

# GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

## ORDER OF WORSHIP October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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## MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn - Elder/Pastor

The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
The Call to Worship	
Hymn	
The Prayer of Confession and Praise	Cody Wallace
Hymn	″Worthy of Worship″
Hymn	
The Reading of the Word — Psalm 27	Hal Pritchard
Hymn	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
The Sermon — "Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10)	Pastor Winn
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Hymn	
The Benediction	Hal Pritchard
The Postlude	
EVENING WORSHIP	
The Prelude	Prepare your heart for worship
Hymn	
Hymn	"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"
The Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Winn
The Sermon — "Put on the New Man" (Colossians 3:12-17)	Hal Pritchard
A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached	
Hymn	"Joy Unspeakable"
The Benediction	

The Postlude

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## COMMENTARY

### Thy Will be Done in Earth, as it is in Heaven

#### Thomas Manton

We are come to the third petition, which is fitly subjoined to the former. In the preface we own our relation to God, 'Our Father.' In the first petition we express our care of his glory; in the second, our desires of his kingdom; and now we beg obedience to his will. We may judge of our respect to his name and kingdom by our obedience to his will, without which we neither sanctify his name nor submit to his kingdom. The kingdom of God implieth two things, his government over us, or the privileges which we enjoy thereby-

1. As it is taken for his government over us, so there is a fair connexion between these two requests. Before, we pray that God would rule us, and now, for a soft and pliable heart, that we may be ruled by him. Christ is not our king when we do our own will. These two are distinct; government is one thing, and obedience to it another: as, Mat. vi. 33, 1 'The kingdom of God,' and 'the righteousness thereof,' they are distinguished. The kingdom of God we plead for in the second petition, and here for the righteousness thereof; that Christ may not be a titular prince and sovereign, as certainly he is, when we do our own will. Every sovereign stands upon his own will, and the more absolute, still the more his will is to be looked upon as a law and rule. Now, God being so absolute a sovereign, it is but fit his will should be done in the perfectest manner: 'Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.'

2. If you take the kingdom of God for the privileges of his government, especially if they be considered in their consummation and final accomplishment, for that which the scripture calls the kingdom of God, by doing God's will we enter into his kingdom: see Mat. vii. 21, Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.' It is not the blandishment of a spiritual compliment, but a true and hearty subjection to the will of God, that availeth in God's kingdom, and is intended by this petitionary clause, 'Thy will be done.'

We are to aim at the highest manner of serving God. There is an ardent desire in the saints to be perfect: 'If by any means they would attain to the resurrection of the dead,' Phil. iii. 11; that is, that happy and sinless state they shall enjoy hereafter. The manner is more considerable than the work itself. A man may sin in doing good, but he cannot sin in doing well; therefore the manner is that which is mainly stood upon in scripture. God doth not only look that we pray, but it must be fervent effectual prayer, not a drowsy devotion; not only that we hear, but take heed how we hear; not only that we serve him, but serve him instantly; not only run, but so run. The great thing that is put into the balance of the sanctuary, when God comes to weigh the actions of men, what doth he consider? He weighs the spirits: Prov. 16:2, 'All the ways of man are right in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the spirits;' that is, he considers with what frame of heart, and in what manner, we go about anything we do for him. And therefore this is the main thing we should look after, in what manner we serve him, even as the angels do in heaven; not in an ordinary but perfect manner.

#### C. H. Spurgeon

However, brethren, whether we like it or not, remember, asking is the rule of the kingdom. "Ask, and you shall receive." It is a rule that never will be altered in anyone's case. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the elder brother of the family, but God has not relaxed the rule for him. Remember this text: Jehovah says to his own Son, "Ask of me and I will give you the heathen for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession." If the royal and divine Son of God cannot be exempted from the rule of asking so that he may have, you and I cannot expect the rule to be relaxed in our favour. Why should it be? What reason can be pleaded why we should be exempted from prayer? What argument can there be why we should be deprived of the privilege and delivered from the necessity of supplication? I can see none: can you? God will bless Elijah and send rain on Israel, but Elijah must pray for it. If the chosen nation is to prosper, Samuel must plead for it. If the Jews are to be delivered, Daniel must intercede. God will bless Paul, and the nations shall be converted through him, but Paul must pray. He prayed without ceasing; his epistles show that he expected nothing except by asking for it. If you may have everything by asking, and nothing without asking, I beg you to see how absolutely vital prayer is, and I beseech you to abound in it.



## RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Morning	
Jessica Mullins & Wendy Winn	
Evening/Afternoon	
Elise de Waal & Bridgette Kimbrell	
Wednesday - October 26 <sup>th</sup>	
Reformation Celebration	

Today's Sound Operator - Seth Lirette



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

This year's shoebox packing will be November 6<sup>th</sup> after the afternoon service. Shoeboxes and information pamphets about how to pack a box can be found in the church office. See Mrs. Lawanda for more information.

#### **REFORMATION CELEBRATION**

Our annual Reformation Celebration will be Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Allow your child to dress up like one of the Reformers or a Biblical character and prepare a short speech about who they are. A time of fellowship will follow.

### MITCHELL FARMS

There will be a churchwide outing to Mitchell Farms, Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 4 pm. The price is \$12/person, (2 yr and under are free). If you are interested in going, sign up through GroupMe or see Bridgette.

## AUDUBON BIBLE CHURCH REFORMATION CONFERENCE

Audubon Bible Church in Laurel will host their 29<sup>th</sup> Reformation Conference on October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Speakers include Joel Beeke, Jim Elliff, and Lance Quinn. Go to <u>www.audubonchurch.org/</u><u>reformation-conference</u> for more information.

