



# **covenant**

children's ministries

Sunday, January 11, 2026

## Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshipping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- \* Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.
- \* Encourage your children to **color (or draw)** the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.
- \* Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.
- \* Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service!** (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

**In Christ,  
Pastor Wiersema**

# MORNING WORSHIP

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## Prelude

**Think about why we are here. Get ready to worship!**



## Call to Worship: from Psalm 136

**God calls us to worship Him from His Word**

PASTOR: *Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,*

PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

PASTOR: *Give thanks to the God of gods,*

PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

PASTOR: *Give thanks to the Lord of lords,*

PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

PASTOR: *To him who struck down great kings,*

PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

PASTOR: *Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan,*

PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

PASTOR: *And gave their land as a heritage,  
a heritage to Israel his servant,*

PEOPLE: **For his steadfast love endures forever.**

PASTOR: *It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
and rescued us from our foes, he who gives food to all flesh.  
Give thanks to the God of heaven*

**ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.**



# Hymn of Adoration:

## Great is Thy Faithfulness #32

**We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!**



1. Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther: there is no  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -



vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Thomas O. Chisholm 1923

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William M. Runyan, 1923

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## Invocation

**We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.**



## Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**We declare what we believe about God —  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen



## Doxology

**We praise God and call others to praise Him!**

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

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Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551



## Corporate Confession of Sin: from Joshua 2 and James 2

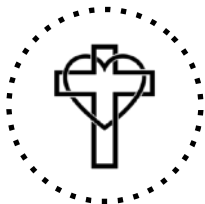
**We confess our sins together as God's people.**

ALL: O Lord, we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have shown partiality  
and are so often judges with evil thoughts.  
Instead of following you, we fear man.  
We fail to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
We try and live our lives  
outside of your covenant community.  
We have tried to have faith apart from works.  
We have kept much of the law,  
but failed in one point and so are guilty of all of it.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord.



## **Silent confession**

**Confess your own sins quietly to God.**



## **Assurance of Pardon:** from James 2 and Titus 3

**God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!**

PASTOR: *Beloved, mercy triumphs over judgment. The goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior has appeared, he has saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.**



# Hymn of Thanksgiving

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder (vv.1-2, 4-5)

**We respond in thanksgiving and praise to God!**



- 1. Let us\_\_ love and\_\_ sing\_\_ and won - der, Let us\_\_ praise the\_\_ Sav -  
► 2. Let us\_\_ love the\_\_ Lord\_\_ who bought us, Pit - ied\_\_ us\_\_ when en -  
3. Let us\_\_ sing through fierce\_\_ temp - ta - tion Threat - en\_\_ hard to\_\_ bear\_\_  
► 4. Let us\_\_ won - der\_\_ grace\_\_ and jus - tice Join and\_\_ point to\_\_ mer -  
► 5. Let us\_\_ praise and\_\_ join\_\_ the\_\_ cho - rus Of the\_\_ saints en - throned



- - ior's\_\_ name, He has\_\_ hushed the\_\_ law's\_\_ loud thun - der,  
► - e - mies; Called us\_\_ by\_\_ His\_\_ grace\_\_ and taught us,  
\_\_ us\_\_ down! For the\_\_ Lord our\_\_ strong sal - va - tion  
► - cy's\_\_ store; When through grace in\_\_ Christ\_\_ our\_\_ trust is  
► on\_\_ high; Here they\_\_ trust - ed\_\_ Him\_\_ be - fore\_\_ us,



- He has quenched Mount Si - nai's\_\_ flame. He has washed us  
► Gave us\_\_ ears\_\_ and gave\_\_ us\_\_ eyes.. He has washed us  
Holds in\_\_ view\_\_ the\_\_ con - qu'ror's crown. He who washed us  
► Jus - tice\_\_ smiles and asks\_\_ no\_\_ more. He who washed us  
► Now their\_\_ prais - es\_\_ fill\_\_ the\_\_ sky. Thou hast washed us



- with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He has washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He has  
► with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He has washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He has  
with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He who washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He who  
► with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He who washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He who  
► with Thy blood,\_\_ Thou hast washed us with Thy\_\_ blood,\_\_ Thou hast



- washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He has brought us nigh to\_\_ God.  
► washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ He pre - sents our souls to\_\_ God.  
washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ Soon will bring us home to\_\_ God.  
► washed us with His\_\_ blood,\_\_ Has se - cured our way to\_\_ God.  
► washed us with Thy\_\_ blood,\_\_ Thou art wor - thy Lamb of\_\_ God.



