

Loving God, Loving Others and

Leading People to Christ

**A Lord’s Day Worship Gathering**

**December 2, 2018**

**Preparing for Worship**

The Lord’s Day is the first and best day of the week for the people of God. We gather together as the church to corporately worship Jesus Christ and be nourished by His Word.

It is our desire to promote a deep love for Jesus Christ in all things, among all people, for their joy and His glory. We encourage you to take time before the service to prayerfully prepare your heart and mind to worship the Lord and celebrate His presence.

**Call to Worship** II Peter 3:3-13

***God is the first word and because of this we believe true worship happens when God initiates it, by calling sinners through repentance to come and worship Him. Therefore, we begin worship with His Word—His invitation to us to worship in His Name.***

*Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and ]its works will be burned up.Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.*

**Invocational Prayer of Adoration**

***This is a prayer asking God to be with us as we worship.***

**COME NOW ALMIGHTY KING** MADDAN/KAUFLIN/SPIRO

Come now almighty King   
Help us Your name to sing   
We will declare Your praise   
Righteous in all Your ways   
Father, all glorious   
O’er all victorious   
Come and reign over us   
Ancient of Days

Come now incarnate Word   
Take up Your mighty sword   
Our humble prayers attend   
Faithful unto the end   
Come and Your people bless   
And give Your Word success   
Lord of all righteousness   
On us descend

Come Holy Spirit come   
Your perfect will be done   
Brighten our darkened hearts   
Your precious life impart   
Guide us into Your truth   
So we might bear more fruit   
Fill us with more of You   
Spirit of power

To the great one in three   
Eternal praises be   
Timeless, unchanging Lord   
Now and forevermore   
Your sovereign majesty   
May we in glory see   
And to eternity   
Love and adore

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**ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME**  EDWARD PERRONET

All hail the power of Jesus’ name

Let angels prostrate fall

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all

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And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race

Ye ransomed from the fall

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all

Hail Him who saves you by His grace

And crown Him Lord of all

Let every kindred, every tribe,

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng

We at His feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song,

And crown Him Lord of all.

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And crown Him Lord of all.

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**Anticipating the Arrival of Christ (Week 1)** Isaiah 2:2-5

*Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established [a]as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war. Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

**ADVENT PRAYER**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*–The Book of Common Prayer*

**O COME O COME EMMANUEL** HELMORE/NEALE

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death’s dark shadows put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*

*Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,

And order all things, far and nigh;

To us the path of knowledge show,

And cause us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind

All peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;

Fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.

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**JESUS, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME** TANYA RICHES

Jesus, what a beautiful name

Son of God, Son of man

Lamb that was slain

Joy and peace, strength and hope

Grace that blows all fear away

Jesus, what a beautiful name

Jesus, what a beautiful name

Truth revealed, my future sealed

Healed my pain

Love and freedom, life and warmth

Grace that blows all fear away

Jesus, what a beautiful name

Jesus, what a beautiful name

Rescued my soul, my stronghold

Lifts me from shame

Forgiveness, security, power and love

Grace that blows all fear away

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**Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into the depths, the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

**Passing the Peace and Announcements**

**Morning Message**

***The Lord teaches us through the reading and preaching of His Word.***

“THANK GOD FOR JESUS”

PSALM 118

TEXT TO BE READ: PSALM 118:1-4 &19-21

KEITH LOWE

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

***The Lord invites us to His table to receive strength and joy in Christ.***

**Introduction to the Lord’s Table**

The Lord Jesus instituted this covenant meal to be observed in His churches until He returns. We gather around the table each Lord’s Day to remember the life, death and resurrection of Christ in place of sinners, to express our unity, and anticipate His return. All baptized believers, both covenant members and guests, are invited to eat the bread and drink the cup in obedience to Jesus’ command. We ask that the head of each household would govern and guard the celebration of the Lord’s table by their family, especially in the instruction and participation of children.

**Closing Hymn**

**jesus, what a friend for sinners** smith**/**chapman/prichard

Jesus, what a friend for sinners!

