

# WORSHIPING THE GOD OF GRACE

November 4, 2018 - 10:30 AM

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Thy Word*

By M. W. Smith

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

*I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other.*

**Isaiah 42:6-8 (ESV)**

## INTROIT

*Ancient Words*

By Anne De Shazo

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 119:1, 5-7, 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: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

People: **Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.**

Leader: How can a young man keep his way pure?

People: **By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!**

Leader: I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

ALL: **Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #140 (stanzas 1-2, 4) *O Word Of God Incarnate*

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder David Haas

## \*WORSHIP IN SONG

*Speak O Lord*

*Open The Eyes Of My Heart*

## \*GREETING OF PEACE

**Ephesians 6:23-24 (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.

*Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.*

## 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.

*"Take care, and be on guard against all covetousness,  
for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

**Luke 12:15 (ESV)**

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

**OFFERTORY**

*The Word of the Lord*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 917 in blue pew Bible)

**Acts 8:26-40**

**SERMON**

*“Do You Understand What You Are Reading?”*

Rev. Dave Stain

Pastor, Spring Hills Presbyterian Church

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #447** (stanzas 1-2) *Christ For The World We Sing*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

by Martin Luther

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

Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust You altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith to trust in You. In You I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; You are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in You is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with You, of Whom I can receive, but to Whom I may not give. Amen.

**COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL**

**Hebrews 7:24-25 (ESV)**

*But he [Jesus] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

The Lord’s Supper is a physical action, mandated by Jesus, through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us. The celebration of the Lord’s Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**Luke 22:15-20 (ESV)**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

[there is a gluten-free option on the bread tray]

Please feel free to eat the bread when you are served to signify that Christ’s death was for you as an individual.

Please hold the cup until all have been served so that we may partake together signifying that the Christ’s death was for the Body of Christ called from before the foundation of the world.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #447** (stanzas 3-4) *Christ For The World We Sing*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*I Love You Lord*

By Laurie Kline

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**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.

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

