



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 20th, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Seth Lirette

Hymn "Give Thanks"

Hymn "Count Your Blessings"

The Reading of the Word — *Nehemiah 9:16-31* Hal Pritchard

Hymn "Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

The Sermon — "*Temptation and Deliverance, Pt. II*" (*Matthew 6:13*) Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

No Service



COMMENTARY

C.H. Spurgeon

“He that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.”
Ecclesiastes 10:9

Oppressors may get their will of poor and needy men as easily as they can split logs of wood, but they had better mind, for it is a dangerous business, and a splinter from a tree has often killed the woodman. Jesus is persecuted in every injured saint, and he is mighty to avenge his beloved ones. Success in treading down the poor and needy is a thing to be trembled at: if there be no danger to persecutors here there will be great danger hereafter.

To cleave wood is a common every-day business, and yet it has its dangers; so then, reader, there are dangers connected with your calling and daily life which it will be well for you to be aware of. We refer not to hazards by flood and field, or by disease and sudden death, but to perils of a spiritual sort. Your occupation may be as humble as log splitting, and yet the devil can tempt you in it. You may be a domestic servant, a farm labourer, or a mechanic, and you may be greatly screened from temptations to the grosser vices, and yet some secret sin may do you damage. Those who dwell at home, and mingle not with the rough world, may yet be endangered by their very seclusion. Nowhere is he safe who thinks himself so. Pride may enter a poor man's heart; avarice may reign in a cottager's bosom; uncleanness may venture into the quietest home; and anger, and envy, and malice may insinuate themselves into the most rural abode. Even in speaking a few words to a servant we may sin; a little purchase at a shop may be the first link in a chain of temptations; the mere looking out of a window may be the beginning of evil. O Lord, how exposed we are! How shall we be secured! To keep ourselves is work too hard for us: only thou thyself art able to preserve us in such a world of evils. Spread thy wings over us, and we, like little chickens, will cower down beneath thee, and feel ourselves safe!

“Men ought always to pray.”
Luke 18:1

If men ought always to pray and not to faint, much more Christian men. Jesus has sent his church into the world on the same errand upon which he himself came, and this mission includes intercession. What if I say that the church is the world's priest? Creation is dumb, but the church is to find a mouth for it. It is the church's high privilege to pray with acceptance. The door of grace is always open for her petitions, and they never return empty-handed. The veil was rent for her, the blood was sprinkled upon the altar for her, God constantly invites her to ask what she wills. Will she refuse the privilege which angels might envy her? Is she not the bride of Christ? May she not go in unto her King at every hour? Shall she allow the precious privilege to be unused? The church always has need for prayer. There are always some in her midst who are declining, or falling into open sin. There are lambs to be prayed for, that they may be carried in Christ's bosom? the strong, lest they grow presumptuous; and the weak, lest they become despairing. If we kept up prayer-meetings four-and-twenty hours in the day, all the days in the year, we might never be without a special subject for supplication. Are we ever without the sick and the poor, the afflicted and the wavering? Are we ever without those who seek the conversion of relatives, the reclaiming of back-sliders, or the salvation of the depraved? Nay, with congregations constantly gathering, with ministers always preaching, with millions of sinners lying dead in trespasses and sins; in a country over which the darkness of Romanism is certainly descending; in a world full of idols, cruelties, devilries, if the church doth not pray, how shall she excuse her base neglect of the commission of her loving Lord? Let the church be constant in supplication, let every private believer cast his mite of prayer into the treasury.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

November 20th
<i>Morning</i> Jessica Mullins & Wendy Winn
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Harvest Meal
<i>Wednesday - Novemer 23rd</i> No Prayer Meeting

Today's Sound Operator - Mike Poirier



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST MEAL

Our Annual Harvest Meal will be this evening at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a devotion to follow the meal. Make plans to join us in this special time of thanksgiving and fellowship. This will be in lieu of our evening service.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

There will be no prayer meeting this Wednesday, November 23rd.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

We will observe the ordinance of baptism, November 27th during our evening service. Tim Busch and Sylvie Jones will share their testimonies and be baptized. Please make a note to attend this special time in the life of our congregation.

WORK DAY

Our next scheduled church work day is December 3rd from 8 am to 12 pm. There are tasks that all can do so please make plans to join us.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Young Adult Christmas Party will be December 1st at 6 pm. There will be a sign up sheet and see Bethany Wallace for details.

