

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 15, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“By explaining a passage in Isaiah, and applying it to the instruction which was immediately required, [Jesus] turned upon him the eyes of all.”

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.....from Psalm 103

Minister: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
praise his holy name!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Minister: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Hymn of Invocation.....Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (#76)



1.Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en,
 2.Praise him for his grace and fa - vor
 3.Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us;
 4.Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish,
 5.An - gels, help us to a - dore him;



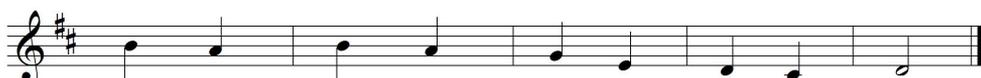
to his feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed,
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress; praise him,
 well our fee - ble frame he knows; in his
 blows the wind and it is gone; but while
 you be - hold him face to face; sun and



healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his
 still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and
 hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from
 mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un -
 moon bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in



praise should sing? Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 swift to bless; praise him, praise him, praise him,
 all our foes praise him, praise him, praise him,
 chang - ing on. Praise him, praise him, praise him,
 time and space, praise him, praise him, praise him,



praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Preparation.....*I Need Thee Every Hour (#674)*



1.I need thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2.I need thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near - by;
3.I need thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or pain;
4.I need thee ev - 'ry hour; teach me thy will,
5.I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly One;



no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
come quick - ly, and a - bide, or life is vain.
and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

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I need thee, O I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee;



O bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come to thee.

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

**Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession**

Words of Comfort and Promise.....*from John 10*

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Hymn of Response.....*Blessed Assurance* (#693)



1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 above ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 above, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

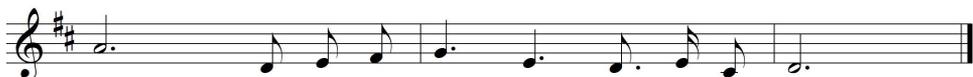
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This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my



Sav - ior all the day long; this is my sto - ry, this is my



song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

“Assurance grows by repeated conflict, by our repeated experimental proof of the Lord’s power and goodness to save; when we have been brought very low and helped, sorely wounded and healed, cast down and raised again, have given up all hope, and been suddenly snatched from danger, and placed in safety; and when these things have been repeated to us and in us a thousand times over, we begin to learn to trust simply to the word and power of God, beyond and against appearances: and this trust, when habitual and strong, bears the name of assurance; for even assurance has degrees.”

John Newton

Confession of Faith.....*from the Heidelberg Catechism**
Ruling Elder Dan Bent

Elder: Why is the Son of God called *Jesus*, that is, Savior?

People: Because he saves us from all our sins, and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.

Elder: Why is he called *the Christ*, that is, the Anointed One?

People: Because he has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Elder: Why are you called a Christian?

People: Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in his anointing, so that I may as prophet confess his name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with him eternally over all creatures.

The Heidelberg Catechism was written in Heidelberg, Germany at the request of Elector Frederick III, ruler of the most influential German province, the Palatinate, from 1559 to 1576. 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 Catechism was soon divided into fifty-two sections, so that a section of the Catechism could be explained to the churches each Sunday of the year. The Heidelberg Catechism has been translated into many languages and is one of the most influential and generally accepted of the several catechisms of Reformation times.

The First Reading of God’s Word.....1 Kings 17:1-24
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The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Luke 4:14-30
pp.859-860

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 My Life and Let It Be*

1. Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed Lord, to
2. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no lon-ger

thee. Take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in
mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy

cease - less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.

Hearing from God’s Word.....Luke 4:14-30
Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Our Homeboy?!*

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:

“If grace is owed, it is not grace. The very essence of grace is its voluntary character. God reserves to Himself the sovereign, absolute right to give grace to some and withhold that grace from others.” *R.C. Sproul*

“Our becoming righteous is taken entirely out of our hands and put in the hand of God. That is most highly necessary. We are so weak and uncertain that, if it were in our power, surely not one man would be saved, the devil would surely overpower us all, but since God is certain, and His predestination cannot fail, and no one can withstand Him, we still have hope against sin.” *Martin Luther*

“The Christian has the assurance which no heir in temporal things can ever have. He knows with absolute certainty that the inheritance will not merely be kept for him, but that he will be kept for it.” *Geerhardus Vos*

“Grace is not an impersonal power that sanctifies and transforms the believer; God’s grace is the person of Christ Himself, who redeems fallen man through His life, death, resurrection, and ascension, then applies that work to the believer through the indwelling and transformative power of the Holy Spirit. In a word, grace is union with Christ.” *John Fesko*

