

# G R A C E   C O M M U N I T Y

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**April 9, 2017**

**10:30 AM**

### **Reflection:**

“The grace of God is the only light of life to the godly. There is nothing in the whole world, whatever it may be, and whatever opposition it may make to us, which we may not despise, if we are fully persuaded of our being beloved by God; and by this also we understand what His fatherly love can do for us.”

*John Calvin*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

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### **WORSHIP IN PRAISE**

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### **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 John 12***

Minister:      Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!

People:        **Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!**

Minister:       [Jesus said] Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world, Satan, be cast out!

People:        **And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.**

## Hymn of Adoration.....*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (#235)

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er,  
2. The peo - ple of the He-brews with palms be - fore thee  
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we

King, to whom the lips of chil - dren made  
went; our prayer and praise and an - thems be -  
bring, who in all good de - light - est, thou

sweet ho - san - nas ring! Thou art the King of  
fore thee we pre - sent: to thee, be - fore thy  
good and gra - cious King! All glo - ry, laud, and

Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who  
pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to  
hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to

in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless-ed One!  
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas ring!

## Prayer of Adoration

The world has nothing but high disdain for Christ and his kingdom with its eternal blessings; it is concerned only with temporal goods: power, honor, and riches on earth. We Christians, however, are to labor here and use the world's goods for our bodily needs, all the while not forgetting the other life. After all, we must in the end depart and leave behind the goods of this earthly life; that should help us remember where we really want to be, namely with Christ, our eternal King. For if we accept him here, that is, believe in him and heed his gospel, he will also receive us over there, saying to us, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Martin Luther

## Hymn of Preparation.....Who Is This?

1. Who is this so weak and help - less child of  
2. Who is this, a Man of Sor - rows, walk-ing  
3. Who is this? Be - hold him shed - ding drops of  
4. Who is this that hangs there dy - ing while the

low - ly He - brew maid rude - ly in a sta - ble  
sad - ly life's hard way, home-less, wea - ry, sigh-ing,  
blood up - on the ground! Who is this, des-pised, re-  
rude world scoffs and scorns, num-bered with the mal - e-

shel - ter cold - ly in a man - ger laid? Tis the  
weep-ing ov - er sin and Sa - tan's sway? Tis our  
ject - ed, mocked, in - sult - ed, beat - en, bound? Tis our  
fac - tors, torn with nails, and crowned with thorns? Tis our

Lord of all cre - a - tion who this won - d'rous path has  
God, our glo - rious Sav - ior, who a - bove the star - ry  
God, who gifts and grac - es on his church is pour - ing  
God who lives for - ev - er mid the shin - ing ones on

trod; He is Lord from ev - er - last - ing and to  
sky is for us a place pre - par - ing, where no  
down; who shall smite in ho - ly ven - geance all his  
high, in the glor - ious gold - en ci - ty, reign - ing

ev - er last - ing God.  
tear can dim the eye.  
foes be - neath his throne.  
ev - er last - ing ly.

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## WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON

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### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

### Words of Comfort and Promise.....Psalm 6

*The LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.*

**Hymn of Response.....*There is a Fountain Filled with Blood* (#253)**



1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn  
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that  
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your  
4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll  
5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall



from Im - man - uel's veins; and sin - ners, plunged be -  
foun - tain in his day; and there have I, as  
flow - ing wounds sup - ply, re - deem-ing love has  
sing your pow'r to save, when this poor lisp - ing,  
ne - ver lose its pow'r, till all the ran - somed



neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains: lose  
vile as he, washed all my sins a - way: washed  
been my theme, and shall be till I die: and  
stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave: lies  
church of God be saved to sin no more: be



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all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a -  
shall be till I die, and shall be till I  
si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the  
saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no



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**Confession of Faith.....***from The Belgic Confession\**  
Ruling Elder Eric Sizemore

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, as 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 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 prepared in the year 1561 and stands as one of the best symbolical statements of Reformed doctrine.

**The First Reading of God's Word.....**Luke 22:39-62  
pp. 882-883

**The Second Reading of God's Word.....**Psalm 6:1-10  
pp. 449-450

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.....***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (#481)*

O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No  
light in the dark-ness you see? There's light for a  
look at the Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and  
free! Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his  
won-der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow  
strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace.

**Hearing from God's Word.....**Psalm 6  
Rev. Davis W. Morgan                           *Great Afflictions, Greater Consolation*

# 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:

**“We should, therefore, mark all the difference between Christ’s kingdom and worldly powers, as he himself clearly showed by his extraordinary entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, without a saddle, the animal a borrowed one at that! He sat on it without pretense, just as he was, barefoot, without boots and spurs. From the human point of view the whole incident looked ridiculous, and yet this beggar-King, riding on a donkey, was Israel’s King, promised by God and foretold by the prophets. That was evident also from the way his followers greeted him, ‘Hosanna!’ Blessings on this King and upon his new kingdom! ‘Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’ All of which made it crystal clear that he was in no way like worldly rulers who have amassed a lot of treasure and property for the purpose of displaying worldly pomp and circumstance for their public appearances. Christ was no such earthly king; on the contrary, he is an eternal King, with an everlasting kingdom where one needs neither gold or silver, and yet will never suffer any want or need in all eternity. This, then, is what our dear Lord Jesus Christ meant to show by his entrance into Jerusalem, so that we might truly understand him and his kingdom. On the left hand, as it were, we still live here in the kingdom of this world, but always on the right hand we reach forward and upward to his kingdom everlasting in the world to come. It was for that future life that we were baptized. May God grant us his grace so that we may joyously welcome and accept this King and remain with him forever. Amen!”**

*Martin Luther*

“When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now. In so far as I learn to love my earthly dearest at the expense of God and *instead* of God, I shall be moving towards the state in which I shall not love my earthly dearest at all. When first things are put first, second things are not suppressed but increased.”

