



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship .....	Chris Kimbrell
Hymn .....	"Immortal, Invisible"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise .....	Seth Lirette
Hymn .....	"Doxology"
Hymn .....	"For the Beauty of the Earth"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Ruth 4:1-12</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
Hymn .....	"Fairest Lord Jesus"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Marriage, Pt. VI" (Ephesians 5:25-33)</i> .....	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Hymnal .....	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
The Benediction .....	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
Hymn .....	"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"
Hymn .....	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
The Sermon — <i>"The Judgement of Egypt, Pt. III" (Ezekiel 31)</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Hymn .....	"A Wonderful Savior"
The Benediction .....	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



# COMMENTARY

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The Bible is clear that everybody submits to somebody. Men and women are called to submit to the government (Rom. 13:1), children are called to submit to parents (Eph. 6:1), church members are called to submit to elders (Heb. 13:7), servants are called to submit to masters (1 Pet. 1:18), and on it goes. Of course, the ultimate demonstration that submission is a good and biblical virtue is that it was practiced by our Lord himself. Christ, in his earthly ministry, submitted himself to the Father (John 4:34; 5:3). His submission was so complete that he was “obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). Here’s the point: submission is not a female virtue; it’s a Christian virtue. Perhaps, then, we need to recalibrate the way we think about—and talk about—submission in the church. Rather than repeatedly focusing on just one example (Eph. 5:22), we need to call all Christians to submit to whatever authorities are over them. And if men are to be the leaders in the church and the home—a point often made in discussions about submission—then they ought to lead by example. Christian men should be a model of submission to whatever authorities they are under.

Men, Do You Submit? Here are some diagnostic questions for men:

Men, do you show a submissive spirit to your employer? Or do you grumble, complain, and undermine your boss’s authority?

Men, do you submit to your church leaders? Or are you a member who regularly kicks against accountability and oversight?

Men, if you are a pastor or elder, do you submit to your fellow elders? Do you show a spirit of submission to your denominational body? When that body asks you to do something, do you comply or push against it?

Men, do you respect the governing authorities God has placed over you, regardless of their political affiliation or your opinion of their policies? Or do you mock and deride those authorities? One can imagine how difficult (not to mention discouraging) it might be for women who are repeatedly called to submit to see their husbands and church leaders refuse to submit to the authorities over them. By contrast, how encouraging it is for women to see that they are being asked to do something which their leaders willingly and cheerfully do first.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

October 10 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Morning</i> Jessica Mullins & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Cortney McDonald & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - October 13<sup>th</sup></i> Mary Margaret Pritchard ( <i>Laurie Price</i> )

Today's Sound Operator - Mike Poirier



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study will resume this month, studying Samuel Rutherford. Meetings will be October 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am. Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship afterwards.

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION

We will have our annual Reformation Celebration on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Allow your child to dress up like one of the Reformers or a Biblical character and prepare a short speech about who they are. A time of fellowship will follow. Also, please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to Mrs. Lawanda by October 24<sup>th</sup>. She is putting together bags to hand out to the children at celebration.

## CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

The canoe/kayak trip down the Okatoma has been postponed. A new date will be announced shortly.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The collection date for Operation Christmas Child this year is November 14<sup>th</sup>. See Mrs. Lawanda with any questions.