“No one can travel so far that he does not make some progress each day. So, let us never give up. Then we shall move forward daily in the Lord's way. And let us never despair because of our limited success. Even though it is so much less than we would like, our labor is not wasted when today is better than yesterday!” *John Calvin*

“There is something in Christ more excellent and attractive than the office of a Savior; the greatness of His person is more excellent than the salvation accomplished by His death.” *Stephen Charnock*

Communion Hymns

O Sacred Head Now Wounded (#247)—*Bernard of Clairvaux/Hans Hassler*

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown:
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

2. What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor,
Vouchsafe to me thy grace.

3. What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love for thee.

Salvation to the Lamb—*Justin Smith/Joseph Hart*

1. Poor sinner come, cast off thy fear,
And raise thy drooping head
Come, sing with all poor sinners here,
Jesus, who once was dead
Salvation sing no word more meet
To join to Jesus' name
Let every thankful tongue repeat
"Salvation to the Lamb"

2. Saints from the garden to the cross
Your conquering Lord pursue
Who, dearly to redeem your loss
Groaned, bled, and died for you

Now reigns victorious over death
The glorious great I am
Let every soul repeat with faith
"Salvation to the Lamb."

3. When we incurred the wrath of God
Alas! What could be worse?
He came, and with His heart's own blood
Redeemed us from the curse
This Paschal Lamb, his blood can meet
And cleanse ye from each stain
Repeat, ye ransomed souls, repeat
"Salvation to the Lamb."

Whate'er My God Ordains is Right—*Samuel Rodigast/David Braud*

1. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Holy His will abideth.
I will be still whate'er He does,
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God, though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

2. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path,
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.

3. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Though now this cup in drinking
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all unshrinking.
My God is true, each morn anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

4. Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be
mine, Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there.
He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all.

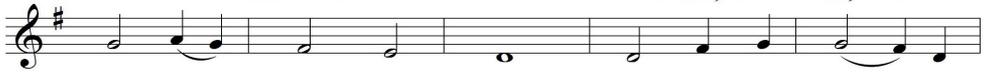
— WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE —

Offertory.....*Arise, O God, and Shine*

Closing Hymn.....*And Can It Be That I Should Gain (#342)*



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies; who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born
 in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my



caused his pain? For me, who him to death pur -
 ser - aph tries to sound the depths of love di -
 great his love!), and bled for all his cho - sen
 quick - 'ning ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with
 liv - ing Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di -



sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that
 vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a - dore, let
 race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; for,
 light; my chains fell off, my heart was free; I
 vine, bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, and



thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 an - gel minds in - quire no more.
 O my God, it found out me.
 rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
 claim the crown, through Christ, my own.



A - maz - ing love! How can it be that



thou, my God shouldst die for me?

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: *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- **Q39** "What is the sinful nature that we inherit from Adam called?" / **Answer:** "Original sin."

Shorter Catechism –

- **Q39** "What is the duty which God requires of man?" / **Answer:** "The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will"

Bible Reading:

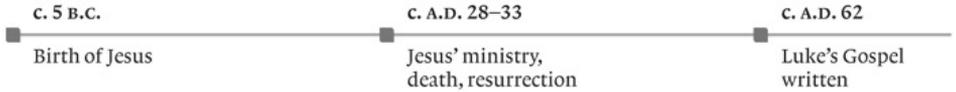
- Mon – 10/16 – 1 Kings 19 & 1 Thessalonians 2
- Tue – 10/17 – 1 Kings 20 & 1 Thessalonians 3
- Wed – 10/18 – 1 Kings 21 & 1 Thessalonians 4
- Thurs – 10/19 – 1 Kings 22 & 1 Thessalonians 5
- Fri – 10/20 – 2 Kings 1 & 2 Thessalonians 1
- Sat – 10/21 – 2 Kings 2 & 2 Thessalonians 2
- Sun – 10/22 – 2 Kings 3 & 2 Thessalonians 3

Next Week's Preaching Passage:

- Luke 4:31-44
- Adult CE: Exodus 20:7

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: **Joe and Jeanette Faulkner**

- Next week: Doug and Karen Flowers
- 10/29: Jason and Jill Frawley
- 11/5: Philip and Sherrie Hamby
- 11/12: John and Mary Hamby

Upcoming events:

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Roots:** our regular discipleship ministry to our Jr. and Sr. High students will meet tonight from 5-7 in Westminster Hall.

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 next meeting will be on 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 17 and 18, and Oct. 31 and Nov. 1

Things to Know:

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