



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 16th, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Seth Lirette

Hymn "As the Deer Pants"

Hymn "The Lily of the Valley"

The Reading of the Word — *II Samuel 11:26-12:15* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "More Love to Thee O Christ"

The Sermon — *"The Resurrection" (The Gospels)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "How Sweet the Name of Jesus"

Hymn "Near to the Heart of God"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"The Passover Sacrifice" (Exodus 12)* Seth Lirette

Hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

Matthew Henry

Our Savior directs us how to conduct ourselves in reference to the faults of others; and his expressions seem intended as a reproof to the scribes and Pharisees, who were very rigid and severe, in condemning all about them, but justifying themselves. We have a caution against judging. There are those whose office it is to judge-magistrates and ministers. Christ came not to expel them, for by him princes decree justice; but this is directed to private persons, to his disciples, who shall hereafter sit on thrones judging, but not now. The prohibition; judge not teaches us that we must judge ourselves, our own acts, but we must not judge our brother, nor magisterially assume such an authority over others, as we allow not them over us: since our rule is, to be subject to one another. We must not sit in the judgment-seat, to make our word a law to everybody. We must not speak evil of him or judge rashly, passing such judgment on our brother with no grounds, that is the product of our own jealousy and ill nature. We must not make the worst of people, nor infer such unfair things from their words and actions as they will not bear. We must not judge unlovingly, unmercifully, nor with a spirit of revenge. We must not judge of a man's state by a single act, nor of what he is in himself by what he is to us, because we are quick to be partial. We must not judge the hearts of others, nor their intentions, for it is God's prerogative to try the heart, and we must not step into his throne; nor must we judge of their eternal state, nor call them hypocrites and reprobates. Counsel him, and help him, but do not judge him. Next, the reason to enforce this prohibition. That you be not judged. This intimates, that if we presume to judge others, we may expect to be ourselves judged. He who usurps

the bench, shall be called to the bar; he shall be judged of men; commonly none are more censured, than those who are most censorious; everyone will have a stone to throw at them. No mercy shall be shown to the reputation of those that show no mercy to others. Yet that is not the worst of it; they shall be judged of God; from him they shall receive the greater condemnation, (Ja. 3:1). Both parties must appear before him (Ro. 14:10), who, as he will relieve the humble sufferer, will also resist the haughty scorner, and give him enough of judging. 2) If we be charitable in our censures of others, and decline judging them, and judge ourselves rather, we shall not be judged of the Lord. God will forgive those that forgive their brethren; so he will not judge those that will not judge their brethren; the merciful shall find mercy. It is an evidence of humility, charity, and deference to God, and shall be rewarded by him accordingly (Ro. 14:10). The judging of those that judge others is according to the law of retaliation; with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged. The righteous God, in his judgments, often observes a rule of proportion. Thus will he be both justified and magnified in his judgments, and all flesh will be silenced before him. With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again; perhaps in this world, so that men may read their sin in their punishment. Let this deter us from all severity in dealing with our brother. What would become of us, if God should be as exact and severe in judging us, as we are in judging our brethren; if he should weigh us in the same balance? We may justly expect it, if we be extreme to mark what our brethren do amiss. In this, as in other things, the violent dealings of men return upon their own heads.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 16th
<i>Morning</i> Ashley Lirette & Claire Shores
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Cortney McDonald & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - April 19th</i> Mary Price & Mary Margaret Pritchard

Today's Sound Operator - Dirk de Waal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE DRILL

Please pray for our children as they prepare for the State Bible Drill, April 27th at 1:30 at Park Parkway Baptist Church in Clinton.

VBS

There will be a VBS volunteers meeting April 30th in the Fellowship Hall.

BABY SHOWER

The church will host a baby shower for Katie Crocker on May 6th at 10 am. See Bethany Wallace for more details.

CRAWFISH BOIL

Save the date for our annual crawfish boil, May 13th. More details to come.

