

GRACE COMMUNITY
Presbyterian Church, PCA

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 5, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Reflection

“It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good.”
Westminster Confession of Faith IV.1

Prelude*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Welcome

Silent Preparation

—————**WORSHIP IN PRAISE**—————

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 80*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Israel like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Hymn of Praise.....*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name (vs. 1,3,5,6)*
(This hymn can also be found in the red Trinity Hymnal found under or near your seat, hymn # 297)

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| 1) All hail the power of Jesus' Name! | (Refrain) |
| Let angels prostrate fall,
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem | 3) Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe
(Refrain) |
| <u>Refrain:</u>
And crown Him, crown Him,
Crown Him, crown Him; and
Crown Him Lord of all! | 4) O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
(Refrain) |
| 2) Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace | |

Responsive Psalm of Adoration.....*from Psalm 104**

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| Minister: | Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! |
| People: | You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. |
| Minister: | You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart. |
| People: | O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. |
| Minister: | May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and |

it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

People: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

*The structure of Psalm 104 is modeled fairly closely on that of Genesis 1, taking the stages of creation as starting-points for praise. But as each theme is developed it tends to anticipate the later scenes of the creation drama, so that the days described in Genesis overlap and mingle in this psalm. *Derek Kidner*

Hymn of Adoration.....*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
(This hymn can also be found in the red Trinity Hymnal found under or near your seat, hymn #32.)

1) Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning
with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever
wilt be.
(to verse 2)

***Refrain: Great is Thy
faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new
mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand
hath provided -
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.***

2) Summer and winter and
springtime
And harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their
courses above
Join with all nature in manifold
witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy
and love.

3) Pardon for sin and a peace that
endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer
and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope
For tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten
thousand beside.

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Comfort and Promise.....from Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Hymn of Response.....*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*
(This hymn can also be found in the red Trinity Hymnal found under or near your seat, hymn # 535.)

1) O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of Thy love; Leading onward, leading homeward, To Thy glorious rest above.	Changeth never, nevermore. How He watches o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own; How for them He intercedeth, Watcheth o'er them from the throne.
2) O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore; How He loveth, ever loveth,	3) O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to Thee.

Confessing Our Faith.....*From The Heidelberg Catechism**

Q&A 76

Scott Thanisch, Ruling Elder

Elder: What does it mean to eat the crucified body and drink the shed blood of Christ?

People: It means not only to embrace with a believing heart all the sufferings and death of Christ, and thereby to obtain the forgiveness of sins and life eternal; but moreover, also, to be so united more and more to His sacred body by the Holy Spirit, who dwells both in Christ and in us, that, although He is in heaven and we on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone, and live and are governed forever by one Spirit, as members of the same body are governed by one soul.

**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. 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.*

—————WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE—————

The First Reading of God’s Word.....Genesis 1:1-27

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The Second Reading of God’s Word.....John 1:29:34

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Reader: This is the Word of God

People: Amen!

Prayer of Consecration

Children 4 years old through 1st grade may be dismissed for Children’s Church at this time. The children will be hearing from the same text that the sermon is based upon so that you may discuss the message as a family after church if you should choose to do so. Children’s Church should be seen as optional. All children of all ages are invited to remain with their parents during the sermon.

Hearing from God's Word.....Genesis 1:1-27
The Holy Spirit *The Spirit in Creation*
Rev. Kyle Oliphint

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We have come to the Lord's Table at the invitation of the Lord Himself and so we come on His terms. Therefore, Grace Community Presbyterian Church welcomes to the Lord's Table all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior and who acknowledge Him as Lord. Because Communion is a sacrament of the church, all are welcome to partake who are baptized members in good standing in an evangelical church (a church where the gospel is loved and proclaimed). It is our request that children not participate in the Lord's Supper until they themselves have become communing members of such a church. We come not as those who are intrinsically righteous, but as those who have been given through grace the righteousness of our perfect Redeemer. So, while we repent of known sins as we come, we recognize our righteousness before the Father is completely dependent on the accomplishment of Jesus Christ for His people. Reflect on the work Jesus did for you and come forward to receive the grace offered to you in these elements.

