



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

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

The Call to Worship ..... Cody Wallace

Hymn ..... "How Firm a Foundation"

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

Hymn ..... "He is Lord"

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

The Reading of the Word — *I Samuel 25:1-38* ..... Hal Pritchard

Hymn ..... "It is Well with My Soul"

The Sermon — "*Spiritual Judgment*" (*Matthew 7:6*) ..... Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn ..... "Take My Life and Let It Be"

The Benediction ..... Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

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

Hymn ..... "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

Hymn ..... "Are You Washed in the Blood"

Prayer

The Sermon — "*The Song of Moses*" (*Exodus 15:1-21*) ..... Hal Pritchard

Hymn ..... "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

The Benediction

The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

Thoughts on Matthew 7:6

“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.”

“There are some holy enjoyments, some gracious experiences, some deep doctrines of the Word of God, which it would be out of place to speak of before certain profane and unclean persons. They would only make a jest of them; perhaps they might persecute you on account of them. No; holy things are for holy men; and as of old the crier in the Grecian temple was wont to say, before the mysteries were performed, “Far hence, ye profane!” so sometimes, before we enter into the innermost circle of Christian converse, it would be well for us to notice who is listening.”

“Zeal should always be tempered by prudence. There are times when it would be treason to truth to introduce it as a topic of conversation, when men are in such a frame of mind that they will be sure rather to cavil at it than to believe it. Not only speak thou well, but speak thou at the right time, for silence is sometimes golden. See that thou hast thy measure of golden silence as well as of silver speech.”

“When men are evidently unable to perceive the purity of a great truth, do not set it before them. They are like mere dogs, and if you set holy things before them they will be provoked to “turn again and rend you”: holy things are not for the profane. “Without are dogs”: they must not be allowed to enter the holy place. When you are in the midst of the vicious, who are like “swine,” do not bring forth the precious mysteries of the faith, for they will despise them, and “trample them under their

feet” in the mire. You are not needlessly to provoke attack upon yourself, or upon the higher truths of the gospel. You are not to judge, but you are not to act without judgement. Count not men to be dogs or swine; but when they avow themselves to be such, or by their conduct act as if they were such, do not put occasions in their way for displaying their evil character. Saints are not to be simpletons; they are not to be judges, but, also, they are not to be fools. Great King, how much wisdom thy precepts require! I need thee, not only to open my mouth, but also at times to keep it shut.”

“It is a pity to talk about some of the secrets of our holy faith in any and every company. It would be almost, profane to speak of them in the company of profane men. We know that they would not understand us; they would find occasion for jest and ridicule, and therefore our own reverence for holy things must cause us to lay a finger on our lips when we are in the presence of profane persons. Do not let us, however, carry out one precept to the exclusion of others. There are dogs that eat of the crumbs that fall from the master’s table. Drop them a crumb. And there are even swine that may yet be learned; to whom the sight of a pearl might give some inkling of a better condition of heart. Cast not the pearls before them, but you may show them to them sometimes when they are in as good a state of mind as they are likely to be in. It is ours to preach the gospel to every creature; that is a precept of Christ, and yet all creatures are not always in the condition to hear the gospel. We must choose our time. Yet even this I would not push too far. We are to preach the gospel in season and out of season.”



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

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| <b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <i>Morning</i><br>Kelly Jackson & Mary Hunter Sharp                   |
| <i>Evening/Afternoon</i><br>Elise de Waal & Mary Margaret Pritchard   |
| <i>Wednesday - May 3<sup>rd</sup></i><br>Dacia Long & Jessica Mullins |

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will meet on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Bring a sack lunch for fellowship afterwards.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Our 1st quarter business meeting will be next Sunday, immediately following the fellowship meal.

## VBS

There will be a VBS volunteers meeting April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall.

## BABY SHOWER

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

## CRAWFISH BOIL

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

