



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 12<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. 173 .....	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise .....	Cody Wallace
Trinity Hymnal No. 421 .....	"Rock of Ages"
Trinity Hymnal No. 672 .....	"He Lifted Me"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Ruth 1:6-18</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
Trinity Hymnal No. 415 .....	"God Be Merciful to Me"
The Pastoral Prayer .....	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — <i>"Marriage, Pt. IV" (Ephesians 5:25-33)</i> .....	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 370 .....	"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"
The Benediction .....	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude .....	Prepare your heart for worship
Baptist Hymnal No. 636 .....	"We Gather Together"
Baptist Hymnal No. 3 .....	"Worthy of Worship"
The Sermon — <i>"Judgement of Egypt, Pt. II" (Ezekiel 30)</i> .....	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 411 .....	"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
The Benediction .....	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



# COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

There are many reasons why a wife must submit to her husband's authority and a husband must love his wife as Christ loves His church (Eph. 5:22, 25). Not least of these is God's absolute authority (Rev. 6:10). His decrees are right and we are to follow them simply because He gives them. But there are other reasons why we are to heed the Lord's will for marital roles, as we see in today's passage. Paul explains in Ephesians 5:31-32 that the relationship between a husband and wife is a picture of the bond between Jesus and His people. He bases this understanding on a pervasive Old Testament metaphor. Especially in the prophets, God's relationship to Israel is likened to that of a bridegroom to His bride. Jeremiah 2:2 recalls the devotion the Israelites had for their covenant Lord when He called them out of slavery. Hosea 1-2 emphasizes the love of God for His people, a love so deep that it persisted in the most difficult circumstance of His bride's unfaithfulness. The metaphor of God as the husband of His people shows us that human marriage displays eternal truths. As husbands and wives fulfill their God-given roles, they join general revelation in showing the world truths about our Creator and humanity's appropriate response to Him. Husbands who sacrifice themselves for their wives depict the self-sacrificial nature of the Lord in redeeming His people. Wives who rightly

submit to their own husbands' authority remind all people that they must live under God's Word. We proclaim God's glory and our responsibility to the world as we fulfill our rightful duties as husbands and wives. Only Jesus has kept God's will perfectly, so we will sometimes fail in our marital roles. Still, we endeavor by the Spirit to keep His will, and the husband's love for his wife, no matter how unsubmitive or how unlovable she might be at times, is particularly important. His love in the hardest times shows the unfailing, persevering love of Jesus for His church. Thus, husbands cannot use their wives' refusal to submit properly as an excuse not to love their wives to the end. After all, "that's not how Christ loved the church. Christ loved a church that was not submissive to him. Christ died for a church that was in rebellion against him" (R.C. Sproul, *The Purpose of God: Ephesians*, p. 137; hereafter *POGE*). **Coram Deo:** Husbands, your calling is to pursue your wives in love to the ends of the earth. Single men, your calling is to become the kind of men who, should you get married one day, will love your wives in a way that serves their needs. Wives, your calling is to pray for your husbands, that they might love you in this manner, and to do all you can to make it easy for them to love you. Single women, your calling is to become godly women whom godly men yearn to love.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>September 12<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Amanda Spansel & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Jessica Mullins & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - September 15<sup>th</sup></i> Mary Margaret Pritchard

Today's Sound Operator - Dirk de Waal



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GA WORK DAYS

There are still a few items that need to be completed in advance of the RBNet General Assembly. Please see the list on the bulletin board and posted on GroupMe. There will be someone at the church every Saturday from now until the GA. If you can help out please see Chris or Pastor Thomas.

## GA MEETING

There will be a meeting this afternoon at 5 pm in the fellowship hall for all of those volunteering to help with the RBNet GA.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Next Sunday Conrad Mbewe will be preaching during our morning service and Baruch Maoz will be preaching to us in our evening service.

## GA EVENING SERVICE

All are invited to the evening service on Monday night of the GA at 7 pm. Baruch Maoz will be giving the opening address.

## CANOE/KAYAK TRIP

There will be a churchwide canoe/kayak trip down the Okatoma on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in Seminary at Seminary Canoe Rental at 9 am and do the 8 mi portion of the Okatoma. Afterwards, we will meet at the Pogue's home for a time of fellowship. Canoe rentals are \$30, single kayaks are \$30, and double kayaks are \$50. A sign up list will be posted for those who plan on going down the Okatoma and for those planning to join us for the fellowship afterwards.

