



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 1st, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Hymn	"Rock of Ages"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Seth Lirette
Hymn	"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Hymn	"Complete in Thee"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 133:1-3</i>	Hal Pritchard
Hymn	"More Love to Thee O Christ"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"United! In Faith, Fellowship, and Purpose" (Philippians 1:1-11)</i>	Tiago Oliveira
The Observance of The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

Presentation



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

There is much similarity between the English term for the assembly of God's people and the terms for the same concept in other languages. Church in English, kirke in Dutch, and kirche in German all sound alike and are even, in some ways, spelled alike with the hard k or ch sound at the beginning and the r in the middle. The reason for this is that all of these words find their origin in kuriake, which is itself Greek in origin. Literally, kuriake means "belonging to the Lord" and is a derivation of the Greek word for "Lord," kurios. It makes perfect sense that English would look to kuriake as the root for the word church because, after all, what is the church if it is not that group of people who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ?

Kurios in the Greek language can also refer to the master of slaves or servants. This explains Paul's emphasis in today's passage and elsewhere that he is a "servant" of the Lord. If Christians, the kuriake, belong to a master, then we are the servants or slaves of that master. To be known as servants or slaves of Christ is not to imply that our master is cruel; by no means could Jesus ever mistreat us. Instead, we are the Lord's possession because He has purchased us from slavery to sin and death and thus also from the righteous wrath of God (1 Cor. 7:23). As such, He is worthy of our total allegiance.

Understanding that all followers of Christ are possessions of the Lord has important implications for how we treat other Christians. To do wrong to another believer is to do wrong to one of Jesus' own beloved. Lest we miss the point, to mistreat another Christian is to mistreat Christ Himself. All believers are so closely united to Jesus that to treat people in the church poorly is to dishonor the Lord of the church (Acts 9:4).

Therefore, we should be known as those who are kind to others in the body of Christ. We must exercise that love that overlooks a multitude of "minor" sins (1 Peter 4:8). As servants together in the kingdom of God we must be ever conscious that He takes our treatment of His people seriously; thus, we must do good to them just as we would do good to Him.

Coram Deo: That we are all servants of the same Lord and master forbids us from ever thinking that certain people or deeds are beneath us. It also means that whatever we do, we must do it unto the Lord with our very best. Consider today what it means to serve the Lord in your life. Have you ceased to see your job as a vocation given to you by God? Do you esteem yourself above others? Strive always to serve the Lord in humility and with a true love for other believers.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 24th
<i>Morning</i> Allyson Leach & Rhia McDonough
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> No Nursery
<i>Wednesday - May 4th</i> Jessica Mullins (<i>Lana Wakefield</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.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our quarterly business meeting will be today immediately following the fellowship meal.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

PASTOR TIAGO VISIT

Pastor Tiago will be preaching for us in our morning service today and will share in our afternoon service about he and his family's transition back to Portugal.

MISSION REPORT

Chris Sills will be with us Wednesday, May 4th during our prayer meeting to give us an update on his family's missions work in Ecuador. Make plans to join us as we learn about how the Lord is working in this nation.

