



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship .....	Daniel Ranck
Hymn .....	"Holy, Holy, Holy"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise .....	Hal Pritchard
Hymn .....	"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"
Hymn .....	"Nothing But the Blood"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 37:1-40</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
Hymn .....	"Jesus Paid it All"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Blessed Are the Meek" (Matthew 5:5)</i> .....	Pastor Winn
The Observance of The Lord's Supper	
Hymn .....	"Just as I Am"
The Benediction .....	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

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# AFTERNOON WORSHIP

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
Hymn .....	"There is a Fountain"
Hymn .....	"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Serving Faithfully" (Romans 12:6-8)</i> .....	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Hymn .....	"Victory in Jesus"
The Benediction	
The Postlude	



# COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Some translators render the Greek term for blessing (*makarios*) as “happy,” but this is not entirely accurate. Of course, happiness is often linked to blessing, but God’s favor brings far more than mere happiness. To be blessed by our Creator is to find His approval. God claims us as His child when He blesses us. Jesus has said our Father approves of the poor in spirit — those who know their need for divine forgiveness (Matt. 5:3). This makes sense, for we are God’s people only if we come to the end of ourselves and turn to Him alone for salvation (Isa. 66:1–2; Luke 18:9–14; 1 John 1:8–9). In today’s passage, our Savior declares “blessed” those who mourn and those who are meek (Matt. 5:4–5). Many think verse 4 refers to any mourner, but the context renders this view impossible. As the note in *The Reformation Study Bible* indicates, the second beatitude develops the first. Jesus describes here mourning over sin and its effect on the world. Believers feel sorrow for the ways they have offended God (Ps. 51:4) and for the ruin that mankind’s evil has brought to this earth (Dan. 9:1–19). Even Jesus weeps for Jerusalem because of what her sin brings upon her (Luke 19:41–44). Mourning is not constant despair or low self-esteem; these manifest a preoccupation with the self. True mourning over sin is focused Godward and finds comfort there, since the holiness of the Lord that reveals our desperation is joined with

His grace, which offers forgiveness in the Gospel. Christ also tells us God’s blessing, or approval, comes to the meek (Matt. 5:5). John Calvin offers the best description of meek people in his commentary. They are “persons of mild and gentle dispositions, who are not easily provoked by injuries, who are not ready to take offense, but are prepared to endure anything rather than do the like actions to wicked men.” Meek people do not lack assertiveness, nor are they wishy-washy. Moses was meek (Num. 12:3), but he was not weak or cowardly. Being meek means being aware of our limitations, enabling us to be gentle and good to others (James 3:13–18). When we are meek we understand that we are just as guilty before God as the next person, and we therefore find it difficult to hold grudges against those who offend us.

**Coram Deo:** Meekness rejects any thought of self-sufficiency. It is antithetical to our aggressive, dog-eat-dog world that teaches people never to be satisfied with what they have and therefore to pursue more and more “stuff,” even if it means they lack the time to enjoy it. The meek inherit the earth because they have not seized their inheritance; they are content with God’s provision. What does your attitude towards your “stuff” say about your meekness?



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>March 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Ashley Lirette & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Rhia McDonough & Mary Margaret Pritchard
<i>Wednesday - March 9<sup>th</sup></i> Laurie Price ( <i>Claire Shores</i> )

Today's Sound Operator - Dirk de Waal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today we will have our fellowship meal immediately following the morning service.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

## TIME CHANGE

Time changes March 13<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to set your clocks forward Saturday night before bed!

## 40 DAYS OF LIFE

Those desiring to partipate in 40 days of Life can sign up. The list will be on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall. We ask you to sign up to pray on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There are 30 minute time segments, of course if you choose to pray longer that is fine. If you are able to go to the abortion mill on State Street and pray, we encourage you to do so. Our visibility is a witness to others that we stand against this wicked action of the murder of the unborn taking place in that building. May God be pleased to stir His people to pray that abortion will end soon.

## SERVING AT GBC

A survey will be sent out for each member to complete. It is important that everyone is actively serving and using their talents and gifts to honor our Lord. Please make this a matter of prayer, as each of us seek to find our place of service at Grace. If we are in His Kingdom then we are to be doing Kingdom work. It is truly a privilege that our Lord allows us to serve in His Kingdom.

