



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH  
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude ..... Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship ..... Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn ..... "A Mighty Fortress"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise ..... Cody Wallace
- Hymn ..... "Majesty"
- Hymn ..... "Near to the Heart of God"
- The Reading of the Word — *Psalm 24:1-10* ..... Dirk de Waal
- Hymn ..... "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
- The Sermon — *"One Who Had Authority, Pt. II" (Matthew 7:28-29)* ..... Pastor Winn
- The Observance of The Lord's Supper
- Hymn ..... "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
- The Benediction ..... Dirk de Waal
- The Postlude

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# AFTERNOON WORSHIP

## *Business Meeting*



## COMMENTARY

Matthew records several teachings of Jesus that reveal the his high view of our Lord's person and work. For example, Jesus claims for Himself the right to determine who will enter the kingdom of heaven, and in the Old Testament only God Himself makes such judgments. Furthermore, in His sermon, Jesus presents His interpretation of God's law as having the final say. Christ is no mere prophet, he does not merely speak for the Lord; He speaks as the Lord. "I say to you" is what we hear Him say, and He expects us to recognize His right to give the meaning of the Scriptures. Unlike the scribes, Jesus does not cite other rabbis to prove His point. He depends solely on His own understanding, and the crowd that overhears His sermon is astonished at the authority with which He teaches. Matthew Henry says, "It is possible for people to admire good preaching, and yet to remain in ignorance and unbelief; to be astonished, and yet not sanctified." Amazement at Christ's authority is not enough, today's passage reveals. We must build our lives on the solid foundation of His teaching. If we do not do what He says, we are like those whose houses rest upon the sand and are swept away by flash floods. Our good works do not merit salvation, but real trust in Christ is not present in our hearts without the corresponding obedience of faith. Building on Christ, Henry also says, means that we are always seeking "to conform to all the rules of his holy religion, and thus depend entirely on him for assistance from God, and acceptance with him, and count everything but loss and rubbish that [we] may gain Christ, and be found in him." May our confession of Jesus' authority translate into the doing of His words. **Coram Deo:** "On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand". In endeavoring to serve Jesus, we see how far we fall short of His demands, confessing that our righteousness does not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. This poverty of spirit drives us to the cross where Jesus picks us up, making us more sorrowful for sin and more ready to obey. This is what it means to build our lives on Christ's words.

*R.C. Sproul*

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me." John 6:37

This declaration involves the doctrine of election: there are some whom the Father gave to Christ. It involves the doctrine of effectual calling: these who are given must and shall come; however stoutly they may set themselves against it, yet they shall be brought out of darkness into God's marvelous light. It teaches us the indispensable necessity of faith; for even those who are given to Christ are not saved except they come to Jesus. Even they must come, for there is no other way to heaven but by the door; Christ Jesus. All that the Father gives to our Redeemer must come to him, therefore none can come to heaven except they come to Christ. Oh! the power and majesty which rest in the words "shall come." He does not say they have power to come, nor they may come if they will, but they "shall come." The Lord Jesus doth by his messengers, his word, and his Spirit, sweetly and graciously compel men to come in that they may eat of his marriage supper; and this he does, not by any violation of the free agency of man, but by the power of his grace. I may exercise power over another man's will, and yet that other man's will may be perfectly free, because the constraint is exercised in a manner accordant with the laws of the human mind. Jehovah Jesus knows how, by irresistible arguments addressed to the understanding, by mighty reasons appealing to the affections, and by the mysterious influence of his Holy Spirit operating upon all the powers and passions of the soul, so to subdue the whole man, that whereas he was once rebellious, he yields cheerfully to his government, subdued by sovereign love. But how shall those be known whom God hath chosen? By this result: that they do willingly and joyfully accept Christ, and come to him with simple and unfeigned faith, resting upon him as all their salvation and all their desire. Reader, have you thus come to Jesus?

*C.H. Spurgeon*



# RESPONSIBILITIES

## Today's Nursery Volunteers

<b>August 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Morning</i> Elise de Waal & Mary Hunter Sharp
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> No Nursery - Quarterly Business Meeting
<i>Wednesday - August 9<sup>th</sup></i> Katherine Ranck & Claire Shores

Today's Sound Operator - Cody Wallace



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

Today we will observe the Lord's Supper during our afternoon service.

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Today we will have our fellowship meal immediately following the morning service.

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Today, immediately following the fellowship meal, we will have a business meeting for the second quarter.

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

We are modifying our outreach this afternoon. Due to the heat, instead of going out, we will be reaching out by phone to previous visitors. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please speak with Prashant Thakkar.

