

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 8, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“These thirteen verses [4:1-13] are going to show the practical meaning of Jesus' perfect manhood.” *Michael Wilcock*

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.....*from 1 Timothy 1*

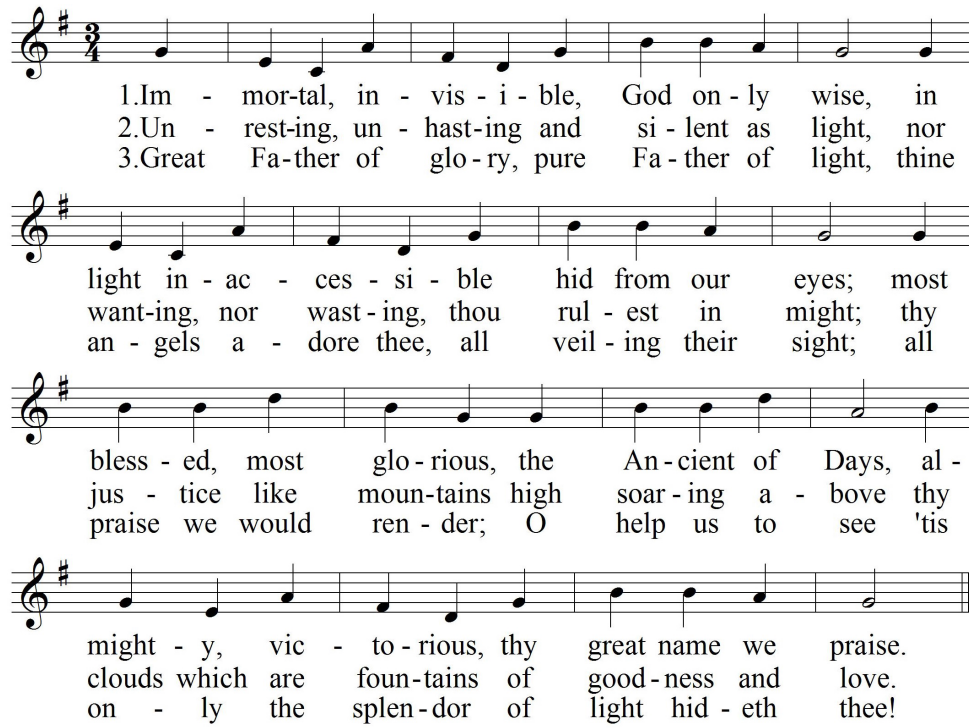
Minister: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: **To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.**

ALL: **Amen!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Invocation.....Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (#38)



1. Im - mor-tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
 2. Un - rest-ing, un - hast-ing and si - lent as light, nor
 3. Great Fa-ther of glo-ry, pure Fa-ther of light, thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes; most
 want-ing, nor wast-ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
 an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all

bless - ed, most glo-rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
 jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
 praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 clouds which are foun-tains of good-ness and love.
 on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

“God is the highest good of the reasonable creature. The enjoyment of him is our proper; and is the only happiness with which our souls can be satisfied. To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here. Better than fathers and mothers, husbands, wives, or children, or the company of any, or all earthly friends. These are but shadows; but the enjoyment of God is the substance. These are but scattered beams; but God is the sun. These are but streams; but God is the fountain. These are but drops, but God is the ocean.”

Jonathan Edwards

Hymn of Preparation.....*Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul*



1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, on
 2. But oh! When gloo - my doubts pre - vail, I
 3. Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here

thee when sor - rows rise, on thee when waves of
 fear to call thee mine. The springs of com - fort
 shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of
 let my soul re - treat with hum - ble hope at -

trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies. To
 seem to fail, and all my hopes de - cline. Yet
 sov - ereign grace be deaf when I com - plain? No,
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet. Thy

thee I tell each ri - sing grief, for
 gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou
 still the ear of sov - ereign grace at -
 mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here

thou a - lone canst heal. Thy Word can bring a
 art my on - ly trust, and still my soul would
 tends the mourn - er's prayer. Oh may I ev - er
 let my soul re - treat with hum - ble hope at -

sweet re - lief, for ev - 'ry pain I feel.
 cleave to thee, though pro - strate in the dust.
 find ac - cess to breathe my sor - rows there.
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy feet.


Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from Deuteronomy 33*

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Hymn of Response.....*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#616)*



1. What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine,
 2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness,
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace

what a peace is mine, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 grows from day to day, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 with my Lord so near, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

REFRAIN

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
 lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

“In 1887 Anthony J. Showalter had received some sad news from friends about loved ones who had died; and in his reply letter he included the verse, Deuteronomy 33: 27, “*The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, ‘Destroy’*”. But after thinking on the verse even more he thought that those words would be a great theme for a hymn. He immediately wrote the words for the refrain and music for the hymn we are about to sing. But he needed help for with the stanzas so he went to see Elisha Hoffman author of over 2000 gospel hymns. Hoffman provided the stanzas and Showalter the refrain and music to this hymn.”

Elder: What do you believe about the work of God?

People: We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just—sent His Son to assume the nature in which disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death.

Elder: And what do you believe about the work of Jesus Christ?

People: We believe that Jesus Christ presented Himself in our name before His Father, to appease His wrath with full satisfaction by offering Himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out His precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, and the prophets had predicted.

Elder: Why did he endure all this?

People: He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.

Elder: What comfort does this give you?

People: We find all comforts in His wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

*During the sixteenth century, the Reformed churches in the Netherlands were exposed to the most terrible persecution by the Roman Catholic government. To protest this cruel oppression, and to prove to the persecutors that the adherents of the Reformed faith were not rebels, as was laid to their charge, but law-abiding citizens who professed the true Christian doctrine according to the Holy Scriptures, this confession was published in the year 1561. In the following year a copy was sent to King Philip II, together with an address in which the petitioners declared that they were ready to obey the government in all lawful things, but that they would "offer their backs to stripes, their tongues to knives, their mouths to gags, and their whole bodies to the fire," rather than deny the truth expressed in this confession.

The First Reading of God's Word.....Deuteronomy 8:1-20
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The Second Reading of God's Word.....Luke 4:1-13
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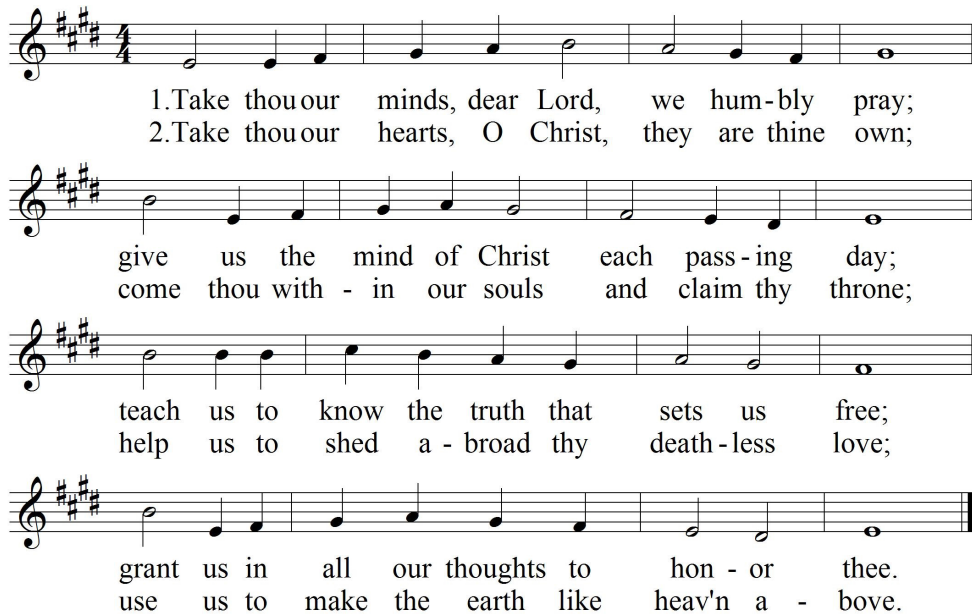
Reader: This is the Word of God.

