



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 13th, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace
- Hymn "O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus"
- Hymn "Jesus is All the World to Me"
- The Reading of the Word — *Joshua 7:1-26* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "Blessed Assurance"
- The Sermon — "*Temptation and Deliverance*" (*Matthew 6:13*) Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"
- Hymn "God in the Gospel of His Son"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — "*Serve In Your Relationship Pt. II*" (*Colossians 3:22-4:1*) Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "The Light of the World is Jesus"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

Thoughts Concerning the Results of the Mid-term Election

Dr. Doug Wilson

There are two such lessons, and when they are both held together, they result in wisdom...The first lesson is that we must not put our trust in princes. The arm of the flesh will fail us. “It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.” Psalm 118:9 “Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.” Psalm 146:3 But the other thing we have to remember is the fact that when the wicked are in positions of authority, the people really do groan under it. The consequences are real; the misery is a thing. “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: But when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” Proverbs 29:2 So if you put these two truths together, you come to the realization that bad rulers can do an awful lot of damage, and it is a joy to the people when the righteous are in authority. At the very same time, it is hazardous to look to princes as the ones who are supposed to put the righteous in authority, or throw down the wicked from their seats. Put another way, good rulers can be God’s instrument of blessing, but they are never the source of any blessing. We must pray to God for them, and not pray to them for God... Even in the best case scenario, it is very hard to escape the conclusion that our country is broken. That’s the bad news. The good news is that we might finally be in a position to admit that our country is broken.

The people really do suffer when ruled by miscreants. And, following hard on the first principle, mortal men in their own name, no matter how much common sense they might have, cannot save us from the miscreants. That is because the death wish that animates the Left is a spiritual power, it is a demon, and cannot be exorcised by stupidity or intelligence, ignorance or knowledge, bad intentions or good. If you are expecting the God, Jesus, Bible answer at this point, you are technically correct. Instead of looking to the next election, we need to be praying and looking for the next reformation and revival. But before looking for the April of reformation, we need to go through the November of repentance. And that’s the hard part of all these reformations—we have to let go of things we don’t want to let go of. If we want unbelievers to repent of their sin, the first thing

believers should do is show them how. Judgment should begin with the household of God (1 Pet. 4:17). How can we expect them to let go of their sins when we refuse to let go of ours? And more to the pinch point, evangelicals need to learn how to repent of things that we have serenely assumed to be our virtues. We must repent of our etiolated gospel-centeredness. We need to repent of calling ourselves Jesus-followers instead of Christians. We need to repent of Instagramming our devotional times. We have to repent of our “Jesus is our girlfriend” worship songs. We must repent of all our Jesus junk stores. We have to repent of our R2K schizofrenia. We need to repent of the anemic condition of our deracinated seminaries. We need to repent of still caring what Christianity Today prints. We must repent of caring more about our own reputations and turf concerns than we do about the condition of the kingdom at large—we sin like Hezekiah did . . . “peace and safety in my time.” We must repent of all our inverse John the Baptist moves—“they might decrease so that I might increase.” We must repent of caring more about not being publicly associated with worldview thinkers who make us feel extreme than we care about actually understanding the truth as the Word reveals it. We must repent of healing the wound of my people lightly (Jer. 6:14; 8:11) wound is festering, and all we will do is dab a damp washcloth around the periphery of it. We must repent of thinking that reformation is a matter of transplanting a few bushes out in our ecclesiastical front yard when it is more a matter of getting certain tectonic plates to shift, a hundred miles below that front yard. We think in this superficial way because we believe we know how to transplant a bush (“there, fixed it!”), while only God can shake the earth. But when God shakes things up (Heb. 12:27), He does it so that the things that cannot be shaken might remain, and that leaves us feeling unsettled and puny. We no like. But that’s all right. Our likes and dislikes are among the things that can be shaken. And are being shaken, as we speak.

(Taken from Dr. Doug Wilson post on November 9, 2022)



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

November 13th
<i>Morning</i> Bunny Finch & Allyson Leach
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Dumi Thakkar
<i>Wednesday - November 16th</i> <i>Laurie Price</i>

Today's Sound Operator - Seth Lirette



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST MEAL

Our Annual Harvest Meal will be next Sunday, November 20th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A sign up list in the Fellowship Hall. Make plans to join us in this special time of thanksgiving and fellowship.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies will meet this Thursday, November 17th at 11 am. Please bring a sack lunch for fellowship afterwards.

