



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship ..... Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn ..... "Immortal, Invisible"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Hal Pritchard
- Hymn ..... "There is a Redeemer"
- Hymn ..... "Rescue the Perishing"
- The Reading of the Word — *Exodus 33:12-23* ..... Hal Pritchard
- Hymn ..... "Be Thou My Vision"
- The Sermon — *"Kingdom, Power, and Glory" (Matthew 6:13)* ..... Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn ..... "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
- The Benediction ..... Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn ..... "Bring Them In"
- Hymn ..... "Arise, My Soul, Arise"
- The Pastoral Prayer ..... Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Baptism is an Ordinance of the New Testament" (Romans 6:3-5)* ..... Pastor Winn
- Hymn ..... "All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus"
- The Baptismal Ordinance
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

Dr. Steve Lawson

## For Thine Is the Kingdom

All things are for the glory of God! This driving passion was the very heartbeat of the Lord Jesus Christ, the highest aim He sought, the loftiest goal He pursued. All things in life and ministry, He taught, are to be solely for the glory of God. Nowhere is this God-centered focus more clearly evidenced than in what Christ taught regarding prayer. To this end, all intercession before the throne of God must begin and end with resounding praise to Him. The Alpha and Omega of prayer must be for the glory of God. Unfortunately, prayer today has often devolved into a self-centered pursuit that is fueled by the fulfilling of one's indulgences. This "prosperity gospel" has denigrated prayer into nothing more than a "name it and claim it" shopping excursion. In this abuse of privileged access, God's glory is all too forgotten. But as Jesus Christ taught His disciples, the primary focus of prayer is for one to be riveted upon the supreme glory of God. As our Lord gave instruction regarding how to pray, He was unequivocal in teaching us to ascribe all glory to God. Everything must yield to the glory of God! In Matthew 6:13, Jesus stated our prayers should conclude: "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen" (nkjv). The above is quoted in the New King James Version, a translation based upon the Textus Receptus. In this passage, we encounter a textual problem, one that has been debated throughout the centuries. As such, many translations handle this portion of Scripture in varying ways. For example, the New American Standard Bible places these words in brackets. The English Standard Version and New International Version omit this part of the verse altogether. For our purposes, however, we will consider these concluding words to the Lord's Prayer as a part of the biblical text. This climactic doxology begins with a passionate declaration of God's sovereignty. When a believer prays, Jesus said, he should conclude by affirming, "For Yours is the kingdom." This robust pronouncement asserts that God both possesses and presides over His vast kingdom. He is the sovereign king, who exercises supreme authority and unrestricted dominion over an immense empire. Certainly, this reign includes both the realm of providence and the sphere of salvation. He commands all the affairs of mankind, even the intricate inner workings of the entire universe. From His throne above, God "works all things according to the counsel of his will" (Eph. 1:11). Further, Jesus taught His disciples that when they pray, they should declare that "the power" belongs to God. The definite article defines the infinite scope of His sovereignty. He possesses not a mere portion of some power, but the power. That is to say, He has all power in heaven and earth. All that God's supreme will chooses to do, He

has the omnipotence to execute it fully. Nothing can hinder the free exercise of His sovereign pleasure. What is more, every prayer should climax with a vibrant declaration of God's glory. Jesus said that our prayers should crescendo with this announcement that all glory belongs to God. Because the kingdom and the power belong to God, all glory rightfully belongs to Him. The Bible speaks of God's glory in two ways. His intrinsic glory is the revelation of all that God is. It is the sum total of all His divine perfections and holy attributes. There is nothing that man can do to add to the intrinsic glory of God. He is who He is. Additionally, there is God's ascribed glory, which is the glory that is given to Him. This is the praise and honor due His name. Such glory is to be ascribed to Him alone. Here, at the end of the Lord's Prayer, we find Christ referencing ascribed glory. In direct response to His vast sovereignty and unlimited power, all glory must be rendered to Him. In essence, such a high theology produces a high doxology. It is only fitting that this God, who is so awesome, be adorned in prayer. Fervent praise, Jesus said, should come to God "forever." Because His kingdom and power is without end, so must our praise be without ceasing. Every moment of life must be filled with praise, both now and throughout all eternity. Finally, Jesus taught His disciples to conclude their prayers with the sure attestation, "Amen." This familiar word comes from a Hebrew root meaning to be firm and secure. "Amen" eventually came to mean: "It is immovably true." Likewise, this should be our concluding response to God in prayer. Amen to all that we know to be true about God. Amen to His eternal kingdom. Amen to His sovereign will. Amen to His daily bread. Amen to His pardoning grace. Amen to His delivering power. All prayer should build and rise to this lofty summit. We should conclude by fervently affirming that the kingdom, the power, and the glory belong exclusively to Him forever. Our only response must resoundingly be — amen!

## The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith Of Baptism – Chapter 29

Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, to be unto the party baptized, a sign of his fellowship with him, in his death and resurrection; of his being engrafted into him;<sup>1</sup> of remission of sins; and of giving up into God, through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life. Those who do actually profess repentance towards God, faith in, and obedience to, our Lord Jesus



Christ, are the only proper subjects of this ordinance. The outward element to be used in this ordinance is water, wherein the party is to be baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Immersion, or dipping of the person in water, is necessary to the due administration of this ordinance. Rom. 6:3–5; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27; Mark 1:4; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:4; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:36–37, 2:41, 8:12, 18:8; Matt. 28:19–20; Acts 8:38; Matt. 3:16; John 3:23



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>November 27<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Ashley Lirette & Katherine Ranck
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Lana Wakefield & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - November 30<sup>th</sup></i> Bethany Wallace

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We will observe the ordinance of baptism this evening during our evening service. Tim Busch and Sylvie Jones will share their testimony and be baptized. All members are encourage to make a special effort to be a part of the ordinance of baptism. What a joy it is to join together to hear what God has done!

## YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Young Adult Christmas Party will be December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall or on GroupMe if you plan to attend. Childcare with pizza for the children will be provided at \$2/child. Please sign up by November 27<sup>th</sup> if childcare is needed. See Bethany Wallace with any questions.

## WORK DAY

Our next scheduled church work day is December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 12 pm. There are tasks that all can do so please make plans to join us.

## OLDER ADULT CHRISTMAS SUPPER

The Older Adult Christmas Supper (age 50 up) will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Chili will again be the main dish. Please sign the sign-up list in the Fellowship Hall, if you plan to attend. We look forward to a enjoyable time of food and fellowship.

## CHRISTMAS MAILBOX

Our Christmas Mailbox will be open again this year! The basket will be in the back foyer of the sanctuary, across from the choir room. In lieu of the postage, you are encouraged to donate to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please place on the memo of your check or designate on your Venmo payment *Lottie Moon*.