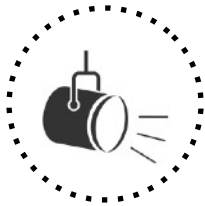


## **Scripture Reading: James 2:14-26**

**We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.**

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**



## **Ministry Spotlight: Women's Ministry Committee**

**We shine a light on what God is doing in His Church.**



## **Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer**

**The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally,  
then we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples.**

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen



## Offertory: Our God Will Go Before Us

**We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.**



ENSEMBLE: Our God will go before us  
And guide us by His presence  
What confidence this promise is  
We will never walk alone

Through unknown paths through shadows  
Our hearts fear not tomorrow  
For every step His faithfulness  
Is the truth that lights our way

CHORUS: Our God will go before us  
The Lord of Hosts is with us  
O praise the One who leads us on  
For His grace will bring us home

Though evil forms against us  
All heaven will defend us  
The gates of hell shall not prevail  
For the battle is the Lord's. CHORUS

Now send us with Your presence  
And lead us on to heaven  
Where songs of sorrow strain no more  
And our every breath is praise

### **Children's Worship (8:30 service only)**



*Parents, please bring participating **children ages 4-1st grade** to meet their Worship leader in the Narthex during the following hymn. Children can be picked up downstairs in Room 13. They are also invited stay with us during the remainder of the service!*



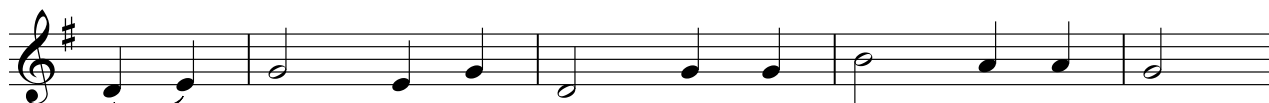
# Hymn of Preparation:

How Firm a Foundation #94 (vv.1-2, 4, 6)

**We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.**



- ▶ 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
- ▶ 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed;
- 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
- ▶ 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,



is\_\_\_ laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
for\_\_\_ I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
the\_\_\_ riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
my\_\_\_ grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



to\_\_\_ you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
and\_\_\_ sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
your\_\_\_ dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

- 5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
- ▶ 6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."



# Sermon: Joshua 2:1-24

## Rahab and the Spies (Pastor Noah)

**We listen to God's Word preached to us.**

1 And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. 2 And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." 3 Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." 4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. 5 And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." 6 But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. 7 So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.


8 Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof 9 and said to the men, "I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. 11 And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. 12 Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign 13 that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." 14 And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you."

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. 16 And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." 17 The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. 18 Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. 19 Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. 20 But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear." 21 And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

22 They departed and went into the hills and remained there three days until the pursuers returned, and the pursuers searched all along the way and found nothing. 23 Then the two men returned. They came down from the hills and passed over and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and they told him all that had happened to them. 24 And they said to Joshua, "Truly the LORD has given all the land into our hands. And also, all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us."

## Question for young worshipers:

How does Rahab show her faith in God? Draw a picture of it

A large dashed red rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for drawing a picture.

# RAHAB AND

# THE SPIES

## 1. Risk

## 2. Request

## 3. Response



# Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

## By Faith

**As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another - as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.**



1. By faith we see the\_\_ hand of God in the
2. By faith our fa - thers\_\_ roamed the earth with the
3. By faith the pro - phets\_\_ saw a day when the
4. By faith the church was\_\_ called to go in the
5. By faith this moun - tain\_\_ shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the lives of those who  
pow'r of His prom-ise in their hearts of a ho - ly ci - ty  
longed-for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the pow'r to break the  
pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost, to de - liv - er cap-tives  
pow'r of the gos-pel shall pre - vail, for we know in Christ all



prove His faith - ful - ness, who walk by faith and\_\_ not by sight. sing verse 2  
built by God's own hand, a place where peace and\_\_ jus - tice reign.  
chains of sin and death, and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. sing verse 4  
and to preach good news in ev - 'ry cor - ner\_\_ of the earth.  
things are pos - si - ble for all who call up - on His name.