*C.S. Lewis*

# Communion Hymns

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## He Leadeth Me (#600) – Joseph Gilmore/William Bradbury

1. He Leadeth me! O blessed thought,  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught;  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*Chorus: He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By His own hand He leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.*

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest  
gloom, Sometimes where Eden's bowers  
bloom, By waters calm, o'er troubled  
sea, Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

*Chorus*

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur or repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

*Chorus*

4. And when my task on earth is done,  
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

*Chorus*

## 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. 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.

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!

## There is a Redeemer – Melody Green

1. There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

*Chorus: Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit,  
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. *Chorus*

3. When I stand in Glory,  
I will see His face,  
There I'll serve my King forever,  
In that Holy Place. *Chorus*

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WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE

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Offertory.....*Tender Mercy*

*Hear my cry for mercy,  
As I call to You,  
As I lift my hands in Spirit  
And in Truth.  
We cry mercy  
In the name of the Father most Holy.  
We cry mercy  
In the name of the Son Who was slain.  
Lord have mercy  
In the name of the Spirit indwelling,  
Tender mercy Lord. In Your tender mercy,  
Brought by grace through faith,  
I will lift my heart  
Toward Your most Holy place.*

Closing Hymn .....*Psalm 6*

1.In an - ger, Lord, re - buke me not, nor judg - ment  
2.My soul is great - ly ter - ri - fied. O Lord! and  
3.For none in death re - mem - bers you, or there your  
4.My groan-ing ev - er wea - ries me, through ev - 'ry  
5.Be - cause of all my en - e - mies this bit - ter  
6.The Lord my sup - pli - ca - tion hears; the Lord has

in Your wrath de - cide. My weak-ness pit - y,  
yet how long you take! Re - turn, O Lord, and  
mem - o - ry shall keep. And who can give you  
night till morn ap - pears. My griev - ing makes my  
grief con - sumes my eyes. Then let all ev - il  
brought my prayers to mind; my foes shall be a -

Lord, and heal, for in my bones I'm ter - ri - fied.  
free my soul, and save me for your mer - cies' sake.  
prais - es then, with - in the re - gion of the deep?  
bed to swim and wa - ters all my cot with tears.  
men de - part! The Lord has heard my weep - ing cries.  
shamed and vexed, and sud - den shame they all will find.

## 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, 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. If you have any questions, please speak with our Treasurer or any of our Church Officers.

**January giving:** \$35,892

**February giving:** \$41,141

**March giving:** \$42,263

**Projected 2017** (receipts based on giving to date): \$477,186

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

**Difference to date:** (\$2,068) annual / (\$172) monthly

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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: Psalm 6**

### **Shorter Catechism for Young Children –**

- Q12 "Does God know all things?" / **Answer:** "Yes; nothing can be hidden from God."

### **Shorter Catechism –**

- Q12 "What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?" / **Answer:** "When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death."

### **Bible Reading:**

- Mon – 4/10 – Leviticus 14 & Psalm 17
- Tue – 4/11 – Leviticus 15 & Psalm 18
- Wed – 4/12 – Leviticus 16 & Psalm 19
- Thurs – 4/13 – Leviticus 17 & Psalm 20-21
- Fri – 4/14 – Leviticus 18 & Psalm 22
- Sat – 4/15 – Leviticus 19 & Psalm 23-24
- Sun – 4/16 – Leviticus 20 & Psalm 25

### **Next Week's Passages:**

- Adult Sunday School: **Exodus 12:1-32**
- Preaching: **Psalm 8**

### **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.*

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

### **Today: Ken and Renee Seiver**

- Next week: Eric and Erin Sizemore
- 4/23: Jim and Lorna Sizemore
- 4/30: Tim and Kathryn Stackpole
- 5/7: Leonard and Michelle Stifflemire

## **Upcoming events:**

### **Dinner Club is back!**

- We will be put into groups of 3-4 families, and each family will take a turn hosting dinner for the group.
- Your group will have until the end of November to host each other. To sign up, please email or text Meagan Dennison at 817-653-0359 or [meagandennison@yahoo.com](mailto:meagandennison@yahoo.com).
- We would like to start by May 1, so sign up soon!

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

- April: Justin Campbell
- May: Dan Bent
- June: Brion Ferratt

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

- **BFG:** our next “Big Fun Gathering” will be on Saturday, April 22, at Broc and Kelly Chambers’ lake house. All Jr. and Sr. High students are welcome!
- **Camp Cookout Fundraiser:** we have your Sunday lunch covered on April 23! Our MS and HS students will be cooking lunch and offering their services with a silent auction. All proceeds will go to help funding their way to our Reformed Youth Ministries’ summer camps.

### **Ladies of Grace:**

- **Small groups:** alternate Tuesday mornings at 10 and alternate Wednesday evenings at 7. The next date for the morning group is 4/11; the evening groups is on 4/19.

### **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 next meetings are on 4/12 and 4/26.

### **Things to Know:**

- Interested in membership? [officegcpcfw@gmail.com](mailto:officegcpcfw@gmail.com)
- Would like to meet with one of our pastors?
  - Pastor Kyle: [koliphint@gmail.com](mailto:koliphint@gmail.com)
  - Pastor Davis: [daviswmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:daviswmorgan@gmail.com)