

# GRACE COMMUNITY

*Presbyterian Church, PCA*

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 30, 2017

10:30 AM

### Reflection:

“I’m so thankful for the active obedience of Christ. No hope without it.”

*J. Gresham Machen*

*(shortly before he died in 1937)*

### 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 101*

- Minister: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.
- People: **I will ponder the way that is blameless; I will walk with integrity of heart; I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless.**
- Minister: I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.
- People: **I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.**

Hymn of Adoration.....*How Firm a Foundation* (#94)



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;  
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5. "E'en down to old age all my peo - ple shall prove  
6. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not ov - er - flow;  
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;  
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - chan - gea - ble love;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and when ho - ary hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,  
that soul, though all hell should en - dea - vor to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

\* "hoary hairs" = the graying of the hair in aging

### Prayer of Adoration

In this hymn notice who is doing the talking: in worship, we are usually the ones doing the talking ("Crown Him with many crowns!"), but in *How Firm a Foundation* after the first verse it is God addressing us. So, there is the sense of us *listening* while we are singing, listening to God addressing us reminding us of His rich, rich promises.

*David Powlison*

**Hymn of Preparation.....Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (#257)**

1. Strick-en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him  
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there  
3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup -  
4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the  
dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man re -  
ev - er grief like his? Friends thro' fear his cause dis -  
pose the e - vil great here may view its na - ture  
ref - uge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our sal -  
ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the  
own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress; man - y  
right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the  
va - tion, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of  
long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's  
hands were raised to wound him, none would  
sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who  
God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri -  
son, yet Da - vid's Lord; by his Son God now has  
in - ter - pose to save; but the deep - est stroke that  
bears the aw - ful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's A -  
fice to can - cel guilt! None shall ev - er be con -  
spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
found - ed who on him their hope have built.

**—WORSHIP IN CONFESSION AND PARDON—**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Words of Comfort and Promise.....***from Hebrews 5*  
*Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered.*  
*And being made perfect, Christ became the source of eternal salvation to*  
*all who obey Him.*

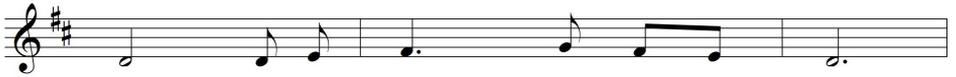
Hymn of Response.....*Jesus Paid It All (#308)*



1.I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your  
 2.Lord, now in - deed I find your  
 3.For noth - ing good have I where -  
 4.And when be - fore the throne, I



strength in - deed is small, child of weak - ness, watch and  
 power, and yours a - lone, can change the lep - er's  
 by your grace to claim, I'll wash my gar - ments  
 stand in him com - plete, "Je - sus died my soul to



pray, find in me your all in all."  
 spots, and melt a heart of stone.  
 white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
 save," my lips shall still re - peat.

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Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

“God sees fit that we should taste of that cup of which his Son drank so deep, that we might feel a little what sin is, and what his Son's love was. But our comfort is that Christ drank the dregs of the cup for us, and will succor us, so that our spirits may not utterly fail under that little taste of his displeasure which we may feel. He became not only a man but a curse, a man of sorrows, for us. He was broken that we should not be broken; he was troubled, that we should not be desperately troubled; he became a curse, that we should not be accursed. Whatever may be wished for in an all sufficient comforter is all to be found in Christ.”

*Richard Sibbes*

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

Elder: *What do we pray for in the fifth petition?*

**People: In the fifth petition, which is, ‘And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors’, we pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.**

Elder: *What do we pray for in the sixth petition?*

**People: In the sixth petition, which is, ‘And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil’, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.**

Elder: *What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?*

**People: The conclusion of the Lord's prayer, which is, ‘For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen’, teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him. And in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, Amen.**

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 Presbyterian Church in America (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**.....Matthew 5:17-20; 43-48  
*pp.810-811*

**The Second Reading of God’s Word**.....Psalm 101:1-8  
*p.501*

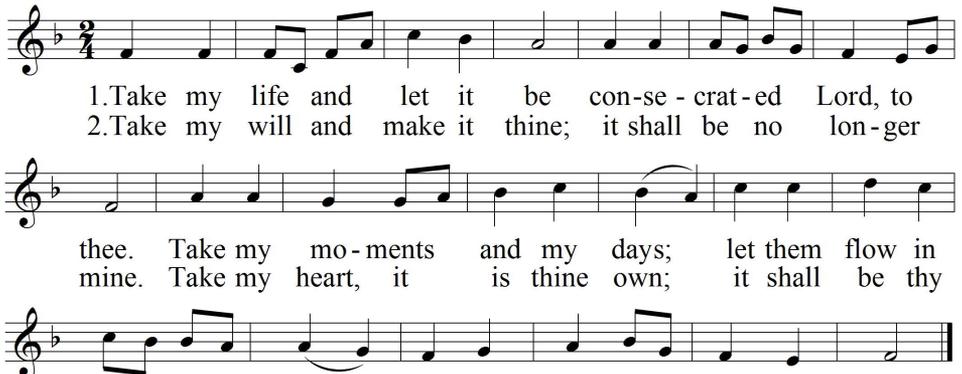
Reader: This is the Word of God.

