



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 14th, 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell

Hymn "We Praise Thee O God, Our Redeemer"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Jason Price

Hymn "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

Hymn "The Lily of the Valley"

The Reading of the Word — *Galatians 6:1-10* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "Nearer My God to Thee"

The Interlude Instrumentalists

The Sermon — *"Wisdom Calls" (Proverbs 1:20-33)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Hymn "To God Be the Glory"

The Benediction Dirk de Waal

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Hymn "He Leadeth Me"

Hymn "Who is on the Lord's Side"

Prayer

The Sermon — *"Abide!" (1 John 2:24-29)* Dirk de Waal

Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord"

The Benediction

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

Matthew Henry

Solomon, having shown how dangerous it is to hearken to the temptations of Satan, here shows how dangerous it is not to hearken to the calls of God, which we shall forever rue the neglect of. 1st Observe, By whom God calls to us-by wisdom. It is wisdom that crieth without. The word is plural-wisdoms, for, as there is infinite wisdom in God, so there is the manifold wisdom of God, Eph. 3:10. God speaks to the children of men by all the kinds of wisdom, and, as in every will, so in every word, of God there is a counsel. 1. Human understanding is wisdom, the light and law of nature, the powers and faculties of reason, and the office of conscience, Job 38:36. By these God speaks to the children of men, and reasons with them. The spirit of a man is the candle of the Lord; and, wherever men go, they may hear a voice behind them, saying, This is the way; and the voice of conscience is the voice of God, and not always a still small voice, but sometimes it cries. 2. Civil government is wisdom; it is God's ordinance; magistrates are his vicegerents. God by David had said to the fools, Deal not foolishly, Ps. 75:4. In the opening of the gates, and in the places of concourse, where courts were kept, the judges, the wisdom of the nation, called to wicked people, in God's name, to repent and reform. 3. Divine revelation is wisdom; all its dictates, all its laws, are wise as wisdom itself. God does, by the written word, by the law of Moses, which sets before us the blessing and the curse, by the priests' lips which keep knowledge, by his servants the prophets, and all the ministers of this word, declare his mind to sinners, and give them warning as plainly as that which is proclaimed in the streets or courts of judicature by the criers. God, in his word, not only opens

the case, but argues it with the children of men. Come, now, and let us reason together; Isa. 1:18. 4. Christ himself is Wisdom, is Wisdoms, for in him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, and he is the centre of all divine revelation, not only the essential Wisdom, but the eternal Word, by whom God speaks to us and to whom he has committed all judgment; he it is therefore who here both pleads with sinners and passes sentence on them. He calls himself Wisdom, Lu. 7:35. 2nd, How he calls to us, and in what manner. 1. Very publicly, that whosoever hath ears to hear may hear; since all are welcome to take the benefit of what is said and all are concerned to heed it. The rules of wisdom are published without in the streets, not in the schools only, or in the palaces of princes, but in the chief places of concourse, among the common people that pass and repass in the opening of the gates and in the city. It is comfortable casting the net of the gospel where there is a multitude of fish, in hopes that then some will be enclosed. This was fulfilled in our Lord Jesus, who taught openly in the temple, in crowds of people, and in secret said nothing (Jn. 18:20), and charged his ministers to proclaim his gospel on the housetop, Mt. 10:27. God says (Isa. 45:19), I have not spoken in secret. There is no speech or language where Wisdom's voice is not heard. Truth seeks not corners, nor is virtue ashamed of itself. 2. Very pathetically; she cries, and again she cries, as one in earnest. Jesus stood and cried. She utters her voice, she utters her words with all possible clearness and affection. God is desirous to be heard and heeded.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

April 14th
<i>Morning</i> Mary Hunter Sharp, Lana Wakefield, & Wendy Winn
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Bunny Finch & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - April 17th</i> Laurie Price

Today's Sound Operator - John Ingram



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

The new members class will begin April 21st. It will meet in the new members' class room next to the kitchen during Sunday School, at 9:30. Please see Prashant Thakkar or Pastor Thomas if you would like to attend.

BOOK STUDIES

The Ladies' Book Study will meet this Thursday, 18th at 11 am. Bring a sack lunch for fellowship following the study.

The Men's Book Study will meet this Saturday, April 20th with breakfast at 7 am and the study to follow.

BIBLE DRILL

State Bible Drill will be Tuesday, April 16th at FBC Clinton and Saturday, April 20th at Morrison Heights Baptist in Clinton.

LADIES' SPRING TEA

All ladies are invited to a Spring Tea Bible Study on Saturday, April 27th at 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall. Mrs. Janet Mullins will bring a devotional on "finding rest". A sign up list is on the bulletin board. Please be sure to sign up if you will be attending.

FOOD PANTRY

Our on-hand supply has greatly improved through your generosity. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and will enable us to help those in need. Our April donation needs are for white sugar, brown sugar, oatmeal and flour. Please leave your donations in the wooden crate in our supply closet.