Words of Institution.....1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We serve wine during our celebration of the Lord's Supper. If for reasons of health, conscience or preference we have provided grape juice in the ***inner rings of each tray in the lightly tinted cups***. Please deposit your wine cups in the trash receptacles at the side aisles and the doors as you exit.
We also provide gluten-free bread in the line to the left as you face the pulpit.

This is a celebratory time and a time for reflection. Please do not feel rushed. Spend a few moments reflecting on the words below, praying, and singing the songs and hymns in praise and worship, thanking God for what He has done for you in Christ Jesus. Then come forward, take the bread and wine, eat and drink in faith, and anticipate the Spirit's work of grace on your behalf.

The prayers below are simply suggested places to start. If you choose to use one of them, build on the prayer with your own words as you prepare to come to the Lord's Table.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS

Lord Jesus, this table testifies to the fact that you have risen. My need for this sacrament testifies to my fallenness. I need the power of the resurrection, the power of Your gospel because my flesh is weak. As I go forward and take and eat and drink, use these elements to enliven my heart to a deeper devotion and greater love of You. Inflame in me a hatred for my sin. Sustain me, by Your Spirit, that I might follow you and endeavor to new obedience.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS WHO DOUBT

Jesus, if all of what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me and open my eyes to the reality of who You are. I let my circumstances inform me, which leads me to doubt what You say about Yourself. As I take the bread and the wine, may Your Spirit give me an understanding that is convincing and compelling that will lead me to the life that You promise.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Savior, my sin is before me! It has entangled me and now engulfs me. Help me see the beauty of You and the horrid ugliness of my sin. Use these elements, by Your Spirit, to break the power of sin over me. Give me faith to fight my sin and rest in You.

PRAYER FOR UNBELIEVERS

God, I don't know You or trust You. But I am here. Change me and make me alive. Give me faith, that I might profess before the world that You loved a sinner like me. Dear God, save me from sin and save me to Yourself that I might come to Your table, not this week, but in weeks to come.

The quotes below will help you focus your heart and mind on our Savior and the Sacrament:

“It is our heaven to lay many weights and burdens upon Christ. Let him find much employment for his calling with you; for he is such a Friend as delighteth to be burdened with suits and employments; and the more homely ye be with him, the more welcome.”
Samuel Rutherford

“When the soul is emptied by faith, and is lost, it is faith that first spies out Christ, as that all-sufficient satisfaction received by God the Father. When the soul is in a storm, and is even cast away in his own apprehension, when it hath thrown overboard all his own goods, all his own righteousness, all his own hopes, all his own abilities, or whatever it be, and if God should leave the soul in that condition, the wrath of God, like mighty waves, would break in upon it, and swallow it up. What doth faith now? It climbs up to the top of the mast. Oh there is Christ, I have spied out the Lord Jesus, and it makes out to him instantly.”
Thomas Goodwin

“Terror accomplishes no real obedience
Suspense brings forth no fruit unto holiness.
No gloomy uncertainty as to God’s favour
can subdue one lust,
or correct our crookedness of will.
But the free pardon of the cross uproots sin,
and withers all its branches.
Only the certainty of love,
forgiving love,
can do this.”
Horatius Bonar

“What matters supremely is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it—the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hands. I am never out of his mind. All my knowledge of him depends on his sustained initiative in knowing me. I know him because he first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is not a moment when his eye is off me, or his attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when his care falters. This is momentous knowledge. There is unspeakable comfort—the sort of comfort that energizes, be it said, not enervates—in knowing that God is constantly taking knowledge of me in love and watching over me for my good. There is tremendous relief in knowing that his love to me is utterly realistic, based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench his determination to bless me.”
J.I. Packer

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lead Me to Calvary - J. Hussey/W. Kirkpatrick

1) King of my life I crown Thee now,
Thine shall the glory be;
Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned
brow,
Lead me to Calvary.

2) Show me the tomb where Thou
wast laid,
Tenderly mourned and wept;
Angels in robes of light arrayed
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.

**Refrain: Lest I forget Gethsemane;
Lest I forget Thine agony;
Lest I forget Thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.**

3) May I be willing, Lord, to bear
Daily my cross for Thee;
Even Thy cup of grief to share,
Thou hast borne all for me.