Jesus, lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me,

He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

*Hallelujah! What a friend!*

*Saving, helping, keeping, loving.*

*He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a strength in weakness!

Let me hide myself in Him;

Tempted, tried and sometimes failing,

He, my strength, my vict’ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow!

While the billows o’er me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking,

He, my comfort, helps my soul.

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**Benediction** EPHESIANS 6:24

*Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.*

**Sermon Application Questions**

1. How does the amount of times that praise is mentioned in the Psalms compare with the rest of the Bible?  What famous person regarded this Psalm as his favorite?
2. A thankful heart remembers the goodness of God.  Who in particular are those who fear the Lord in verse 4?  How does that relate to Psalm 117?
3. What should we do when in distress?  Trust in the Lord is related to what act in verse 8?
4. There is danger in our walk with the Lord. In what name can we win against the world, the flesh and the devil?  This Lord is more than a helper. What three things is He to you?
5. What two things should be happening in the life of the righteous?  What is important about the right hand?  Does His right hand bring about salvation against all obstacles?  How far will the Lord go to discipline His people to keep them in the righteous way?
6. How important is righteousness in our approach to the Lord in prayer? What should be our attitude as we ask of Him? (Verses 19-20)
7. Verses 22-29 are prophetic utterances of the redeeming work of Christ Jesus.  Is it truly marvelous in your eyes?  Do you rejoice in it?  Because He is God we are to give thanks.  Verse 29 ends the Psalm just as verse 1 began it.  Thank God for Jesus.

**SERMON NOTES**

“Thank God for Jesus”

Psalm 118

Keith Lowe

**OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Men’s Connection** – Men are invited to gather at 5:00pm today at the church for a time of fellowship and discussion centered around God’s Word.

**First Quarter Members’ Meeting** – This meeting will be held on December 9th @ 5:00pm. All covenant members are encouraged to attend.

**Small Group Facilitator Training** – On December 5th at 6:00pm, Pastor Rick will lead a training session for both men and women who either currently lead a small group or who are interested in leading a small group here at GRBC.

**Student Ministry Christmas Party** – On December 9th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, students in grades 6-12, and their parents, are invited to the annual Student Ministry Christmas Party. The lesson for the evening will focus on Christian distinctives in what we believe about God and the gospel. Dinner and dessert will be provided. Bring a $5.00 wrapped gift item for the gift exchange. Please see Mark Hall, Deb Anderson, Robin Cook, or Sierra Roth for more information.

**Bible Fellowship Classes** – There will be no 9:00am Bible Fellowship Classes on December 23rd and December 30th.

**Panama Mission Trip -** Our next trip to David, Panama is planned for March 1-8, 2019. The cost for the trip is $1,200. We are seeking between 6 and 8 people for this trip to continue to work with local pastors who are planting churches in this area. We would ask that you begin to prayerfully consider ways in which you can help support this trip. If you are interested in going or perhaps sponsoring someone to go, please contact Steve Watkins or Pastor Rick. **The informational meeting for anyone interested in going to Panama has been postponed until Sunday, December 9th, following the morning service.**

**Christmas Eve Service** – On December 24th there will be a Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

**Church Office Closed** – The Church office will be closed from December 24th through January 1st. The voicemail will be periodically checked during that week.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday Evenings**

6:00pm – 7:30pm Ministry to Twin Canal

**Wednesday Evenings**

6:00pm Prayer Gathering

7:00pm Music Rehearsal

**December 2** Men’s Connection (5:00pm)

**December 5** Small Group Facilitator Training (6:00pm)

**December 9** First Quarter Members’ Meeting (5:00pm)

**December 9** Student Ministry Christmas Party (6:00pm – 8:00pm)

**December 24** Christmas Eve Service (6:00pm)

**Dec 24 – Jan 1** Church Office closed

**\*\*Deacon of the Month is Andrew Baskerville\*\***

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

**Dec. 2 Nursery** Darcie & Jessica Roth

**2-3 Year Olds** Mark Hall + 1

**4-8 Year Olds** Jack Baugus & Hannah Strickland

**Dec. 9 Nursery** Janis Blimling & Carol Raymond

**2-3 Year Olds** Daniel & Teva Beasley

**4-8 Year Olds** Jared & Deb Martin

**Community Groups**

**Daniel and Teva Beasley**

Meets at their home every other Saturday @10:00am. For more information please contact them at [tevabeasley@gmail.com](mailto:tevabeasley@gmail.com). The next gathering is on December 15th.

