

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Blessed Assurance*

Arr. Lorie Line

Please take this time to quietly meditate on the following Scripture passage as you prepare your heart to worship the Lord.

*It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you.  
Do not fear or be dismayed."*

**Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV)**

## INTROIT

*Come, Let Us Join*

By Joseph M. Martin

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 97:1, 6, 9-12 (ESV)**

As God's Word calls us to worship, let's shout these words to one another recognizing that our worship is a response to God's gracious call.

Leader: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice!

People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.**

Leader: For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

People: **O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Leader: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**ALL: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!**

As the music of the gospel, our songs offer us instruction and expression.  
Whether song or hymn, old or new, we sing about the truth of God, and we sing to the God of truth!

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE #53** (stanzas 1-3, 5) *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Pastor Dave Stain

## \*WORSHIP IN SONG

*Famous One  
How He Loves*

We confess our sin not in order for God to forgive us but because God has forgiven us in Christ. The call to confession, therefore, is a word of grace like the assurance of pardon, not an exercise that shames us into confession.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

After the public confession below, you are encouraged to confess your sins silently to God.

We are not our own. We have been purchased by blood and made new, yet we cling to what is old. When your providence presents us with opportunity to share your goodness and love, your grace and mercy, we flee in fear and scoff in apathy. When we speak truth, we often fail to speak in love with a cool tongue. You are our Lord and Savior, teach us to walk in humility and meekness like your Son, Jesus. Amen.

The good news of the gospel is that in Christ we are forgiven! The announcement of this truth is one of the most beautiful moments in worship. Using scriptural words reinforces the truth that our assurance is based on God's words of promise, not merely on our own hopes and desires.

## COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL

**1 John 3:16 (ESV)**

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us,  
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

*\*For those who are able, please stand.*

**\*GREETING OF PEACE**

**1 Corinthians 7:15 (ESV)**

Please take this opportunity to greet those around you, offering them the right hand of fellowship and the peace which is only found in Christ.

*God has called you to peace.*

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)**

[Pray] *at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.*

*To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.*

**WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

Please take a moment to sign our "Fellowship Pad" and pass it along to those worshiping with you. Thank you!  
The offering is a vital part of our response to God and God's Word. It helps us connect our adoration for God with our life of discipleship.

*Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.  
And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows  
of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is not more need.*

**Malachi 3:10 (ESV)**

**OFFERTORY**

*The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*

Arr. by Mark Schweizer

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 178 in blue pew Bible)

**Joshua 1:1-9**

**SERMON**

***"Courage Under God's Empowering Promise"***

Rev. Allan Harmening  
Hospice Chaplain, BJC

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #92**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*It Is Well*

Arr. Lorie Line

**Personal Prayer and Counsel**

*"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*

**Romans 12:10, 12, 13 (NIV)**

We want so much to come alongside you in brotherly love and hospitality by your allowing us to be in prayer for your salvation or any need you may have. Please see Pastor Stain or one of our Elders at the back of the church following the worship service where we are available and eager to meet with you and pray with you in complete confidence.

**Spring Hills Presbyterian Church is committed to:**

**CHANGED HEARTS** through the transforming power of the Gospel of Grace,

**CHANGED LIVES** through Biblical preaching, teaching, fellowship and discipleship, and a

**CHANGED COMMUNITY**, where the community is so transformed by the power of the Gospel that it becomes predominately Christian and committed to the worship and service of our Triune God.