

GRACE COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 26, 2017

10:30 AM

Reflection:

“Psalm 1 stands as a faithful doorkeeper [to the Psalms], confronting those who would be in 'the congregation of the righteous' with the basic choice that alone gives reality to worship; with the divine truth that must inform it; and with the ultimate judgment that looms upon it.”

Derek Kidner

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 1*

Minister: How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

People: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

Minister: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

People: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Invocation.....*Be Thou My Vision* (#642)



1.Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2.Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3.Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
 4.Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5.High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wa - king or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

“Be Thou My Vision,” was written nearly fifteen hundred years ago in Ireland. It was written by the sixth century Irish poet, Dallán Forgaill, also known as St. Dallán. Monks chanted his poetry, and someone much later used it as the basis for this hymn. Tradition says St. Dallán lost his sight, which inspired the first line, “Be Thou our vision.” The hymn is a prayer – a prayer that Christ will be our vision, our best thought, our presence, and our light.”

Hymn Lists

Hymn of Preparation.....Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (#500)



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

“Augustus Toplady wrote several hymns in his life, but “Rock of Ages” is by far his most famous. When Benson wrote about it in 1923, he claimed it “is in more church hymnals than is any other English hymn.” The first stanza appeared in public in 1775 in a periodical called *The Gospel Magazine*. There is a common story of the hymn being inspired by (and even written from within) a rock cleft that Toplady once took refuge in during a storm. The particular rock is in Burrington Combe gorge in North Somerset, England, and it has a plaque on it with this claim to fame.” *Tim Challies*

—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....1 Peter 2

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Hymn of Response.....*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed/At the Cross*



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and
4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the



did my Sov - ereign die! Would he de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree! A - maz - ing pit - y!
shut his glo - ries in, when Christ, the might - y
debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
Ma - ker, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

REFRAIN



At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the



bur - den of my heart rolled a - way. It was there by faith I re -



ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day!

“We divide the substance of our salvation between Christ’s death and resurrection as follows: through the death, sin was wiped out and death extinguished; through his resurrection righteousness was restored and life raised up, so that — thanks to his resurrection — his death manifested its power and efficacy in us.”

John Calvin

Confession of Faith.....*The Westminster Shorter Catechism**
Ruling Elder Justice Kerr

Elder: What is the Word of God?

People: The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience.

Elder: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

People: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Elder: What is required of those that hear the Word preached?

People: 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 First General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, meeting at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, December 4-7, 1973, adopted the Confession of Faith, the Larger Catechism and the Shorter Catechism as the doctrinal standards of the Church. The Presbyterian Church in America received the same Confession and Catechisms as those that were adopted by the first American Presbyterian Assembly of 1789. This is the Confession and Catechisms as agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster which met from 1643-1647. All ministers and officers in the Presbyterian Church in America must subscribe to the Westminster Standards as a faithful and systematized expression of doctrine and theology that we find in God's Word.

