



covenant
children's ministries

Sunday, October 12, 2025

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



Prelude

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



Call to Worship: Psalm 111:1-3, 10

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *Praise the LORD!*

PEOPLE: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

PASTOR: *Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.*

PEOPLE: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

PASTOR: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;*

PEOPLE: All those who practice it have a good understanding.

ALL: **His praise endures forever!**



Hymn of Adoration:

All for Jesus! #565

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



1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! all my be - ing's ran-som'd pow'rs,
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. World-lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,



all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7.
John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887



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.

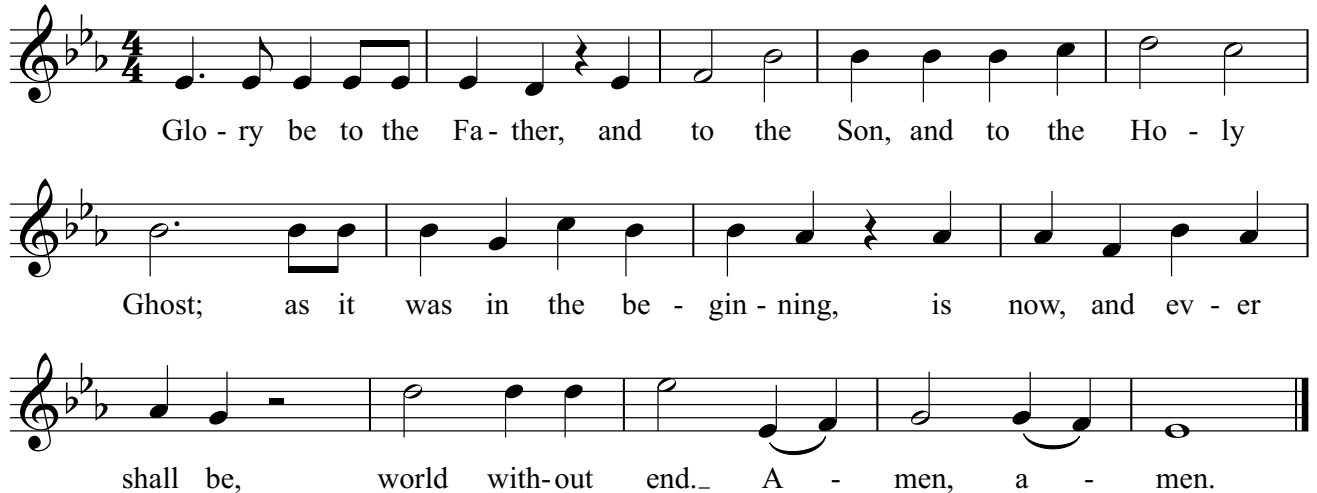
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the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



Gloria Patri

We praise God for who He is.



2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851



Corporate Confession of Sin: from Philippians 2:12-18

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: Merciful God, we confess before you
our spiritual slothfulness.
We have not held fast to the word of life,
we have not shined as lights in the world,
we have not been distinct and without blemish
in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation.
Forgive us we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from Philippians 2:8-9 & Ephesians 1:7-8

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *Though we have failed to obey, Christ Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross, and in him--the crucified, risen, and exalted one--we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.*

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



Hymn of Assurance:

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

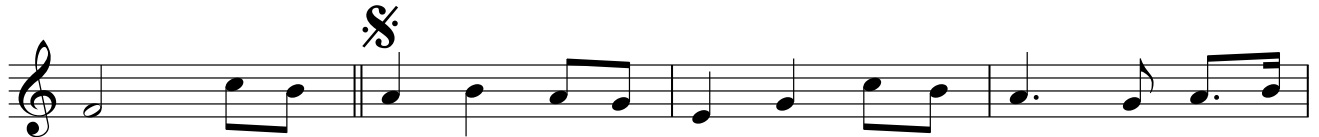
We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.



