



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship ..... Chris Kimbrell

Hymn ..... "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Seth Lirette

Hymn ..... "His Mercy is More"

Hymn ..... "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It"

The Reading of the Word — *Isaiah 40:9-31* ..... Dirk de Waal

Hymn ..... "Abide With Me"

The Interlude ..... Instrumentalists

The Sermon — *"Do Not Grow Weary in Doing Good" (Galatians 6:9-10)* ..... Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn ..... "Jesus Paid it All"

The Benediction ..... Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn ..... "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Hymn ..... "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"I Am the Door" (John 10:1-10)* ..... Prashant Thakkar

Hymn ..... "Have Faith in God"

The Benediction

The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

"Doing good" is to be the Christian's life. It means that I love the Lord, my God, with all my heart—that I commune with Him—that I dedicate myself to Him and give all that I have to the extension of His Kingdom and to the honoring of His glorious name! If you want to know what doing good is, I will give you a few hints and tests. Everything is doing good that is done in obedience to a Divine command. If you have God's Word for it, it is doing good. Some may call you imprudent, but it is doing good if you do what God bids—and it is prudent, too. In the long run you shall find it so. When God says, "Do this," let it be done at once—that is doing good. And if He says, "You shall not," the doing good is fleeing from the accursed thing! Let not your own wisdom and prudence ever fly in the teeth of a positive command of God! When you are doing what God bids you, you are doing well—and you need have no difficulty in defending yourself. God will not allow that man ever to be confounded who makes the will of God to be the law of his life. So may it always be with us. In the next place everything is doing good that is done in faith. "Whatever is not of faith is sin." Even though the thing you do is right, if you do not believe it to be right it is not right for you. There are many things that I may do that you must not do because you do not think it would be right to do them. Therefore you must refrain. If the thing is not in itself a wrong thing, yet if it seem wrong to you, it will be wrong to you—therefore do it not. Paul could eat the meat that had been offered to idols without being troubled in his conscience, but there were some who thought that if they ate it, they would be partakers with the idol. Paul did not think so and, moreover, he said, "An idol is nothing in the world. Whatever is sold in the shambles, I eat asking no question for conscience sake." Still, "he that doubts is condemned if he eats." If he has his doubts about it and thinks he should not do it, he must not do it. He will not be practicing the art of doing good if he does that concerning which his conscience raises any scruple. If you can say with Scripture warrant, "God permits this and I can do it, feeling that He permits it," you are doing well in so doing. Everything that is done out of love to God is doing good. This is a motive that sways no man till he is born-again. But when God,

who is Love, has begotten us into His own likeness, then we love God and love becomes the motive of all our actions. I hope, Beloved, this is the mainspring of our doings and goings—that you would be God's servants or God's ministers because you love God—that you seek to bear up under poverty or to use with discretion and liberality the riches with which you are entrusted because you love God. If a man loves not God, how little there can be of doing good about him! Yes, he lacks the very root of it all if he has not love to God. Doing good includes doing what we do in the name of the Lord Jesus. How this should stop some professors in a great many actions. Have we not the exhortation, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus"? If there is anything you cannot do in the name of the Lord Jesus, do it not, for to do it will not be doing good! In the name of the Lord Jesus you may go to your daily labor, for He went to His for 30 years and worked in the carpenter's shop. In the name of the Lord Jesus you may undertake all the duties of your calling if that calling is a right one. But if it is not, you have no right to be in it at all, but should get out of it at once! You may do in the name of the Lord Jesus all that men would do if you are a saved soul and your heart is right towards Him. Doing good includes that which we do in Divine strength. There is no doing good except we get power to do it from the Holy One of Israel. The Spirit of God is the Author of all true fruit in the Christian life. Except we abide in Christ and receive the sap of the Sacred Spirit from Him, we cannot bring forth fruit, for, "without Me," He says, "you can do nothing." But to work in the Divine strength is doing good. Poor and feeble though it is, if I do it out of love to Christ and with the little strength I have, acknowledging that I would not even have that but for His Grace, my act is an act of doing good. Even though I have to mourn my failures and mistakes, nevertheless I may feel that with a true heart I am striving to glorify God and that I am surrendering myself to the Divine impulses so as to be ready to do everything as unto my Master. Then am I living as a Christian should live in doing good....If God has given you the life of the Spirit, you will not bring forth only buds and blossoms and flowers, but there will be fruit—the fruit of doing good!



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>October 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Ashley Lirette & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Wendy Winn & Mary Price
<i>Wednesday - October 25<sup>th</sup></i> Dacia Long & Bridgette Kimbrell

Today's Sound Operator - Richard Jackson



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REFORMATION WEDNESDAY

November 1st we are excited to our children study and present a Bible hero of the faith or reformation leader. We ask all kids kindergarten-3rd grade to sign up for either a Bible hero or reformation leader and all 4th grade and up to sign up for a reformation leader. They can dress the part and present to us about who they pick. We are in need of bagged candy donations. Each child/youth participating will receive a bag of candy afterwards. Please see Lawanda for more information.

## FALL COOKOUT

Mark your calendars for October 28<sup>th</sup>! Our fall fellowship will be held at the Mullins place in the country beginning at noon and going until everyone tires out! A sign up list will be posted soon. Everyone coming is asked to bring a dessert or chips/dip.

## REFORMATION CONFERENCE

Audubon Bible Church in Laurel will be hosting their 30<sup>th</sup> annual Reformation Conference on October 27-29, 2023 from 7:00-9:30 pm. Stephen Wellum & Donald Whitney professors from Southern Seminary will be preaching this year. For more information visit: [www.audubonchurch.org/reformation-conference](http://www.audubonchurch.org/reformation-conference)

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our OCC packing party will be Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your items to pack and a note with your child's information (name, age, address, fun facts about themselves). We will meet after the afternoon service while the men are at outreach.

