

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 14, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“I have been accustomed to call this book [Psalms] ‘An Anatomy of all the Parts of the Soul.’”
John Calvin

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 32*

Minister: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered!

People: Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Minister: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Minister: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Hymn of Adoration.....To God Be the Glory (#55)



1.To God be the glo - ry, great things he has
2.O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur - chase of
3.Great things he has taught us, great things he has



done! So loved he the world that he gave us his
blood! To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom-ise of
done, and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the



Son, who yield-ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin, and
God; the vil - est of - fen-der who tru - ly be - lieves, that
Son; but pur - er and high-er and great - er will be our



o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
mo - ment from Je - sus for - give-ness re - ceives.
won - der; our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the



Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re - joice! O



come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son, and



give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....What a Friend We Have in Jesus (#629)



1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus,
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en,
all our sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to
Is there trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis -
cum - bered with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior still our
car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in
bear, all be - cause we do not car - ry
share? Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness,
prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
take it to the Lord in prayer!
thou wilt find a so - lace there.

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....from Romans 4

To the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

Hymn of Response.....*Praise the Savior, Now and Ever*

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er;
2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth;
3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered;
4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er

praise him, all be - neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing,
he is all our righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior,
Christ has bruised the ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger
un - to God the Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior,

suf - fring dy - ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.
has for - ev - er set us free from dire dis - tress.
is the stron - ger; hell it - self is cap - tive led.
praise him ev - er, Son of God, our Lord and King.

Vic - tory gain - ing, life ob - tain - ing,
Through his mer - it, we in - her - it
Christ has ris - en from death's pris - on;
Praise the Spir - it; through Christ's mer - it

now in glo - ry he doth rise.
light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
o'er the tomb he light has shed.
he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

“Our whole education tends to fix our minds on this world. . . When the real want for Heaven is present in us, we do not recognize it. Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise. . . If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.”

C.S. Lewis

Minister: *What is justification?*

People: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Minister: *What is adoption?*

People: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of, the sons of God.

Minister: *What is sanctification?*

People: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Minister: *What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?*

People: The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

*When the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America was formed in 1788, it adopted (with minor revisions) the Westminster Confession of Faith, Larger and Shorter Catechisms (1647), as its secondary standards (the Bible itself being the only infallible rule of faith and practice). Officers in the PCA take a vow to "sincerely receive and adopt" these confessional documents "as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures."

The First Reading of God’s Word.....2 Corinthians 5:17-21
p. 966

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 32:1-11
pp. 462-463

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.....Psalm 32
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *The Silence that Steals from Us*

The Westminster Larger Catechism:

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

A. 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.

Q. 160. *What is required of those that hear the word preached?*

A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

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:

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you...The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.”
C.S. Lewis

“The clear message from Genesis to Revelation is either go to hell with your own righteousness, or go to heaven with the righteousness of Christ credited to your account by faith alone. Faith in Christ is saving; faith in anything or anyone else is superstition.”
Michael Horton

“Once in Christ and ever in Christ. A star may sooner fall out of its orb than a true believer be plucked away from God.”
Thomas Watson

“Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord. How can we turn our knowledge about God into knowledge of God? The rule for doing this is simple but demanding. It is that we turn each truth that we learn about God into matter for meditation before God, leading to prayer and praise to God.”
J.I. Packer

“For many the gospel has functioned solely as the entry rite into Christianity; it is the prayer we pray to begin our relationship with Jesus; the diving board off of which we jump into the pool of Christianity. After we get into the pool, we get into the real stuff of Christianity: mastering good principles for our marriage; learning rules and regulations of how to behave; and figuring out if Kirk Cameron will be left behind. The gospel, however, is not just the diving board off of which we jump into the pool of Christianity; it is the pool itself. It is not only the way we begin in Christ; it is the way we grow in Christ. As Tim Keller says, the gospel is not just the ABCs of Christianity, it is the A-Z; it is not the first step in a stairway of truths, it is more like the hub of God's wheel of truth. All other Christian virtues flow out of it.”
J.D. Greear

Communion Hymns

Jesus, I Come – William Sleeper/Greg Thompson

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of my sickness, into Thy health,
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of earth's sorrows, into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair, into raptures above,
Upward for forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee;
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Satisfied – Karl Digerness