1. Christ the__ sure and stead-y an - chor in the fu - ry of the
2. Christ the__ sure and stead-y an - chor while the temp - est rag - es
3. Christ the__ sure and stead-y an - chor through the floods of un - be -
4. Christ the__ sure and stead-y an - chor as we face the wave of



storm, when the__ winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been
on, when temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has
lief. Hope-less, some-how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va -
death, when these trials give way to glo - ry, and we draw our fi - nal



torn. In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are
won. Deep-er still, then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac -
ry. This my bal - last of as - sur - ance see His love for - ev - er
breath. We will cross that great hor - i - zon, clouds be - hind, and life se -
5. shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er



few, I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re-moved.
cused. I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re-moved.
proved. I will hold fast to the an - chor; it shall nev - er be re-moved.
cured. And the__ calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en-dured.
true. We will hold fast to the ach-chor; it shall nev - er be re-moved.



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Scripture Reading: Numbers 14:26-31

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!**



Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally.



Offertory: By Your Mercy

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



By Your mercy find in me

Your image, Lord, that I may be
a true reflection of Your face,
by Your mercy, by your mercy.

By your mercy speak to me

clear words of hope and victory;
Your loving voice assuring me
of Your mercy, of Your mercy.

Your righteousness exalts me to Your throne

where I may stand by faith in Christ alone;
not by any merit of my own, but by Your mercy.

By Your mercy set me free

in child-like faith to trust and see
Your truth in radiant robes displayed,
robes of mercy, robes of mercy.

Your righteousness exalts me to Your throne

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Children's Worship (8:30 service only)



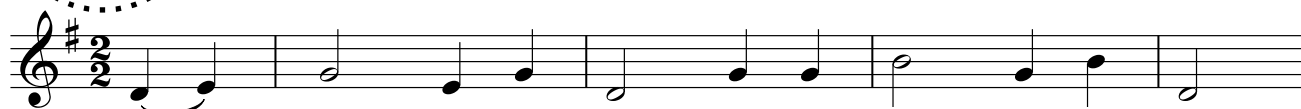
*Children are invited to children's worship. Parents, please bring participating **children ages 4-1st grade** downstairs to Room 13 during the next hymn. They are also invited stay with us during the remainder of the service!*



Hymn of Preparation:

How Firm a Foundation #194 (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: Philippians 2:12-18

Working It Out (Pastor Chris)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

2 ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

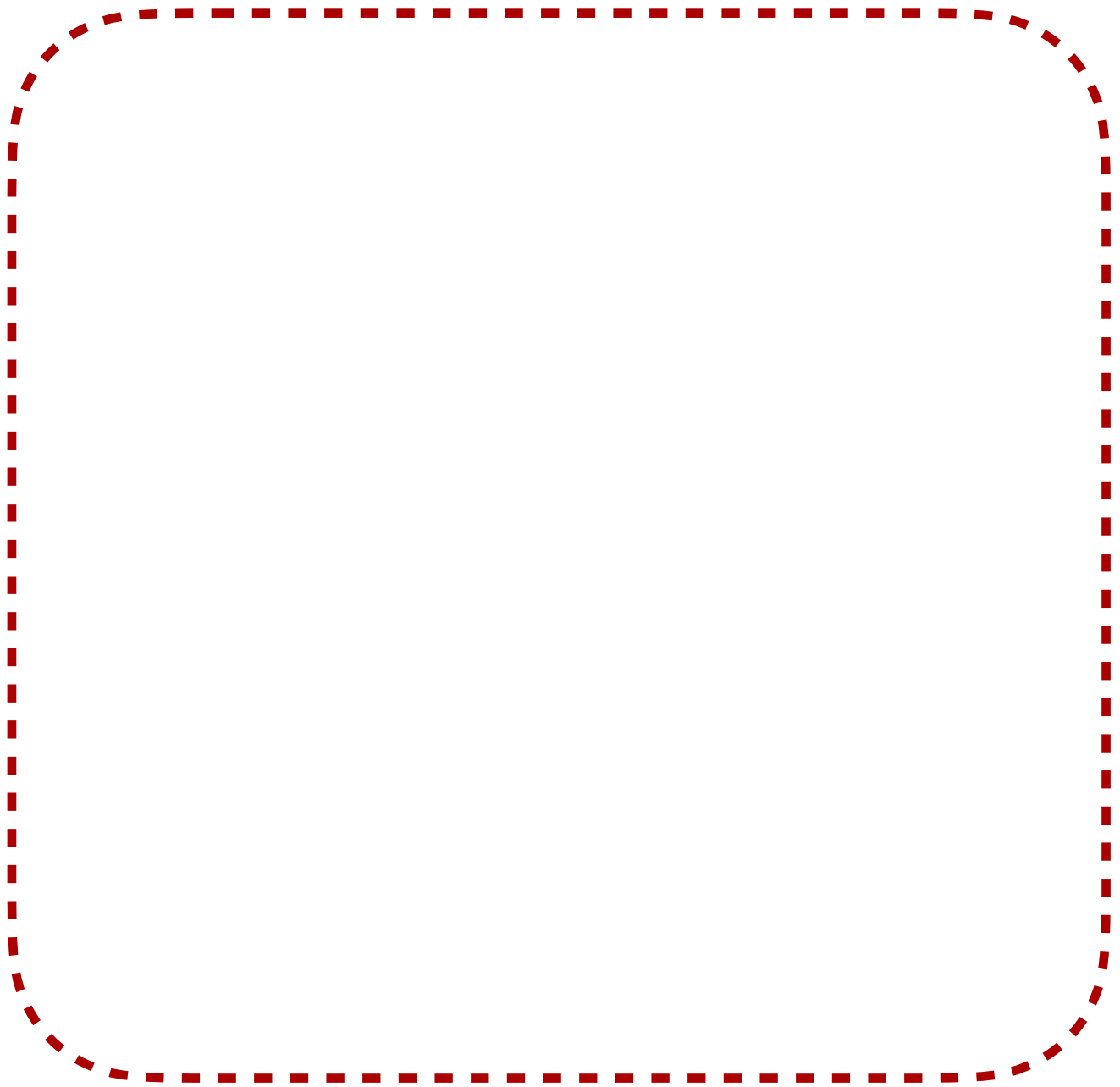
¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Question for young worshippers:

