



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
July 16<sup>th</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 ..... "In Christ Alone"

Hymn ..... "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

The Reading of the Word — *Proverbs 29:1-27* ..... Dirk de Waal

Hymn ..... "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

The Sermon — *"The Wise Man & Foolish Man" (Matthew 7:24-27)* ..... Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn ..... "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

The Benediction ..... Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

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

Hymn ..... "On Jordan's Story Banks"

Hymn ..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"Our Eternal Rest" (Exodus 31:12-17)* ..... Prashant Thakkar

Hymn ..... "God Will Take Care of You"

The Benediction

The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

These are the closing words of our Savior's most famous sermon upon the mount. The whole of his hill-sermon was intensely earnest, and that earnestness was sustained to the end, so that the closing words are as glowing coals, or as sharp arrows of the bow. Our Lord closes not by displaying his own powers of elocution, but by simply and affectionately addressing a warning to those who, having heard his words, should remain satisfied with hearing, and should not go forth and put them into practice. As according to usual experience a preacher warms to his subject as he advances, and becomes more intense as he nears his final sentences, we are bound to give the more earnest heed to the words which are now before us, with which the Lord of all preachers concluded his memorable discourse. Jesus had been saying many things, but these are two words to which I think he specially alluded when he said, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man." These are two of the sayings of Christ, and they are comprehensive of almost all he ever said: "Enter ye in" and "Beware." Take heed that ye do them as well as hear them. We shall now proceed to the Master's parable, and will you please notice, first of all, the two builders. The wise and the foolish man were both engaged in precisely the same avocations, and to a considerable extent achieved the same design; both of them undertook to build houses, both of them persevered in building, both of them finished their houses. The likeness between them is very considerable. They were equally impressed with the need of building a house. They perceived the necessity of shelter from the heavy rains, they were alike desirous of being shielded from the floods, and screened from the wind. The advantage of a house to dwell in was evident to both. Even thus, at this period, we have a large number in the congregation who are impressed with the conviction that they need a Savior.

I am delighted to find that there is a stir among my hearers, and I trust it is a movement of God's Holy Spirit; and as a result very many of you feel deeply that you need a refuge from the wrath to come. You now admit that you must be forgiven, justified, regenerated and sanctified, and your desires are fervent; for all which I am deeply grateful, but also deeply anxious. You are in crowds desirous of becoming builders, and although some are wise and some foolish, up to this present we can see no difference in you; for you seem to be equally convinced that you need eternal life, and a good hope for the world to come. Nor does the likeness end here, for the two builders were both alike resolved to obtain what they needed—a house; and their determination was not in words only, but in deeds, for they both resolutely set to work to build. In the same way there are among us at this hour many who are resolved that if Christ is to be had, they will have him; and if there is such a thing as salvation, they will find it. They are very earnest, intensely earnest, and though some of them will fail, and some of them succeed, yet up to this point they are both alike, and none but he who searcheth all hearts can discern the slightest difference. I look with sadness upon the two pilgrims, with their faces zealously turned Zionward, and I sigh as I wonder which one will find the Celestial City, and which will join with Formalist and Hypocrisy, and perish on the Dark Mountains. We are glad to hear of yearning hearts and resolute determinations, but, alas! all is not wheat that grows in corn-fields, all is not gold that glitters. Appearances are very very hopeful, but appearances are often deceptive. There may be a deep sense of need, and there may be a determined resolution to get that need supplied, and yet out of two seekers, one may find and the other may miss, one may be foolish and the other may be wise.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Katherine Ranck & Mary Hunter Sharp
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Cortney McDonald & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - July 19<sup>th</sup></i> Dumi Thakkar & Lawanda Winn

Today's Sound Operator - John Ingram



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FAMILY CAMP FUNDRAISERS

In order to keep the cost of camp feasible for our families and young people we offer fundraising opportunities to raise money for our camp fund. This year we will once again host a BBQ plate sale and a church wide yard sale on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

If you would like to purchase a BBQ pulled pork plate please see Bridgette. Pick up will be Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00-1:00.

If you would like to donate items for the yard sale these can be dropped off in the fellowship hall beginning Sunday, July 16-21.

## WATERMELON SOCIAL

Join us for our annual watermelon cut on July 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following our evening worship service on the back patio.