1. All my life long, I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I found within.

*Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me,
The one my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings
Through his blood I now am saved.*

2. Feeding on the filth around me
'Til my strength was almost gone.

Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on. *Chorus*

3. Poor I was and sought for riches
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry. *Chorus*

4. Well of water, ever springing
Bread of Life so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me. *Chorus*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (#616) –Elisha Hoffman/Anthony Showalter

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Chorus: Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in the pilgrim
way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to
day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Chorus

3. What have I to dread, what have I to
fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Chorus*

— WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE —

Offertory.....*Jesus, Everlasting King*

Jesus, everlasting King,	O send Your Spirit to impart
Accept the tribute which we bring;	Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Accept the well deserved renown,	Like the dear hour when from above
And wear our praises as Your crown.	We first received Your pledge of love.

Closing Hymn.....*Psalm 32*



1. What bless - ed - ness for him whose guilt has
 2. When I kept si - lent, my bones aged; my
 3. Then you did all my sin for - give and
 4. In - struc - tion I will give to you and
 5. The wick - ed man - y pangs en - dure, but



all for - giv - en been! When his trans - gres - sions
 groan - ing filled each day. Your hand op - pressed me
 take my guilt a - way. For this when you are
 teach you as you go. My watch - ful eye will
 stead - fast cov - 'nant love en - cir - cles ev - 'ry



par - doned are, and cov - ered is his sin. O
 day and night; my mois - ture dried a - way. Then
 near at hand let all the god - ly pray. The
 guide your steps; my coun - sel you will know. Be
 man whose trust is in the Lord a - bove. Be



blessed the man 'gainst whom the Lord counts
 I to you ad - mit - ted sin, hid
 ris - ing floods will harm him not. You
 not like sense - less horse or mule which
 glad and shout, you right - eous ones, and



no in - i - qui - ty, and in whose spir - it
 not my guilt - i - ness; I said, "I will be -
 are my hid - ing place. And you will com - fort -
 if you would sub - due you must with bit and
 in the Lord re - joice! And all whose hearts are



there is not de - ceit or treach - er - y.
 fore the Lord trans - gres - sions now con - fess."
 me with songs of vic - to - ry and grace.
 bri - dle hold to bring him close to you.
 just and true sing out with joy - ful voice.

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

March giving: \$42,263

February giving: \$41,141

April giving: \$58,334

Projected 2017 (receipts based on giving to date): \$513,154

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: *Psalm 32*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q17:** “How did God create man?” / **Answer:** “God created man, male and female, after his own image.”

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q17:** “Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?” / **Answer:** “The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.”

Bible Reading:

- Mon – 5/15 – Numbers 24 & Psalm 66-67
- Tue – 5/16 – Numbers 25 & Psalm 68
- Wed – 5/17 – Numbers 26 & Psalm 69
- Thurs – 5/18 – Numbers 27 & Psalm 70-71
- Fri – 5/19 – Numbers 28 & Psalm 72
- Sat – 5/20 – Numbers 29 & Psalm 73
- Sun – 5/21 – Numbers 30 & Psalm 74

Next Week’s Preaching Passage:

- Preaching: **Psalm 42**
- ***Please note that Christian Education is adjourned for the summer.***

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: Tangunyi family

- Next week: Emily Taton and Kathy Curts
- 5/28: Jon and Melinda Timpf
- 6/4: Jeff and Kristi Trahan
- 6/11: Gary and Diane Armitage

Upcoming events:

Officer Voting:

- We will have a Congregational Meeting next Sunday, immediately following our worship service, to vote on officer nominees who have passed their examinations. All GCPC members are encouraged to attend and vote. ß

The Harrison Nursing Home Ministry: The 4th Sunday at 2:30.

- May: Dan Bent
- June: Brion Ferratt

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Final Camp Fundraiser:** please join us for dinner this Wednesday from 4-8 pm at Chicken Salad Chick at Presidio Junction on North Tarrant. 20% of all sales will go to our summer camps!
- **Senior Sunday:** we will honor all of our graduating seniors with a breakfast on June 4 at 9:30 in Westminster Hall. All students and parents are invited to attend.

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 next date is 5/24.

Things to Know:

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