

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS —

CALL TO WORSHIP —

Saints of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, what are we doing this morning?

**We are turning our hearts to worship our God—
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
one God, who exists eternally, in three persons.**

How do we worship this God?

We worship by confessing him to be our Creator and Redeemer.

How has God redeemed us?

He redeemed us through the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Where is Jesus Christ?

**After he lived and died for our sins,
he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven,
where he sits at the right hand of the Father in glory?**

Is our Redeemer with us?

**He is separated from us in the flesh for a time,
and yet he is with us,
dwelling in our hearts through the Holy Spirit,
and will never leave and forsake us.**

Where are we this morning?

**We are separated from one another for a time,
and yet we are together,
seated with Christ in the heavenly places,
and united as one body in one Spirit—
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Reading from The Baptist Faith and Message (Article X).

What will be the end of this world?

**God, in His own time and in His own way,
will bring the world to its appropriate end.**

**According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return
personally and visibly in glory to the earth;
the dead will be raised;
and Christ will judge all men in righteousness.**

**The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell,
the place of everlasting punishment.**

**The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies
will receive their reward
and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.**

Do we believe this?

**We believe that Christ is risen, reigning, and returning,
yet like Thomas, we doubt,
we do not always live as though it is true.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ is our judge,
yet we live for the approval of mere mortals.**

**We believe there is a hell,
yet we do not grieve the lost state of our neighbors,
and we do not urgently seek their salvation.**

**We believe there is glorious resurrection coming to us,
yet we cling to the things of this world
and do not cherish the return of Jesus
as our blessed hope.**

We believe, O Lord! Forgive and help our unbelief!

Time of silent confession.

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

Responsive reading (Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 1):

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free
from all the power of the devil.**

**He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together
for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit
he also assures me
of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

BLESSING

From 2 Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV)

**May the Lord direct our hearts to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ.**