Lord, Be Glorified - B. Kilpatrick

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

To God be the Glory - F. Crosby/W. Doane

1) To God be the glory,
Great things He hath done,
So loved He the world
That He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement
for sin
And opened the Lifegate
That all may go in.

2) O perfect redemption,
The purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of
God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
A pardon receives.

**Refrain: Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
And give Him the glory,
Great things He hath done.**

3) Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru' Jesus the
Son;
But purer, and higher,
And greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
When Jesus we see!

Crown Him King of Kings - S. Damazio

Crown Him King of kings;
Crown Him Lord of lords.
Wonderful, Counselor,
The mighty God!

Emmanuel, God is with us
And He shall reign,
He shall reign,
He shall reign forevermore!

—————**WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE**—————

Offering.....*I Can Only Imagine*

Those playing and singing during the offering are worshipping God as they share the gifts with which God has blessed them. They desire to enable our worship of Him as well. To that end we will occasionally include particular verses from pieces that will be played or sung during the offering with the purpose of furthering our corporate worship together as we strive to focus on our Triune God during this part of our service.

Meditation:

I can only imagine what it will like when I walk by your side.
I can only imagine what my eyes will see, when your face is before me.
When I stand in your presence, to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing Hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?

Closing Hymn.....*God of Our Fathers*

(This hymn can also be found in the red Trinity Hymnal found under or near your seat, hymn # 710)

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| 1) God of our fathers,
Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty
All the starry band
Of shining worlds
In splendor thru' the skies -
Our grateful songs
Before Thy throne arise. | 3) From war's alarms,
From deadly pestilence,
Be Thy strong arm, our ever sure
defense;
Thy true religion
In our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness
Nourish us in peace. |
| 2) Thy love divine hath led us in
the past;
In this free land
By Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide
and stay;
Thy Word our law,
Thy paths our chosen way. | 4) Refresh Thy people on their
toilsome way.
Lead us from night
To never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and
grace divine,
And glory, laud
And praise be ever Thine! |

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nursery Service*

This week: Chris and Ruth Lewis
Next week: Jonathan and Amy Love
July 19th: Tom and Mary Liggett
July 26th:

**Dawn Thanisch is coordinating our nursery. If you would like to serve, or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact her. She will be happy to help you.*

GCPC is a Praying Church

"A prayerless soul is a Christless soul. Prayer is the lisping of the believing infant, the shout of the fighting believer, the requiem of the dying saint falling asleep in Jesus. It is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honour of a Christian" –
Charles H. Spurgeon

Men's Prayer Meeting will meet this Tuesday morning, July 6th, for prayer. Join us at 7am at in the conference room of the church building. All men (and their sons) are encouraged to join us.

Prayer Chain—If you have a request or reason to give thanks and would like those who are on the prayer chain to join you in prayer, please send your request or thanksgiving to Mary Hamby at mehamby1@verizon.net. She will distribute your request to all who are on the chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please send an e-mail to Mary requesting to be added and she will do it.

*Blessed be the Lord, because He has heard the voice of my supplications!
Psalm 28:6*

Meet the Candidates!

Next Sunday, July 12, after our worship service we will enjoy lunch together (we ask everyone to bring enough food to feed their family and 4 more), while you have the opportunity to meet the men who have been involved in officer training the last 12 months. They are trying to discern whether god is calling them to serve GCPC and you as either an elder or deacon. You will help them decide and July 12th is an opportunity to hear from them. Please plan to join us.

For the most part, God's rich blessings upon this, His church, are unquantifiable. However, a few numbers give us a small glimpse of the ways in which God has provided for our needs more than we deserve.

2008

We received 56 new members last year, 16 of those by way of baptism! Through your generosity, we had total receipts over \$420,000.00, over \$103,000.00 of that was designated for our building with \$316,000.00 for our general fund. Praise God for all He is doing in our midst.