The First Reading of God’s Word.....2 Timothy 2:1-19
pp. 995-996

The Second Reading of God’s Word.....Psalm 1:1-6
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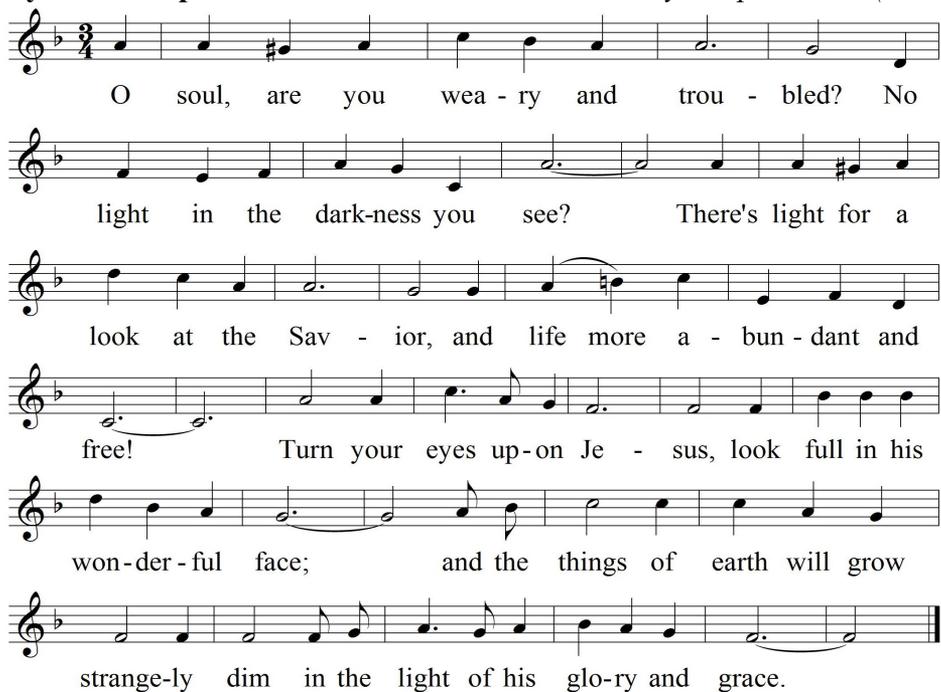
Reader: This is the Word of God.

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.....*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 1
 Rev. Kyle Oliphint *Introducing the Psalms*

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:

“Redeeming love and retributive justice joined hands, so to speak, at Calvary, for there God showed Himself to be ‘just, and the justifier of him who hath faith in Jesus’. Do you understand this? If you do, you are now seeing to the very heart of the Christian gospel. No version of that message goes deeper than that which declares man’s root problem before God to be his sin, which evokes wrath, and God’s basic provision for man to be propitiation, which out of wrath brings peace.”

J.I. Packer

“When God poured out his justice on Christ, he was not only destroying his Son, but destroying the barrier between himself and us. How amazing! The more God vented his holiness on Jesus, the more he was venting his love for us. On the cross, the holiness and love of God, otherwise in tension, were in complete, brilliant cooperation. The more his holiness expressed itself, the more his love was satisfied; the more his love expressed itself, the more his holiness was satisfied.”

Tim Keller

“If [Christ] had been murdered by thieves or slain in an insurrection by a raging mob, in such a death there would have been no evidence of satisfaction. But when he was arraigned before the judgment seat as a criminal, accused and pressed by testimony, and condemned by the mouth of the judge to die—we know by these proofs that he took the role of a guilty man and evildoer.”

John Calvin

“We are not called to build the kingdom of glory, but to carry a cross in the kingdom of grace. To forget the cause of missions is to forget the purpose of Christ in a world still spared from destruction. The purpose of your life must be the purpose of Christ’s death.”

Edmund P. Clowney

Communion Hymns

Come, Ye Sinners – *Joseph Hart/Folk Melody*

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

*Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

2. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh. *Refrain*

3. Lo! th' incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude. *Refrain*

4. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him. *Refrain*

Thou Lovely Source of True Delight – *Anne Steele/Kevin Twit*

1. Thou lovely source of true delight
Whom I unseen adore,
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight
That I might love Thee more,
Oh that I might love Thee more.

2. Thy glory o'er creation shines,
But in Thy sacred Word,
I read in fairer, brighter lines
My bleeding, dying Lord,
See my bleeding, dying Lord.

3. 'Tis here, when'er my comforts droop,
And sin and sorrow rise,
Thy love with cheering beams of hope
My fainting heart supplies.
Oh, my fainting heart's supplied.

4. But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene
Is clouded o'er with pain.
My gloomy fears rise dark between
And I again complain.
Oh, and I again complain.

5. Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of
night, And chase my fears away.
Won't you chase my fears away.

6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love,
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above.
They are only known above.