**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**.....*Take My Life and Let It Be (#585)*



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**.....Psalm 101  
Rev. Davis W. Morgan *I Will Because Jesus Did*

*The Second Helvetic Confession:*

**The Preaching of the Word of God is the Word of God:** Wherefore when this Word of God is now preached in the church by preachers lawfully called, we believe that the very Word of God is proclaimed, and received by the faithful; and that neither any other Word of God is to be invented nor is to be expected from heaven: and that now the Word itself which is preached is to be regarded, not the minister that preaches; for even if he be evil and a sinner, nevertheless the Word of God remains still true and good.

# 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:

“In his last moments, Martin Luther was asked by his friend Justus Jonas, “Do you want to die standing firm on Christ and the doctrine you have taught?” He answered emphatically, “Yes!” Luther’s last words were: “*We are beggars. This is true.*”

**“I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am”**  
*John Newton*

“On Christ’s glory I would fix all my thoughts and desires, and the more I see of the glory of Christ, the more the painted beauties of this world will wither in my eyes and I will be more and more crucified to this world. It will become to me like something dead and putrid, impossible for me to enjoy.”

*John Owen*

**“Our sins should humble us, but they must not discourage us from coming to Christ. Has Christ provided such a blessed banquet for us? He does not nurse us abroad—but feeds us with His own breast—nay, with His own blood! Let us, then, study to respond to this great love of Christ. It is true, we can never parallel His love. Yet let us show ourselves thankful. We can do nothing satisfactory—but we may do something out of gratitude. Christ gave Himself as a sin-offering for us. Let us give ourselves as a thank-offering for Him. If a man redeems another out of debt—will he not be grateful? How deeply do we stand obliged to Christ—who has redeemed us from hell!”**  
*Thomas Watson*

“Till men have faith in Christ, their best services are but glorious sins. Repentance is the vomit of the soul.”

*Thomas Brooks*

**“The more affected we are with our misery, the fitter for Christ's mercy.”**  
*Thomas Manton*

“Here is the truly Christian life, here is faith really working by love, when a man applies himself with joy and love to the works of that freest servitude in which he serves others voluntarily and for naught, himself abundantly satisfied in the fullness and riches of his own faith.”

*Martin Luther*

# Communion Hymns

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## **Bread of the World in Mercy Broken (#425) – Reginald Heber/John S. B. Hodges**

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| 1. Bread of the world in mercy broken,<br>Wine of the soul in mercy shed,<br>By whom the words of life were spoken,<br>And in whose death our sins are dead. | 2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken,<br>Look on the tears by sinners shed;<br>And be thy feast to us the token<br>That by thy grace our souls are fed. |
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## **Begone Unbelief – John Newton/Kevin Twit**

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| 1. Begone unbelief, My Savior is near,<br>And for my relief will surely appear:<br>By faith let me wrestle, with God in the<br>storm, and help me my Savior, the faith to<br>adorn, and help me my Savior, the faith to<br>adorn.                | <i>the word he has spoken will surely<br/>prevail, the word he has spoken will<br/>surely prevail.</i>   |
| 2. Though dark be my way, Since he is<br>my guide, 'tis mine to obey, and His to<br>provide; though cisterns be broken, and<br>creatures all fail, the word he has spoken<br>will surely prevail, the word he has<br>spoken will surely prevail. | 3. Why should I complain, of want or<br>distress, temptation or pain? He told me<br>no less the heirs of salvation, I know from<br>his word, through much tribulation must<br>follow their Lord, through much<br>tribulation must follow their Lord. |

*Chorus:*

*Begone unbelief, The Savior is here (3x)  
Though cisterns be broken  
and creatures all fail,*

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| 4. Since all that I meet will work for my<br>good, the bitter is sweet, the medicine<br>food; though painful at present, will cease<br>before long, and then, O! how glorious,<br>the conqueror's song, and then, O! how<br>glorious, the conqueror's song! <i>Chorus</i> |
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## **God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51) – Scottish Psalter/Christopher Miner**

