher Miner

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

*Chorus: I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound (I am bound)*  
*I am bound for the promised land. (2x)*

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous  
breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.  
*Chorus*

4. When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?  
*Chorus*

—WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE—

**Offertory**.....*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.*

*O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!*

**Closing Hymn**.....*Psalm 24*



1.The earth with the rich - es with which it is stored,  
2.O who shall the mount of Je - ho - vah as - cend?  
3.He shall from Je - ho - vah a bless - ing re - ceive;  
4.O gates, lift your heads! Age-less doors, lift them high!  
5.O gates, lift your heads! Age-less doors, lift them high!



the world and its dwell - ers, be - long to the Lord.  
Or who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?  
the God of sal - va - tion shall right - eous-ness give.  
The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!  
The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!



For he on the seas its foun - da - tion has laid,  
The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,  
Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race,  
O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?  
This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?



and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.  
who has not sworn false - ly nor loved what is vain.  
all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.  
The Lord, might - y Lord of the bat - tle is here!  
Je - ho - vah of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!

**Benediction**



### **Morning Prayer:**

- *Our gracious heavenly Father: we thank You for how You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. You are the Giver of every blessing we enjoy. Teach us to see every moment of this day as an opportunity to live for You and not ourselves. Help us to see trials and afflictions as opportunities for growth and deliverance from our greatest enemy – our sinful flesh. Grow us in our delight and obedience of You as we seek to glorify You in all that we do. Purge from us selfishness, the fear of man, and the pride that seeks to keep us from trusting in You. May the cross of Jesus be our joy and boast as we begin this day, amen.*

### **Midday Prayer:**

- *Our wonderful and merciful Lord: as we stop to enjoy Your gracious provision of our daily bread, we commend our hearts and minds to You, asking that You would set them on what is truly honorable, virtuous, pure, lovely, and excellent. Let whatever anxieties and fears that may have surfaced this morning be answered by Your Spirit of comfort and truth who assures us that though the mountains sway and the valleys tremble, the rivers of sorrow will not overwhelm, for You are with us. Teach us the comfort of Your rod and staff as we are guided by Your loving Son, our Good Shepherd. In His name, we pray, amen.*

### **Evening Prayer:**

- *Our holy Father: we are thankful for everything You have provided this day. We are overwhelmed at the thought of Your goodness and kindness toward us. We humbly ask that whatever sinful thoughts, ungracious words or deeds, we have committed, You would grant us forgiveness for the sake of Your Son. Let our hearts be filled with the joy that comes from knowing You, the true God. You are our treasure and delight. Keep us as we close our eyes to rest, in Your holy name we pray, amen.*

**\*\*Please note that Christian Education will adjourn for the summer on May 14<sup>th</sup>\*\***

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

**Today: Leonard and Michelle Stifflemire**

- Next week: Tangunyi family
- 5/21: Emily Taton and Cathy Curts
- 5/28: Jon and Melinda Timpf
- 6/4: Jeff and Kristi Trahan

**Upcoming events:**

**Officer Examinations**

- Please pray for your officer candidates: Rhett Bentson (deacon), Broc Chambers (deacon), Philip Hamby (deacon), and Dan Bent (ruling elder). They will be taking their oral and written exams over the few weeks.
- Those who satisfy the requirements will be put before you for election on Sunday, May 21. We will have a Congregational Meeting that Sunday, immediately following our worship service, so that you may vote.

**The Harrison Nursing Home Ministry:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2:30.

- May: Dan Bent
- June: Brion Ferratt

**Student Ministries of Grace:**

- **BFG Day at the Lake:** this Saturday from 4 – 8:30 pm at Broc and Kelly Chambers' house.

**Ladies of Grace:**

- Check the LOG Facebook page for upcoming groups!

**Guys of Grace:** [e-sizemore@att.net]

- Join us for our bi-monthly Bible study of the Book of Romans on Wednesday nights at 7. Our schedule for May is 5/10 and 5/24.

**Things to Know:**

- Interested in membership? **officegpcfw@gmail.com**
- Would like to meet with one of our pastors?
  - Pastor Kyle: **koliphint@gmail.com**
  - Pastor Davis: **daviswmorgan@gmail.com**