



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

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

The Call to Worship ..... Chris Kimbrell

Hymn ..... "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Prashant Thakkar

Hymn ..... "All Ye That Fear Jehovah's Name"

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

The Reading of the Word — *Isaiah 62:1-12* ..... Dirk de Waal

Hymn ..... "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

The Interlude ..... Instrumentalists

The Sermon — "Introduction to the Office of Pastor/Elder" (1 Timothy 3:1-7) ..... Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn ..... "Come Ye Sinners"

The Benediction ..... Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

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# EVENING WORSHIP

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

Hymn ..... "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn ..... "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee"

Prayer

The Sermon — "I Am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-18) ..... Seth Lirette

Hymn ..... "Psalm 23"

The Benediction

The Postlude



# COMMENTARY

All Christians should have a desire to tell others about the truth of God, but not everyone is qualified to be a pastor. Pastor Harry Reeder identifies the biblical qualifications for this office in the church. (He was killed during a car accident on May 22, 2023. He was a pastor at Briarwood Presbyterian Church for nearly 25 years, he often preached at R.T.S.)

**NATHAN W. BINGHAM:** We're recording live from Ligonier's 2022 National Conference, and joining me is Dr. Harry Reeder, the senior minister of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Dr. Reeder, what are the qualifications of a pastor?

**DR. HARRY REEDER:**

The qualifications are the internal calling that the Lord called you, and the external calling that the Lord by His Spirit not only has called you personally and internally, but that the Lord by His Spirit has called you externally through His church. What are they to look for? Well, the qualifications are laid out for an elder in 1 Timothy 3. Notably, fifteen of them deal with character and conduct. First Timothy 3:2-3 look at the pastor's and elder's personal conduct, then his family conduct, then his church conduct, and then his community witness and conduct. So, he is to be above reproach. That does not mean perfect. It means an obvious example of the rule and reign of God's grace having brought him to a certain level of maturity that manifests the presence of God's wisdom. Not just knowledge and understanding, but wisdom, which is shown in the fruit of one's behavior in life.

Jesus says you shall know wisdom by her children: the fruit of our behavior. So, I think that's what you're looking for. Now specifically, the pastor must be gifted to preach and teach and want to preach and teach. Now, let me be a little bit definitive. Not just preach, not just preach the Bible, but must want to preach the Bible to God's people. Some preachers are people-oriented, some are Bible-oriented, some are preaching-oriented. The true call is of one called to preach the Bible to God's people and bring the charge of love from a pure conscience and from a sincere faith and a pursuit of righteousness and holiness. That's what God calls the pastor to do.

Secondly, he needs to have some leadership gifts so that he is able to lead God's people. He's a shepherd of the flock. He's not a rancher. You don't get behind the herd and drive it. You get in front of the flock, and you lead it. And the sheep know the Lord's voice through you. And they follow the Lord through you, the undershepherd, as they serve the Chief Shepherd. So, I think you're looking at someone who in word and deed is manifesting the maturity of the Holy Spirit, is tested in terms of their spiritual gifts as well as their spirituality. Where are they in their walk with the Lord? But ultimately, Spurgeon was right. If you're called to the Lord, there's nothing else you can do. If there's anything else you can do, go do it. Because when you're called, you don't go into the ministry to be fulfilled. If you do, you won't stay. You go into the ministry to fulfill the ministry. You don't go in to get filled up. You go to pour yourself out as a drink offering all the way to the end.



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Cortney McDonald & Katherine Ranck
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bridgette Kimbrell & Dumi Thakkar
<i>Wednesday - November 1<sup>st</sup></i> TBD

Today's Sound Operator - John Ingram



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

## LADIES BOOK STUDY

The Ladies' Book Study will meet this Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 am. Bring a sack lunch for fellowship following the study.

## CHURCH WORK DAY

We will have a church work day, this Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from at 8 am-12 pm. Donuts will be served at 7 am.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our OCC packing party will be Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your items to pack and a note with your child's information (name, age, address, fun facts about themselves). We will meet after the afternoon service while the men are at outreach.