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and\_\_ not by sight.



**Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.**



## Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people



## Threefold Amen

"Amen" means "Let it be so" or "It is true"



## The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

LEADER: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**



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Musicians – Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals; Madeleine Castle, Vocals;  
Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals

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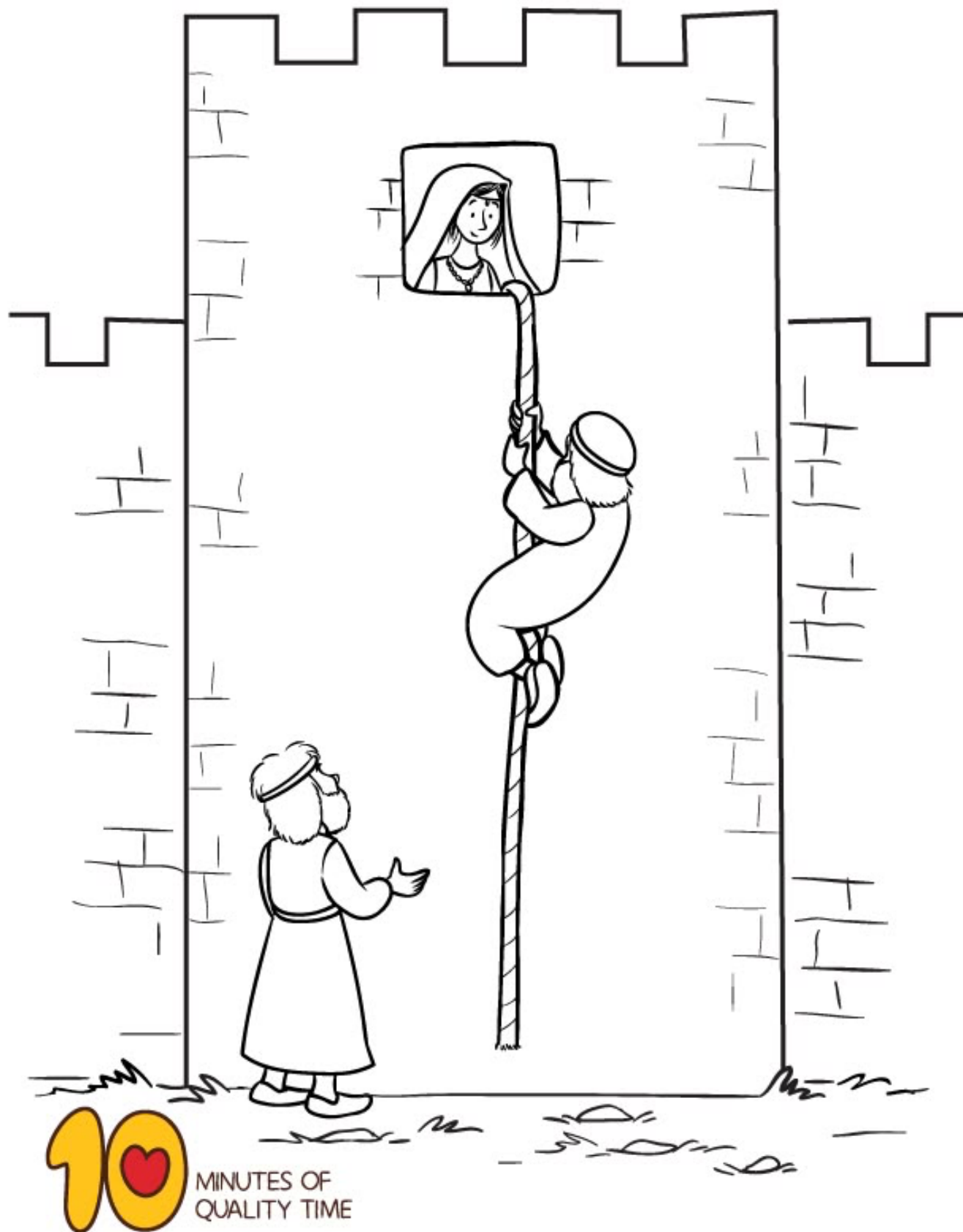
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## Join us for Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.!

Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

## Preparing for next week's worship service

We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!
- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.
- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with hymns commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.





By the grace of the Triune God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

**Statement of Faith**

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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