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.....*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* (#593)



1. Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum-bly pray;
2. Take thou our hearts, O Christ, they are thine own;
give us the mind of Christ each pass-ing day;
come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
use us to make the earth like heav'n a - bove.

Hearing from God's Word.....Luke 4:1-13
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Tempted and Tried*

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:

“Christ is now carrying on in heaven the work of a priest, which He began upon earth. He took our nature on Him in the fullness of time and became a man, that He might be perfectly fitted to be the Priest that our case required. As a priest, He offered up His body and soul as a sacrifice for sin upon the cross, and made a complete atonement for us with His own blood. As a priest, He ascended up on high, passed within the veil, and entered into the presence of God. As a priest, He is now sitting on our behalf at the right hand of God; and what He began actively on earth, He is carrying on actively in heaven. This is what Christ is doing.” *J. C. Ryle*

“Let us ever bear in mind that our blessed Saviour humbled and abased Himself, yielding even to the contemptuous death on the cross, for the comfort of us poor, miserable and damned creatures.”
Martin Luther

“If we regularly beheld the glory of Christ our Christian walk with God would become more sweet and pleasant, our spiritual light and strength would grow daily stronger and our lives would more gloriously represent the glory of Christ. Death would be most welcome to us.” *John Owen*

“I have put my soul, as a blank, into the hands of Jesus Christ my Redeemer, and desired him to write upon it what he pleases. I know it will be his own image.”
George Whitefield

“Satan gives Adam an apple, and takes away Paradise. Therefore, in all temptations let us consider not what he offers, but what we shall lose.”
Richard Sibbes

“Christian humility does not consist in denying what there is of good in us; but in an abiding sense of ill-desert, and the consciousness that what we have of good is due to the grace of God.”
Charles Hodge

“It should be understood that it was not necessary for God to redeem men. The purpose to redeem is of the free and sovereign exercise of His love.”
John Murray

Communion Hymns

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

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| 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! | 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. |
| 2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
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 |

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

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| 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. | 3. 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. |
| 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! | 4. 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! |

Wonderful Merciful Savior – Dawn Rodgers/Eric Wyse

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| 1. Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and friend;
Who would have thought that a lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men. | 2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. <i>Chorus</i> |
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*Chorus: You are the one that we praise,
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

3. Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.
Chorus

Offertory.....*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
My only trust and Savior of my heart,*

*Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

Closing Hymn.....*We Go to All the World*



1. Fa - cing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our
 2. Where oth - er lords be - side Thee hold their un - hin - dered
 3. We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of
 4. O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spir - it who in -

knees. A need that, un - di - min - ished, re -
 sway; where for - ces that de - fied Thee, de -
 those who gave their life pro - claim - ing that
 spired, Sav - ior, whose love con - strained them to

bukes our sloth - ful ease. We, who re - joice to
 fy Thee still to - day. With none to heed their
 Je - sus died and rose. Ours is the same com -
 toil with zeal un - tired. From cow - ar - dice de -

know Thee, re - new be - fore Thy throne the
 cry - ing for life, and love, and light, un -
 mis - sion, the same glad mess - age ours; fired
 fend us, from leth - ar - gy a - wake! Forth

so - lemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.
 num - bered souls are dy - ing and pass in - to the night.
 by the same am - bi - tion, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.
 on Thine er - rand send us to la - bor for Thy sake.

REFRAIN

We go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No
 oth - er name has pow'r to save but Je - sus Christ the Lord.

Benediction

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Even though the financial condition of the church is sound, the officers of GCPC are concerned about the years-long downward trend in giving (2012-2016), especially when coupled with the growth in our membership. We believe that our generosity should be informed by our understanding of the gospel. Please watch this space. We are very encouraged and grateful for your generosity through the first 7 months of 2017. If you have any questions, please speak with our treasurer or any of our church officers.

First quarter: \$119,296

Third quarter: \$124,629

Second quarter: \$134,256

Projected 2017 (receipts based on giving to date): \$ 504,161

2017 Budget: \$475,118 annual / \$39,593 monthly

For 2017, we are providing a basic Family Worship plan to help our families to more regularly worship together during the week. In each weekly bulletin, we will provide a Daily Bible Reading plan, questions from the Catechisms, a hymn for you to learn together, and prayers for you to use as a family.

