



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 1st, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Jason Price

Hymn "Rock of Ages"

Hymn "There is a Fountain"

The Reading of the Word — *Isaiah 14:1-27* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "See the Destined Day Arise"

The Sermon — *Luke 16:22-26* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "To God Be the Glory"

The Benediction Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "Nothing But the Blood"

Hymn "The Church's One Foundation"

Prayer

The Observance of The Lord's Supper

Hymn "Blessed Be the Tie"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

"Howl, fir tree, for the cedar is fallen." Zechariah 11:2

When in the forest there is heard the crash of a falling oak, it is a sign that the woodman is abroad, and every tree in the whole company may tremble lest to-morrow the sharp edge of the axe should find it out. We are all like trees marked for the axe, and the fall of one should remind us that for every one, whether great as the cedar, or humble as the fir, the appointed hour is stealing on apace. I trust we do not, by often hearing of death, become callous to it. May we never be like the birds in the steeple, which build their nests when the bells are tolling, and sleep quietly when the solemn funeral peals are startling the air. May we regard death as the most weighty of all events, and be sobered by its approach. It ill behooves us to sport while our eternal destiny hangs on a thread. The sword is out of its scabbard—let us not trifle; it is furbished, and the edge is sharp—let us not play with it. He who does not prepare for death is more than an ordinary fool, he is a madman. When the voice

of God is heard among the trees of the garden, let fig tree and sycamore, and elm and cedar, alike hear the sound thereof. Be ready, servant of Christ, for thy Master comes on a sudden, when an ungodly world least expects him. See to it that thou be faithful in his work, for the grave shall soon be digged for thee. Be ready, parents, see that your children are brought up in the fear of God, for they must soon be orphans; be ready, men of business, take care that your affairs are correct, and that you serve God with all your hearts, for the days of your terrestrial service will soon be ended, and you will be called to give account for the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or whether they be evil. May we all prepare for the tribunal of the great King with a care which shall be rewarded with the gracious commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant"



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

October 1st
<i>Morning</i> Dumi Thakkar & Wendy Winn
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Elise de Waal & Bethany Wallace
<i>Wednesday - October 4th</i> Dacia Long & Ashley Lirette

Today's Sound Operator - Daniel Ranck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we will observe the Lord's Supper during our afternoon service.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today we will have our fellowship meal immediately following the morning service.

GO TELL CRUSADE

The Go Tell Crusade will be October 15-18 at 7:00 pm at the Amphitheater in Brandon. Counselors need to be present at 5:30 each evening. There will be no evening service at Grace on the October 15th. Please pray for this event. Also if you would like to be a counselor and have not yet gone through the training session, please see Dirk or Pastor Thomas.

LADIES' BOOK STUDY

The Ladies' Book Study will meet this Thursday, October 5th at 11 am. Bring a sack lunch for fellowship following the study.

REFORMATION WEDNESDAY

November 1st we are excited to our children study and present a Bible hero of the faith or reformation leader. We ask all kids kindergarten-3rd grade to sign up for either a Bible hero or reformation leader and all 4th grade and up to sign up for a reformation leader. They can dress the part and present to us about who they pick. We are in need of bagged candy donations. Each child/youth participating will receive a bag of candy afterwards. Please see Lawanda for more information.

REFORMATION CONFERENCE

Audubon Bible Church in Laurel will be hosting their 30th annual Reformation Conference on October 27-29, 2023 from 7:00-9:30 pm. Stephen Wellum & Donald Whitney professors from Southern Seminary will be preaching this year. For more information visit: www.audubonchurch.org/reformation-conference

