



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 15th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 81	"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 599	"The Sands of Time are Sinking"
Trinity Hymnal No. 135	"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Zechariah 1:1-6</i>	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 271	"How Sweet and Awful is the Place"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"A Summary of the Prodigal Son" (Luke 15:25-32)</i>	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 707	"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 189	"The Lily of the Valley"
Baptist Hymnal No. 519	"Face to Face with Christ My Savior"
The Sermon — <i>"The Judgement of Tyre, Pt. II" (Ezekiel 28:1-19)</i>	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 476	"Be Strong in the Lord"
The Benediction	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



COMMENTARY

Dr. David Murray

Observance of the Prodigal Son

If you're fed up, tired of your parents' strictures, and just waiting for the first opportunity to go to the far country, I beg you to reconsider your plans. Most prodigals don't come back. Some find success and don't come back. Many find death and can't come back. Your restlessness is rebellion against love. Don't minimize it by renaming it "sowing your wild oats," "my time in the world," or "trying it out." It's sin, and it's sin against love. If you're now living "free," you're probably not reading this; but you might be. Though you're probably not in the normal places where *Tabletalk* is found, God has found many a faraway prodigal in faraway countries with this little magazine. I ask you this: How free are you really? Free enough to walk away from your habits and lifestyle right now if you wanted? You're not, are you? What you call freedom is made up of multiple invisible chains, all the more deadly because they are rarely seen or felt. If you're famished, you know it's because the more you've consumed, the hungrier you've become; the more you've drunk, the thirstier you've become; the more pleasure you've sought, the sadder you've become. Guilt has hollowed out and dried up your soul. Now nothing satisfies. Feel it. Sense it. Admit it. Look at the filthy mess you're in. Sin sickens you, doesn't it? It didn't once. It used

to taste so sweet and satisfying, for a moment or two at least. Now it disgusts you and makes you sick. The good news is that such sickness is a sign of returning health. If you're seeing how foolish you are, that's a good sign, too. It actually means that you are coming to your senses, and that's the first step of coming to Christ. You are seeing the insanity of sin. Now and then you say, "I must be going crazy." But these are the most sensible thoughts you've had in a long time. Seeing your foolishness is the first sign of wisdom. You're finished with sin, aren't you? You're finished with yourself, even. You've had enough. You've drawn a line in the sand and said, "I'm going no further. I'm done with my sin, and I'm going to retrace my steps to see if I can find a way back to the Father." The good news is that you're already on the way back. To finish with sin is to start with salvation. To repent is to believe, and to believe is to repent. Forgiveness awaits. Beg for it and be assured that you will receive it. You think you're heading home to your Father, but your Father has already left home to find you and bring you the rest of the way. Look, He's running, He's coming, He's hugging, He's kissing, He's calling, He's enjoying, He's celebrating. There's nothing He enjoys more than forgiving. Why not enjoy it, too, through His perfect Son, Jesus Christ?



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

August 15th
<i>Morning</i> Allyson Leach & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Mary Price
<i>Wednesday - August 18th</i> Amanda Spansel

Today's Sound Operator - Mike Poirier



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

CHILDREN AND NURSERY VOLUNTEER MEETING

There will be a children's teacher and nursery volunteer meeting at 5:20 pm this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN'S CLASS PROMOTION

The fall promotion for the children's Wednesday night classes will take place Wednesday, September 1st and the fall promotion for Sunday School will take place Sunday, September 5th. If you have any questions please see Bridgette. To see the classes your child will be participating in, you can find the upcoming class schedules on the bulletin board in the Children's Department.