O Jesus, We Adore Thee (#255) – *Arthur T. Russell/Welsh Melody*

1. O Jesus, we adore Thee,
Upon the cross, our King!
We bow our hearts before Thee,
Thy gracious Name we sing.
That Name hath brought salvation,
That Name in life our stay,
Our peace, our consolation,
When life shall fade away.

2. Yet doth the world disdain Thee,
Still passing by the cross;
Lord, may our hearts retain Thee;
All else we count but loss.

Ah, Lord, our sins arraigned Thee,
And nailed Thee to the tree;
Our pride, our Lord, disdained Thee;
Yet deign our Hope to be.

3. O glorious King, we bless Thee,
No longer pass Thee by;
O Jesus, we confess Thee
The Son enthroned on high.
Lord, grant to us remission;
Life through Thy death restore;
Yea, grant us the fruition
Of life forevermore.

— WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE —

Offertory.....O Great God

*O great God of highest heav'n,
Occupy my lowly heart.
Own it all and reign supreme.
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r.
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war.
You have loved and purchased me,
Make me Yours forever more.
Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my ev'ry thought and deed.
O great God of highest heav'n,
Glorify Your Name through me.*

Closing Hymn.....Psalm 1



1.O great - ly bless - ed is the man who
2.Nor sit - teth in the scorn-er's chair, but
3.He shall be like a tree that grows set
4.And all he does shall pros - per well. The
5.In judg - ment there - fore shall not stand such
6.Be - cause the way of god - ly men is



walk-eth not as - tray in coun - sel of un -
plac-eth his de - light up - on God's law, and
by the wa - ter side, which in its sea - son
wick-ed are not so, but are like chaff which
as un-god - ly are, nor in th'as - sem - bly
to Je - ho - vah known, where - as the way of



god - ly men, nor stands in sin - ners' way,
med - i - tates on His law day and night.
yields its fruit, and green its leaves a - bide;
by the wind is driv - en to and fro.
of the just shall wick - ed men ap - pear.
wick - ed men shall quite be ov - er - thrown.

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

Projected 2017 (receipts based on giving to date): \$462,200

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

Difference to date: (\$12,918) annual / (\$1,077) 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 1*

Shorter Catechism for Young Children –

- Q10 "Where is God?" / **Answer:** "God is everywhere."

Shorter Catechism –

- Q10 "How did God create man?" / **Answer:** "God created man male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures."

Bible Reading:

- Mon – 3/27 – Exodus 38 & John 17
- Tue – 3/28 – Exodus 39 & John 18
- Wed – 3/29 – Exodus 40 & John 19
- Thurs – 3/30 – Leviticus 1 & John 20
- Fri – 3/31 – Leviticus 2-3 & John 21
- Sat – 4/1 – Leviticus 4 & Psalm 1-2
- Sun – 4/2 – Leviticus 5 & Psalm 3-4

Next Week's Passages:

- Adult Sunday School: **Exodus 10:1-29**
- Preaching: **Psalm 2**

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: John and Jennifer Rutherford

- Next week: Ken and Renee Seiver
- 4/9: Chris and Heather Sizemore
- 4/16: Jim and Lorna Sizemore
- 4/23: Eric and Erin Sizemore

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.
We would like to start by April 1, so sign up soon!

The Harrison Nursing Home Ministry: TODAY at 2:30 PM

- March: Justice Kerr
- April: Justin Campbell

Student Ministries of Grace:

- **Roots:** tonight and next week (4/2) at 5 pm in Westminster Hall. All Junior and Senior High students are invited to join us!

Ladies of Grace:

- **Small groups:** alternate Tuesday mornings at 10 and alternate Wednesday evenings at 7. The dates for the morning group is 3/28 and 4/11; evening groups are 4/5 and 4/19.
- **Spring Luncheon:** April 1, 11:00-1:00,
Wise Ways for Wise Days
RSVP in foyer or contact: Joanna McMahan or Anne Nelson
(janamcmahanp48@gmail.com; anneok@cox.net.)

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 3/29, 4/12, and 4/26.

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