Who is it that works in us?

WORKING

IT OUT



Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

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.



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



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er, there is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy,
side, the Sav - ior He will stay. I la - bor on
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled
said that He will bring me home. And day by day,



my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast love,
in weak - ness and re - joic - ing. For in my need,
and suf - fered for my par - don, and He was raised
I know He will re - new me un - til I stand



my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold,
His pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold,
to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold,
with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold,



my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my life
my Sav - ior will de - fend me. Through the deep -
my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now
my hope is on - ly Je - sus. All the glo -



is whol - ly bound to His. Oh, how strange and div - ine,
est val - ley He will lead. Oh, the night has been won
and ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased,
ry ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete



I can sing, "All is mine, yet not I, but through Christ in me."
and I shall o - ver - come, yet not I, but through Christ in me.
I can sing, "I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me."
still my lips shall re - peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."



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.

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

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Bekah Marsh, Vocals; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals;
Tim Cole, Choir Director

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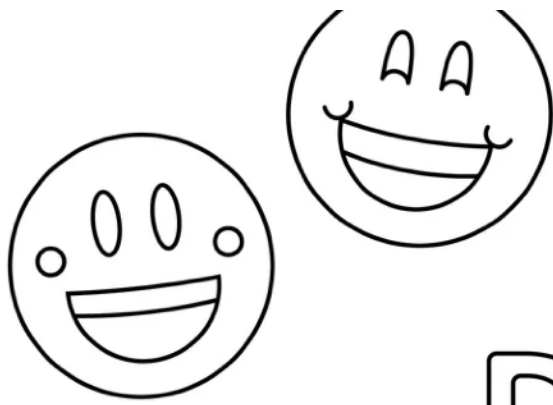
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Preparing for next week's worship service

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.



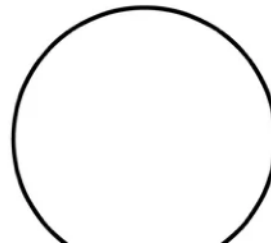


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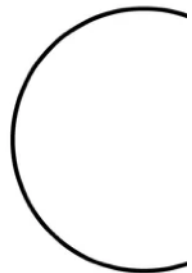


PHILIPPIANS 2:14

"yes ma'am
yes sir"



HIS kids
COMPANY





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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