First Quarter of 2009

Average Sunday morning attendance in the first quarter of 2009 (January through March) was 177. Because of the way you responded to God's grace by your faithful giving, we received \$87,919 towards the ministry of this church, and \$2,960 towards the building fund. And because of the gifts of God's people, we have been able to pay down our loan, so that the remaining balance, after only 17 months, is \$155,742. Let us all be thankful for God's provision!

CAPITAL GIVING - Because of the generosity of the members and friends of GCPC, we were able to pay for most of the construction costs of our new building, and only had to borrow \$240,000. We have a 10-year zero-interest note that we are paying down monthly, and we plan to use gifts above and beyond our normal receipts to pay off the note early. This will enable us to set aside funds for more ministry and perhaps even start building funds for building improvements, ongoing expenses, and future construction. If you were not able to participate in the GCPC capital campaign and would now like to invest in the future of GCPC, or you desire to increase the level of your previous pledge, please prayerfully consider whether you can help pay down the note early. If, in addition to your regular giving, you would like to designate gifts towards the building, please write BUILDING or CAPITAL in the "memo" area of your checks. If you have any questions about the finances of our church, please speak with any Elder or Deacon. Thank you for your generosity!

GCPC is Committed to Missions

GCPC Summer Mission Trip

We are excited that GCPC will be sending a group of members on a mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico (across the border from McAllen, TX) on July 18-25. We will travel to Reynosa with a team from Fort Worth Presbyterian Church, and work with other teams on a construction project for Mission to the World, our denomination's world mission's agency. Please begin now to pray for our missionaries who have committed to being a part of this trip. *If you would like to contribute financially to this mission effort, above and beyond your regular giving, the team would be very grateful. You may write "Reynosa Trip" in the memo section of your check if you do contribute.*

The Team our church is sending: Scott Thanisch (Team Leader), Cooper Thanisch, Grayson Thanisch, Brian Cervantez, Philip Hamby, Phil Bassett, Josh Emrich, Lisa Emrich, Danny Black, Rick Hudson, Carol Hudson, Glenn Mayo, Jarren Rollins, Matt Linnenburger.

Church Planting in the Philippines

We are, as a church, supporting the aggressive church planting efforts in the island nation of the Philippines. We are also supporting the building and maintenance of homes for the many street children in the Philippines. These homes are under the direct oversight (and often physically connected to) the local Presbyterian churches in the Philippines. For more information or to receive e-mails on how you can pray specifically for this work, please speak to Andrew Caudal.

Church Planting in North Texas

Your church is committed to planting churches in our area and supporting current church plants. We are supporting the new church in Denton, Denton Presbyterian Church. Please pray for our efforts in this endeavor and begin to pray for the future churches God may allow us to play a part in planting.

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WHO IS DOING WHAT???

The gatherings announced in this section are wonderful examples of organic ministry, God's people taking the initiative to do something for which they have a particular burden. **These are not programs coordinated by GCPC neither organized nor "overseen" by your elders. *But these are examples of God's people stepping up and reaching out and practicing their faith and inviting you to join them! We are happy to help them make you aware of what they are doing.*** *(Church officers and Ministry Coordinators for GCPC are listed on the inside back cover of our bulletin.)*

○ **Baby Shower Committee**

If you are interested in joining one of the baby shower committees, contact Natasha Tracy for more information.

○ **Coffee House Seminary**

What does Christianity have to do with professional sports? Politics? The internet? These periodic discussions deal with the intersection of faith and culture. Contact Brian Cervantez

○ **Gospel Mission Work**

Women and children in need are befriended and served. Contact Tasha Tracy

○ **Guy's Movie Night**

Guys' movie night plan to meet soon. Watch this space. Please see Phil Bassett if you have any questions.

○ **Meals on Wheels**

Would you like to volunteer to deliver meals one day a week? Or would you care to be part of a group at Grace, delivering food 5 days a week? If you would like to ride along with Tom Liggett to get a first-hand look at this service, contact Tom at 817 454-4208. Tom delivers on Wednesday mornings.

○ **Neighborhood Bible Study**

This year this group studied the book of Esther. They are taking a summer break and will resume in September. Contact Mary at 817-431-3023 if you have any questions.

○ **Women's Book Discussion**

Women's Book Discussion group information will be available here soon.