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| 1. God, be merciful to me;<br>On Thy grace I rest my plea<br>Plenteous in compassion Thou,<br>Blot out my transgressions now;<br>Wash me, make me pure within;<br>Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.         | 4. Broken, humbled to the dust<br>By Thy wrath and judgment just,<br>Let my contrite heart rejoice,<br>And in gladness hear Thy voice;<br>From my sins O hide Thy face,<br>Blot them out in boundless grace. |
| 2. My transgressions I confess;<br>Grief and guilt my soul oppress.<br>I have sinned against Thy grace,<br>And provoked Thee to Thy face.<br>I confess Thy judgement just;<br>Speechless, I Thy mercy trust. | 5. Gracious God, my heart renew,<br>Make my spirit right and true.<br>Cast me not away from Thee,<br>Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;<br>Thy salvation's joy impart,<br>Steadfast make my willing heart.          |
| 3. I am evil, born in sin;<br>Thou desirest truth within.<br>Thou alone my Savior art,<br>Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;<br>Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,<br>Wash me whiter than the snow.                  | 6. Sinners then shall learn from me,<br>And return, O God, to Thee<br>Savior all my guilt remove,<br>And my tongue shall sing Thy love<br>Touch my silent lips, O Lord,<br>And my mouth shall praise accord. |

—————WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE—————

**Offertory**.....*God's Love Is Always There*

How great, how strong,  
God's love for us goes on and on and  
on, this gift we share with a world  
who needs Him.  
His love is always there.

God sent His only Son to save us.  
Only His great love could change us.  
He would give everything for He loves  
us more than anything.

**Closing Hymn**.....*Psalm 101*



1. Of mer - cy and of jus - tice, O Lord, I'll sing to thee.  
2. I will per - mit no base thing be - fore my eyes to be.  
3. I'll cut him off that slan - ders his neigh - bor se - cret - ly;  
4. No man of works de - ceit - ful with - in my house shall dwell;



In up - right - ness and wis - dom shall my be - hav - ior be.  
I hate un - faith - ful do - ing; it shall not cleave to me.  
I'll not en - dure the proud heart nor eyes that haugh - ty be.  
nor in my sight shall tar - ry a man who lies will tell.



O when in lov - ing - kind - ness wilt thou to me come near?  
The man whose heart is fro - ward shall from my pres - ence go;  
My eyes are with the faith - ful that he may dwell with me;  
Each morn - ing with de - struc - tion the wick - ed I'll re - ward,



I'll walk with - in my dwell - ing with heart and life sin - cere.  
and noth - ing that is e - vil will I con - sent to know.  
the man whose walk is up - right my min - is - ter shall be.  
to free from e - vil - do - ers the cit - y of 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 6 months of 2017. If you have any questions, please speak with our Treasurer or any of our Church Officers.

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

**April giving:** \$58,334

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

**May giving:** \$38,482

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

**June giving:** \$37,440

**Projected 2017** (receipts based on giving to date): \$507, 106

**2017 Budget:** \$475,118 annual / \$39,593 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 101*

**Shorter Catechism for Young Children –**

- **Q28** "Did Adam keep the covenant of life?" / **Answer:** "No. He sinned against God."

**Shorter Catechism –**

- **Q28** "Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?" / **Answer:** "Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day."

**Bible Reading:**

- Mon – 7/31 – Judges 14 & Acts 18
- Tue – 8/1 – Judges 15 & Acts 19
- Wed – 8/2 – Judges 16 & Acts 20
- Thurs – 8/3 – Judges 17 & Acts 21
- Fri – 8/4 – Judges 18 & Acts 22
- Sat – 8/5 – Judges 19 & Acts 23
- Sun – 8/6 – Judges 20 & Acts 24

**Next Week's Preaching Passage:**

- Psalm 103

### **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.*

**\*Please note that Christian Education will resume on August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Today: Roy and Lana Bunch**

- Next week: Robert and Rose Cardona
- 8/13: Tina and Alyssa Cardona
- 8/20: Tim and Tracy Carter
- 8/27: Andrew and Rebecca Caudal

**Upcoming events:**

**Vacation Bible School:**

- Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who made *Paul and the Underground Church* a success this year!

**Student Ministries of Grace:**

- **BFG:** join us at the Cinemark Alliance on Wednesday for the 10:40 showing of *Spiderman Homecoming* and then lunch at Liberty Burger afterwards. See Pastor Davis for more details!
- **Roots:** our fall kickoff will be on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm in Westminster Hall.

**Guys of Grace:**

- **Prayer Group:** Tuesday mornings at 6:15 in the conference room. Coffee and fellowship provided!
- **Men's Bible Study:** our next meeting is on August 16 at 7 pm in the conference room.

**Ladies Fall Retreat:**

- Registration will begin this week for our annual ladies' retreat (9/22-9/23) at MDResorts in Rhome, TX. Our special guest is Katie Polski who will be speaking on "Joy in the Journey." See Anne Nelson, Joanna McMahan, or Virginia Neely for registration details.
- **Praying the Psalms Study:** join us on either Tuesday morning or Wednesday nights (8/9 and 8/9; 8/22 and 8/23).

**Things to Know:**

- Interested in membership? **officegcpcfw@gmail.com**
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- Guys of Grace:
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