Weekly Hymn: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q38** "How sinful are you by nature?" / **Answer:** "I am corrupt in every part of my being."

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q38** "What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?" / **Answer:** "At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity."

Bible Reading:

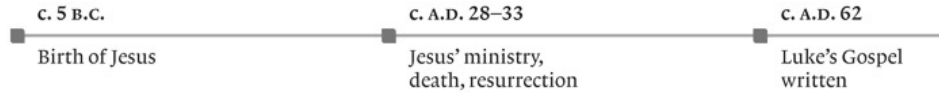
- Mon – 10/9 – 1 Kings 12 & Philippians 3
- Tue – 10/10 – 1 Kings 13 & Philippians 4
- Wed – 10/11 – 1 Kings 14 & Colossians 1
- Thurs – 10/12 – 1 Kings 15 & Colossians 2
- Fri – 10/13 – 1 Kings 16 & Colossians 3
- Sat – 10/14 – 1 Kings 17 & Colossians 4
- Sun – 10/15 – 1 Kings 18 & 1 Thessalonians 1

Next Week's Preaching Passage:

- Luke 4:14-30
- Adult CE: Exodus 20:4-6

Introduction to the Gospel of Luke¹:

Timeline:



Author, Date, and Recipients:

Luke was a physician (Col. 4:14) and a travel companion of the apostle Paul. He wrote this Gospel and its sequel, the book of Acts. The earliest possible date of Luke–Acts is immediately after the events that Luke recorded in Acts 28, which would have been c. A.D. 62. Both Luke and Acts are addressed to “Theophilus” (Lk. 1:3; Acts 1:1), about whom nothing more is known. Luke’s broader audience consisted primarily of Gentile Christians like Theophilus who had already “been taught” (1:4) about Jesus.

Theme:

The gospel is for all, Jews and Gentiles alike, since Jesus is the promised one of God as prophesied in the OT and as seen in God’s saving activity in Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. The Christian traditions Luke’s readers have received are true; by believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, they will receive the promised Holy Spirit whom he gives to all who follow him.

Purpose:

Luke probably had several goals in writing: (1) to assure his readers of the truth of what they had been taught; (2) to help them understand how Israel’s rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles’ entrance into the kingdom of God are part of God’s plan; (3) to clarify that Jesus did not teach that his bodily return would come immediately but that there would be a period between his resurrection and his return; and (4) to emphasize that they need not fear any mere earthly power such as Rome.

The Setting of Luke:

The events in the book of Luke take place almost entirely within the vicinity of Palestine, an area extending roughly from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Beersheba in the south. During this time, it was ruled by the Roman Empire. The opening chapters describe events surrounding Jesus’ birth in Judea, where Herod had been appointed king by the Romans. The closing chapters end with Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension during the rule of Pontius Pilate and the tetrarchs Antipas and Philip.

¹ From the ESV website: <https://www.esv.org/resources/esv-global-study-bible/introduction-to-luke/>

Nursery Volunteers (please arrive by 10:15)

Today: Tim and Sarah Farrar

- Next week: Joe and Jeanette Faulkner
- 10/22: Doug and Karen Flowers
- 10/29: Jason and Jill Frawley
- 11/5: John and Mary Hamby

Upcoming events:

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Roots:** We will take the week off today but will resume next Sunday on the 15th from 5-7pm.

Guys of Grace:

- **Text updates:** text @guysofgr to 81010 for GOG updates.
- **Prayer Group:** Tuesday mornings at 6:15 in the conference room. Coffee and fellowship provided!
- **Men's Bible Study:** Join us for our bi-monthly study of the book of Romans Wednesday evenings at 7. Our meetings in October will be 10/11 and 10/25.

Ladies of Grace:

- Our fall Bible Study will focus on the book of Ephesians. There are 2 time options available: Every other Tuesday morning at 10 am, and every other Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Next meetings: October 3 and 4.

Things to Know:

- To subscribe to GCPC updates: **Text @gcpcr to 81010**
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