



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship ..... Cody Wallace
- Hymn ..... "i Stand Amazed in the Presence"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Hal Pritchard
- Hymn ..... "Abide With Me"
- Hymn ..... "Higher Ground"
- The Reading of the Word — *Nehemiah 1:4-11* ..... Hal Pritchard
- Hymn ..... "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
- The Pastoral Prayer ..... Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Our Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 68-15)*..... Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn ..... "Jesus Paid it All"
- The Benediction ..... Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn ..... "He Leadeth Me"
- Hymn ..... "More Love to Thee O Christ"
- The Pastoral Prayer ..... Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"Let No One Disqualify You" (Colossians 2:16-23)* ..... Hal Pritchard
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn ..... "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"
- The Benediction
- The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

One of the most well-known statements of the Christian faith is the Lord's Prayer, which begins with the words "Our Father which art in heaven." This is part of the universal treasury of Christendom. When I hear Christians in a private gathering praying individually, almost every single person begins their prayer by addressing God as Father. There's nothing more common among us than to address God as our Father. So central is this to our Christian experience that in the nineteenth century, there were some who said the basic essence of the whole Christian religion can be reduced to two points: the universal brotherhood of man and the universal fatherhood of God. In that context I am afraid we have missed one of the most radical teachings of Jesus. A few years ago, a German scholar was doing research in New Testament literature and discovered that in the entire history of Judaism—in all existing books of the Old Testament and all existing books of extrabiblical Jewish writings dating from the beginning of Judaism until the tenth century A.D. in Italy—there is not a single reference of a Jewish person

addressing God directly in the first person as Father. There were appropriate forms of address that were used by Jewish people in the Old Testament, and the children were trained to address God in proper phrases of respect. All these titles were memorized, and the term Father was not among them. The first Jewish rabbi to call God "Father" directly was Jesus of Nazareth. It was a radical departure from tradition, and in fact, in every recorded prayer we have from the lips of Jesus save one, he calls God "Father." It was for that reason that many of Jesus' enemies sought to destroy him; he assumed to have this intimate, personal relationship with the sovereign God of heaven and the creator of all things, and he dared to speak in such intimate terms with God. What's even more radical is that Jesus says to his people, "When you pray, you say, 'Our Father.'" He has given to us the right and privilege to come into the presence of the majesty of God and address him as Father because indeed he is our Father. He has adopted us into his family and made us coheirs with his only begotten Son (Rom. 8:17)



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Allyson Leach & Laurie Price
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Elise de Waal & Dumi Thakkar
<i>Wednesday - September 21<sup>st</sup></i> Mary Margaret Pritchard ( <i>Jessica Mullins</i> )

Today's Sound Operator - Mike Poirier



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Naphtally Ogallo will preach for us in the evening service on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Ogallo serves at Grace Baptist Church in Kenya, Eldoret. He was ordained in 1984 by Trinity Baptist Church in Nairobi and eventually came to plant Grace Baptist Church in 2007. He is also one of the pastors that preaches at various African Pastors' Conferences throughout Africa.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible study will meet this Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship afterwards.

## RBNET GA

Pray for Pastor Thomas as he will be traveling to Bremen, Indiana for this year's RBNet General Assembly from September 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

