



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship .....	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 18 .....	"Thee We Adore Eternal Lord"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise .....	Cody Wallace
Trinity Hymnal No. 218 .....	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Trinity Hymnal No. 437 .....	"Christ of All My Hopes"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 98:1-9</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 400 .....	"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"The Lost Coin" (Luke 15:8-10)</i> .....	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 715 .....	"Jesus I Come"
The Benediction .....	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 416 .....	"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Baptist Hymnal No. 458 .....	"Nearer My God to Thee"
The Sermon — <i>"The Final Oracle and Sign Act" (Ezekiel 24)</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 317 .....	"Only Trust Him"
The Benediction .....	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



# COMMENTARY

C. H Spurgeon

Luke 15 is full of grace and truth. Its three consecutive parables have been thought to be merely a repetition of the same doctrine under different metaphors, and if that were so, the truth which it teaches is so important that it could not be rehearsed too often in our hearing. It is one which we are apt to forget, and it is well to have it again and again impressed upon our minds. The truth taught is just this—that mercy stretches forth her hand to misery, that grace receives men as sinners, that it deals with demerit, unworthiness, and worthlessness; that those who think themselves righteous are not the objects of divine compassion, but the unrighteous, the guilty, and the undeserving, are the proper subjects for the infinite mercy of God; in a word, that salvation is not of merit but of grace. This truth is most important, for it encourages penitents to return to their Father; but it is very apt to be forgotten, for even those who are saved by grace often fall into the spirit of the elder brother, and speak as if their salvation depended on the works of the law. But, my dear friends, the three parables are not repetitions; they all declare the same main truth, but each one reveals a different phase of it. They are three sides of a vast pyramid of gospel doctrine, but there is a distinct inscription upon each. Not only in the similitude, but also in the teaching covered by the similitude, there is variety, progress, enlargement, discrimination. We have only need to read attentively to discover that in this trinity of parables, we have at once unity of essential truth and distinctness of description. Each one of the parables is needful to the other; and when combined they present us with a far more complete exposition of their doctrine than could have been conveyed by any one of them. Note for a moment the first of the three which brings before us a shepherd seeking a lost sheep. To whom does this refer? Who is the shepherd of Israel? Who brings again that which has gone astray? Do we not clearly discern the ever glorious and blessed Chief Shepherd of the sheep, who lays down his life that he may save them? Beyond a question, we see in the first parable the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. The second parable is most fitly placed where it is. It represents the work of the Holy Spirit, working, through the church, for the lost but precious souls of men. The church is that woman who sweeps her house to find the lost

piece of money, and in her the Spirit works his purposes of love. How the work of the Holy Spirit follows the work of Christ. As here we first see the shepherd seeking the lost sheep, and then read of the woman seeking the lost piece of money, so the great Shepherd redeems, and then the Holy Spirit restores the soul. You will perceive that each parable is thoroughly understood in its minute details when so interpreted. The shepherd seeks a sheep which has willfully gone astray, and so far the element of sin is present; the lost piece of money does not bring up that idea, nor was it needful that it should, since the parable does not deal with the pardon of sin as the first does. The sheep, on the other hand, though stupid is not altogether senseless and dead, but the piece of money is altogether unconscious and powerless, and therefore all the fitter emblem of man as the Holy Ghost begins to deal with him, dead in trespasses and sins. The third parable evidently represents the divine Father in his abundant love receiving the lost child who comes back to him. The third parable would be likely to be misunderstood without the first and the second. We have sometimes heard it said—here is the prodigal received as soon as he comes back, no mention being made of a Savior who seeks and saves him. Is it possible to teach all truths in one single parable? Does not the first one speak of the shepherd seeking the lost sheep? Why need repeat what had been said before? It has also been said that the prodigal returned of his own free will, for there is no hint of the operation of a superior power upon his heart, it seems as if he himself spontaneously says, "I will arise, and go unto my Father." The answer is, that the Holy Spirit's work had been clearly described in the second parable, and needed not to be introduced again. If you put the three pictures in a line, they represent the whole compass of salvation, but each one apart sets forth the work in reference to one or other of the divine persons of the blessed Trinity. The shepherd, with much pain and self-sacrifice, seeks the reckless, wandering sheep; the woman diligently searches for the insensible but lost piece of money; the father receives the returning prodigal. What God has joined together, let no man put asunder. The three life-sketches are one, and one truth is taught in the whole three, yet each one is distinct from the other, and by itself instructive.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>July 11<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Claire Shores & Elise de Waal
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Wendy Winn
<i>Wednesday - July 14<sup>th</sup></i> Lawanda Winn

Today's Sound Operator - John Ingram



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's choir will meet this afternoon at 5:20.

## BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower in honor of Dumi Thakkar on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm at the church. Dumi is registered at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com).

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The ladies summer study will meet Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11 a.m.