**Ken and Nancy Butler**

Meets at their home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month @7:00pm. For more information, email Ken at [kennethbutler@cox.net](mailto:kennethbutler@cox.net).

**Keith Lowe**

Meets at the home of Thomas and Becky Jones every Monday @ 7:00pm. For more information contact them at [keithelowe@verizon.net](mailto:keithelowe@verizon.net).

**Amos & Keke McCleese**

Meets at their home every other Saturday @ 5:00pm. For more information email Amos at [amosmccleese8@gmail.com](mailto:amosmccleese8@gmail.com). The next gathering is on December 8th.

**Fred and Mary Preston**

Meets at their home on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 1:00pm. For more information, email Fred at [fredpreston1120@gmail.com](mailto:fredpreston1120@gmail.com).

**David Roth**

Meets at the home of David and Darcie Roth every other Thursday @ 6:30pm. For more information contact them at [david@greenrunbaptist.com](mailto:david@greenrunbaptist.com). The next gathering is on December 13th.

**Steve and Kelly Watkins**

Meets at their home every other Monday @ 6:00pm. For more information, email Steve at [stephen.watkins@cox.net](mailto:stephen.watkins@cox.net). The next gathering is on December 10th.

**Bible Fellowships**

The classes are as follows:

**(9:00am Classes)**

**Nursery**

Jeania Doddy & Lynette Harper

**Ages 2-3**

Roberta Hall & Lexi Holley

**Pre-K - K**

Robin Cook & Kelly Watkins

**1st and 2nd Grade**

Keke McCleese & Pamela Phelps

**3rd through 5th Grade**

Amos McCleese

**6th through 12th Grade**

Mark Hall

**Adults**

Ken Bradby & Roy Ammons (Cornerstone Class in Multi-Purpose Room 1)

Brian Baugus – 2 Timothy (Fellowship Hall)

Pastor Dave – What is Reformed Theology? (Room adjacent to the sanctuary platform)

Pastor Rick – *“The Enemy Within”* (Multi-Purpose Room 2)

**GRBC ELDERS**

Rick Crews, Lead Pastor

David Roth, Teaching Pastor

David Applegate, Sr.

Moses Culbreath

Steve Watkins

**GRBC DEACONS**

Andrew Baskerville Amos McCleese (Elder in

Rob Beasley Training)

Ken Bradby Tommie McElhaney

Scottie Holley Fred Preston

Maureen Kimbrough

At GRBC, we believe that the Word of God is central to all that we do. In His Word, we discover that worship is to be our priority as redeemed human beings. Therefore, we strive to maintain a joyful yet reverent atmosphere. This means the Bible alone regulates our worship of God. The basic assumption, derived from Scripture, is that God alone determines how He ought to be worshiped. We seek to do in worship only that which is warranted in God's Word. As a result, we believe in the beauty and simplicity of New Covenant worship ([John 4:21 -24](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%204.21%20-24); [Phil. 3:3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Phil.%203.3)). Our worship services are comprised of the reading of God's Word ([1 Tim. 4:13](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim.%204.13) ), the singing of God's praises ([Eph. 5:19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%205.19) ; [Col. 3:16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Col.%203.16)), the offering of our prayers and supplications ([1 Tim. 2:8](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim.%202.8)) and the preaching of God's Word ([2 Tim. 4:1-4](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Tim.%204.1-4)). We also observe the Lord's Supper and water baptism, as ordinances which have been given to the church. ([Matt. 28:18-20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt.%2028.18-20); [1 Cor. 11:23 -32](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor.%2011.23%20-32)).

***This church exists as a biblical community,***

***united together in hope and truth,***

***making known the glory of God to the world.***

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