



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 29th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

The Call to Worship

Trinity Hymnal No. 683 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard

Trinity Hymnal No. 700 "Trust and Obey"

Trinity Hymnal No. 716 "There Shall be Showers of Blessing"

The Reading of the Word — *Genesis 3:1-25* Hal Pritchard

Trinity Hymnal No. 712 "I Know Whom I have Believed"

The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn

The Sermon — *"Marriage, Pt. II" (Ephesians 5:25-33)* Pastor Winn

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Trinity Hymnal No. 667 "To God be the Glory"

The Benediction Hal Pritchard

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship

Baptist Hymnal No. 338 "How Firm a Foundation"

Baptist Hymnal No. 249 "Glorify Thy Name"

The Sermon — *"The Judgement of Egypt" (Ezekiel 29:1-16)* Hal Pritchard

A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached

Baptist Hymnal No. 333 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

The Benediction Pastor Winn

The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

To this day, Roman Catholic teaching and practice at least implies that those who are called to the spiritual vocations—priests, monks, and nuns—have a calling that is higher than those who serve in other vocations. Protestantism has rejected this idea, affirming the priesthood of all believers, which means that true and honorable spiritual service can be rendered to God regardless of whether one is called to full-time ordained ministry. Pastors, elders, and deacons do not have a higher calling; they simply have a different calling in the kingdom of God. Our Creator places a high value on all work done by His servants whether they work in ordained ministry or a more secular vocation; thus, it is possible to glorify God no matter the vocation that one holds. One nonordained vocation to which men may be called is that of husband. Marriage, as we see in Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:18-25, was established by God in creation “for the mutual help of husband and wife, for the increase of mankind with legitimate issue, and of the church with an holy seed; and for preventing of uncleanness” (WCF 24.2). To be called to marriage is to be called to a vocation of incredible value, and husbands and wives are to fulfill certain roles within the marriage relationship. Husbands, we read in today’s passage, are to love their wives “as Christ loved the church” Eph. 5:25. Interestingly, Paul does not exhort husbands to rule and reign over their wives even though He calls wives to submit

to their husbands (vv. 22-24). This does not mean that husbands are not to exercise leadership in the home, but it does give us an important insight into what the husband’s leadership is to look like. Husbands are not to lead in a domineering way or to live like masters while their wives live like slaves or servants. Instead, the headship of a husband is to be exercised out of deep love for his wife. Husbands, in fact, are to love their wives just as Christ loved the church. Practically speaking, this means that husbands are to put the needs of their wives before their own needs. After all, Christ’s love is seen in that He did not consider His equality with God as something to be exploited for His own sake; rather, the Son of God took on the form of a servant, putting the needs of His people first and not considering it unworthy to take on human flesh and walk among us (Phil. 2:5-11). Moreover, just as Christ loves us even when we do not submit to Him, husbands are to love their wives at all times. **Coram Deo:** Husbands must love their wives as Christ loves the church, which means they must be willing to die for their wives. The husband’s willingness to die for his wife may take the form of actual, physical death wherein the husband places himself in mortal danger to save her life. But for most husbands, being willing to die for their wives entails living sacrificially for them.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

August 29th
<i>Morning</i> Amanda Spansel & Lana Wakefield
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Kelly Jackson & Cortney McDonald
<i>Wednesday - September 1st</i> Jessica Mullins

Today's Sound Operator - Richard Jackson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

CHILDREN'S CLASS PROMOTION

The fall promotion for the children's Wednesday night classes will take place Wednesday, September 1st and the fall promotion for Sunday School will take place Sunday, September 5th. If you have any questions please see Bridgette. To see the classes your child will be participating in, you can find the upcoming class schedules on the bulletin board in the Children's Department.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM AND SINGING

Our toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarteners will be reciting the catechisms they have been learning over the past year along with singing a few of their favorite songs prior to the afternoon service on September 5th.

CANOE AND KAYAK TRIP

Mark calendars now for a churchwide canoe and kayak trip down the Okatoma on September 25th with a time of fellowship at the Pogue's farm in Moselle afterwards. More details to come!

