



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 13th, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	Chris Kimbrell
Trinity Hymnal No. 160	"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Seth Lirette
Trinity Hymnal No. 147	"O Come O Come Emmanuel"
Trinity Hymnal No. 154	"As With Gladness Men of Old"
The Reading of the Word — <i>Psalm 22:1-31</i>	Hal Pritchard
Baptist Hymnal No. 118	"What Child is This?"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "Finished" (<i>Mark 15:34-36</i>)	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Trinity Hymnal No. 159	"Good Christian Me Rjoice"
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
Trinity Hymnal No. 639	"Once in Royal David's City"
Trinity Hymnal No. 640	"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "The Glory is Gone" (<i>Ezekiel 10</i>)	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Baptist Hymnal No. 95	"Go Tell it on the Mountain"
The Benediction	Pastor Winn
The Postlude	



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Rejection—it is something we have all experienced at one time or another. Moreover, it is something we all seek to avoid, as we sometimes do the most foolish things to gain acceptance from others. Whether the one who rejects us is a spouse, a friend, a coworker, a family member, or any other human being, we feel pain and a profound sense of loneliness when we are rejected. We know the pain of rejection by our fellow human beings, but unless we are impenitent and end up in hell, none of us will ever know the pain of utter rejection. We will not experience the loneliness, forsakenness, and accursedness of being cut off from God's grace. We who are in Christ will never know such divine wrath because Christ bore it in our place. That is the key lesson of today's passage. From the sixth through the ninth hour on the day Jesus died, there was a profound, disorienting, dreadful darkness over Golgotha. This was no mere solar eclipse but the darkness of God's wrath against sinners. Passages such as Amos 5:18–20 depict the day of the Lord's judgment as filled with darkness, and that forms the backdrop for rightly interpreting the cross. The cross was an act of divine judgment; in fact, it was the judgment of that final day brought forward in time for the sake of God's people. God cannot simply forgive sin without judging it. His wrath must be propitiated—satisfied and exhausted (Rom. 3:9–26). That wrath will either fall on us on the last day and on into eternity, or it will fall on Christ so that we

can be forgiven and can escape eternal judgment. He had to be made sin so that we could become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). Because God's eschatological (end times) wrath was poured out on Christ for all who trust in Him, those who trust Him will not face it on judgment day. John Calvin comments, "Our Lord Jesus . . . was denied the light of the sun, when he was in his sufferings, to signify the withdrawing of the light of God's countenance." Jesus' crying out the words of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" confirms this. This was the anguished cry of the One who had for all eternity enjoyed the good pleasure of His Father. But the Son of God took on a human nature, enabling Him to experience—as the God-man—what it means to be cut off, to be rejected by the Father. His humanity means He could represent us before God and receive the curse our sin is due so that we can enjoy the Lord's blessing.

Coram Deo: Dr. R.C. Sproul writes in his commentary Mark, "At the climax of that period of darkness, Jesus cried in agony—not the agony of the scourging or the agony of the thorns and nails, but the agony of forsakenness." The incarnate Lord was cut off for the sake of other men and women so that we can enjoy fellowship with God forever. No higher price could have been paid, and we are called to never cease loving Him and thanking Him for His sacrifice.



NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 6th
Morning Worship
Rhia McDonough & Bethany Wallace
Afternoon Worship
Bridgette Kimbrell & Cortney McDonald
Wednesday - December 9th
Katherine Ranck

December 13th
Morning Worship
Ashley Lirette & Lana Wakefield
Evening Worship
Amanda Spansel & Mary Margaret Pritchard
Wednesday - December 16th
Lawanda Winn

December 20th
Morning Worship
Jessica Mullins & Mary Hunter Sharp
Evening Worship
CAROL SERVICE - NO NURSERY
Wednesday - December 23rd
NO SERVICE

December 27th
Morning Worship
Claire Shores & Lawanda Winn
Evening Worship
Katherine Ranck & Wendy Winn
Wednesday - December 30th
NO SERVICE

STUDY AID



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Buddies and Bible Drill will be this afternoon at 4:45 pm and Children's Choir will meet at 5:30pm.



December 20th @ 6pm
Fellowship to follow



Christmas Caroling
December 16th @ 5:45pm
Fellowship to follow



Senior Adult (50 & up) - **UPDATED** The date as been changed to **Monday, December 21st**, 6pm at the church
Sign up lists will be on the bulletin board



Our Christmas Mailbox is open again this year! There will be a basket in the hallway behind the sanctuary, across from the choir room, where you can put your Christmas cards for church members. In lieu of the postage you would've spent on mailing, 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*.



There will be *no prayer meeting* on December 23rd and December 30th.
The Ladies Bible Study will meet December 3rd and 17th at 10am at the church.

