



ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 5th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Joy to the World"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Cody Wallace
- Hymn "Once in Royal David's City"
- Hymn "Away in a Manger"
- The Reading of the Word — *I Corinthians 10:1-13*
- Hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"A True Prophet" (I Kings 22)* Dr. Joe Nesom
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "Angels from the Realms of Glory"
- The Benediction Pastor Winn
- The Postlude
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PASTOR THOMAS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Today we are celebrating Pastor Thomas' 20th anniversary at Grace Baptist Church. The scriptures tell us to give honor to whom honor is due, so please join us after the morning service for a time of fellowship and appreciation as we honor Pastor Thomas and his faithful leadership of Grace over these past twenty years. We will not have an afternoon service.



COMMENTARY

Matthew Henry

Ahab has another prophet, Micaiah by name, to please Jehoshaphat, he is willing to have him sent for. Ahab owned that they might enquire of the Lord by him, that he was a true prophet, and one that knew God's mind. And yet, he hated him, and was not ashamed to own to the king of Judah that he did so, and to give this for a reason. He doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And whose fault was that? If Ahab had done well, he would have heard nothing but good from heaven; if he do ill, he may thank himself for all the uneasiness which the reproofs and threats of God's word gave him. Note, Those are wretchedly hardened in sin, and are ripening apace for ruin, who hate God's ministers because they deal plainly with them and faithfully warn them of their misery and danger by reason of sin, and reckon those their enemies that tell them the truth. He had (it seems) imprisoned him; for, when he committed him, he bade the officer carry him back. We may suppose that this was he that reproved him for his clemency to Ben-hadad and for so doing was cast into prison, where he had lain these three years. This was the reason why Ahab knew where to find him so readily, v. 9. But his imprisonment had not excluded him for divine visits: the spirit of prophecy continued with him there. He was bound, but the word of the Lord was not. Nor did it in the least abate his courage, nor make him less confident or faithful in delivering his message. Jehoshaphat gave too gentle a reproof to Ahab for expressing his indignation against a faithful prophet: Let not the king say so, v. 8. He should have said, "Thou art unjust to the prophet, unkind to thyself, and puttest an affront upon his Lord and thine, in saying so." Such sinners as Ahab must be rebuked sharply. However he so far yielded to the reproof that, for fear of provoking Jehoshaphat to break off from his alliance with him, he

orders Micaiah to be sent for with all speed, v. 9. The two kings sat each in their robes and chairs of state, in the gate of Samaria, ready to receive this poor prophet, and to hear what he had to say; for many will give God's word the hearing that will not lend it an obedient ear. They were attended with a crowd of flattering prophets, that could not think of prophesying any thing but what was very sweet and very smooth to two such glorious princes now in confederacy. Those that love to be flattered shall not want flatterers. Micaiah is pressed by the officer that fetches him to follow the cry, v. 13. That officer was unworthy the name of an Israelite who pretended to prescribe to a prophet; but he thought him altogether such a one as the rest, who studied to please men and not God. He told Micaiah how unanimous the other prophets were in foretelling the king's good success, how agreeable it was to the king, intimating that it was his interest to say as they said—he might thereby gain, not only enlargement, but preferment. Those that dote upon worldly things themselves think every body else should do so too, and true or false, right or wrong, speak and act for their secular interest only. He intimated likewise that it would be to no purpose to contradict such a numerous and unanimous vote; he would be ridiculed, as affecting a foolish singularity, if he should. But Micaiah, who knows better things, protests, and backs his protestation with an oath, that he will deliver his message from God with all faithfulness, whether it be pleasing or displeasing to his prince (v. 14): "What the Lord saith to me, that will I speak, without addition, diminution, or alteration." This was nobly resolved, and as became one who had his eye to a greater King than either of these, arrayed with brighter robes, and sitting on a higher throne.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

December 5th
<i>Morning</i> Wendy Winn & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> No Nursery
<i>Wednesday - December 8th</i> Amanda Spansel (<i>Katherine Ranck</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Mike Poirier



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we will observe the Lord's Supper during our morning service.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today we have guest speaker Dr. Joe Nesom from First Baptist Church, Jackson, LA to join with us in celebration of Pastor Thomas' 20th anniversary.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will not meet this afternoon.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

Each year at this time the Lottie Moon Offering is received. All money received through this offering goes directly to foreign missions. You can go here: <https://www.imb.org/generosity/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/> to learn more about the Lottie Moon Offering. Please make this a matter of prayer and support our foreign missionaries. Put on your check memo: Lottie Moon Offering.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST OFFICE

In lieu of purchasing stamps to mail your Christmas cards to the congregation, we ask for you to make a donation to Lottie Moon (please specify on your check memo!) and we'll hand them out for you. Please place your Christmas cards in the basket in the church office by December 19th.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Young Adult Christmas party will be December 13th at 6pm at the church and the Senior Adult Christmas party will be December 14th at 6pm at the church. See the newsletter for more information on each of these events.

