



covenant

children's ministries

Sunday, November 16, 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: Fairest Lord Jesus

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



Call to Worship: Psalm 150:1-2, 6

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *Praise the LORD!*

PEOPLE: Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

PASTOR: *Praise him for his mighty deeds;*

PEOPLE: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

PASTOR: *Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!*

ALL: Praise the LORD!



Hymn of Adoration:

Come, Thou Almighty King #101

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

Chord progression: F, Gm F C F, C F, C7 F C

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

Chord progression: F, C, C F C7 F, C F C7

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

Chord progression: F, F, Gm F C7 F

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Anon., ca. 1757

TRINITY 6.6.4.6.6.4.
Felice de Giardini, 1769



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.**

ALL: 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

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551



Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
In fact, our hearts have been divided
and our loves disordered.
We have failed to dwell on things
that are true, honorable, pure, and lovely.
We have not loved that which is commendable,
excellent, and worthy of praise.
Forgive us for our waywardness,
for breaking your law
and rebelling against your love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

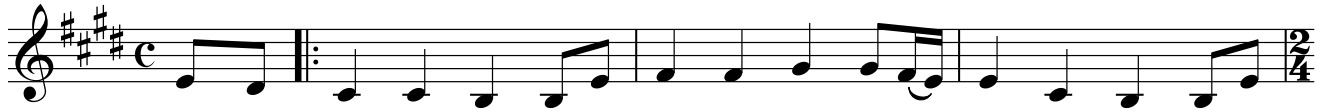
ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance:

I Will Praise Him Still

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



When the morn-ing falls on the far-thest hill I will sing His name, I will



praise Him still. When dark tri - als come and my heart is filled with the



weight of doubt, I will praise Him still. For the Lord, our God, He is_



strong to save from the arms of_ death, from the deep - est_ grave; and He



gave us life in His per-fect will and by His good grace, I will praise Him



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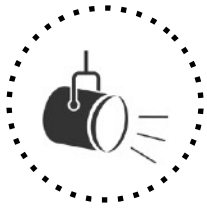


Scripture Reading: Psalm 111

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: Deacons

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: In Heavenly Love Abiding

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



CHOIR: In heav'nly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.

The storm. may roar around me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack.
For His wisdom is forever, sight is never dim;
He forms each endeavor, and I will walk with Him.

All the way my Savior leads me;
what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace and comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell,
for I know, what e're befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
for I know, what e're befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where the dark clouds have been;
my life I cannot measure, the path of life is free;
my Savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.

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:

Be Thou My Vision #642 (vv.1, 3-5)

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



- ▶ 1. Be thou my___ vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
- ▶ 2. Be thou my___ wis - dom, and thou my true word;
- ▶ 3. Be thou my___ bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;
- ▶ 4. Rich - es I___ heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
- ▶ 5. High King of___ heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



- ▶ naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
- ▶ I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
- ▶ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
- ▶ thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
- ▶ may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



- ▶ thou my___ best___ thought___ by day or by night,___
- ▶ thou my___ great___ Fa - ther, I thy true son;___
- ▶ thou my___ soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r:___
- ▶ thou and___ thou___ on - ly, first in my heart,___
- ▶ Heart of___ my___ own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,___



- ▶ wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy___ pres - ence my light.
- ▶ thou in me dwell - ing, and___ I with thee one.
- ▶ raise thou me heav'n - ward, O___ Pow'r of my pow'r.
- ▶ high King of heav - en, my___ trea - sure thou art.
- ▶ still be my vi - sion, O___ Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

SLANE 10.10.10.10
Traditional Irish melody



Sermon: Philippians 4:2-9

A Life of R & R (Pastor Chris)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

² I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord.

³ Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Question for young worshipers:

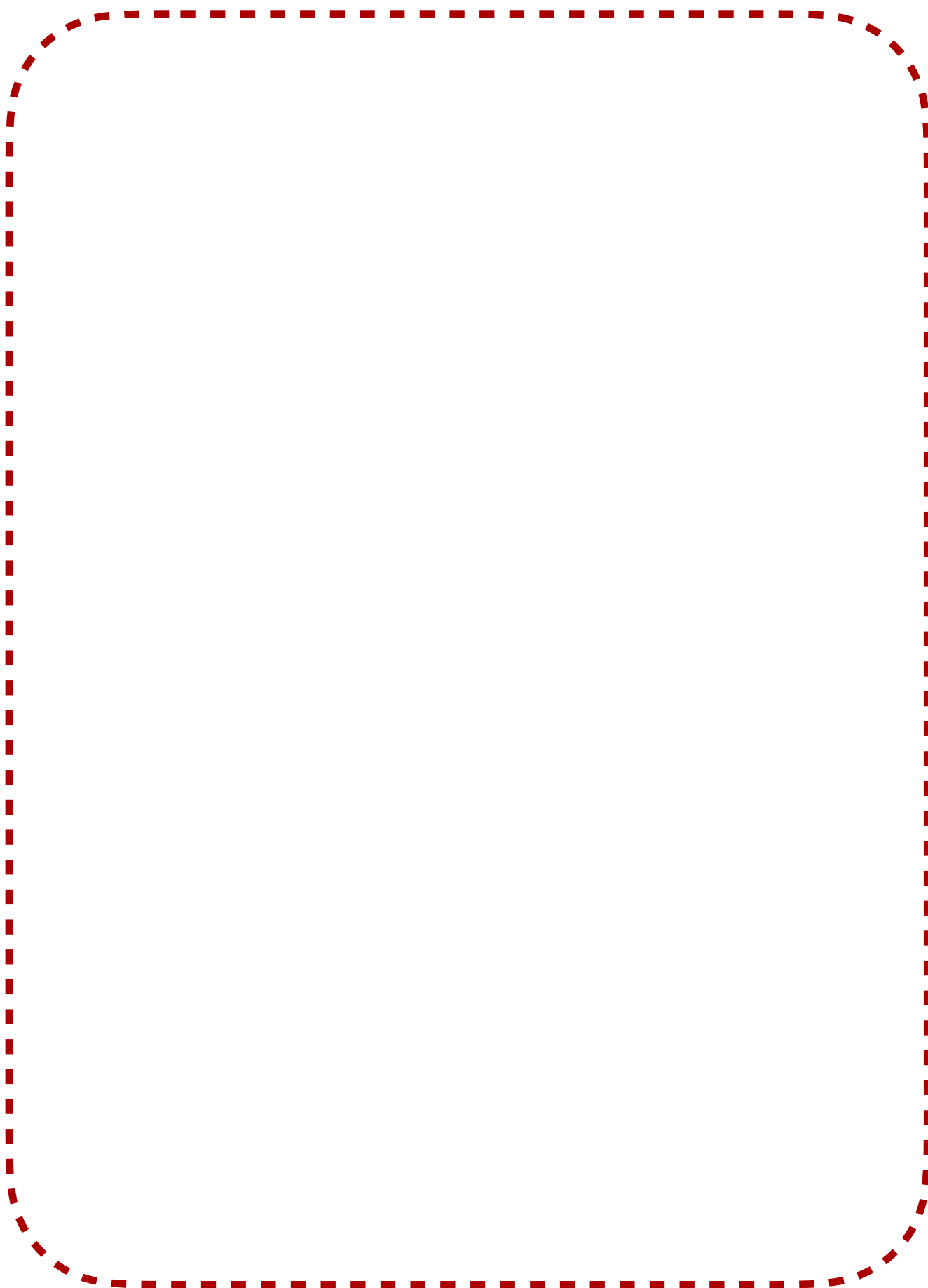
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A LIFE OF R & R

1. Agreeing

2. Praying

3. Thinking





Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment #676

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. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I
2. Ev - 'ry day the Lord him - self is near me with a
3. Help me then in ev - 'ry trib - u - la - tion so to



find to meet my tri - als here; trust - ing in my Fa - ther's
spe - cial mer - cy for each hour; all my cares he fain would
trust your prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet



wise be - stow - ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear.
bear, and cheer me, he whose name is Coun - sel - or and Pow'r.
con - so - la - tion of - fered me with - in your ho - ly Word.



He whose heart is kind be - yond all mea - sure gives un -
The pro - tec - tion of his child and trea - sure is a
Help me, Lord, when toil and trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to



to each day what he deems best— lov - ing - ly, its part of
charge that on him - self he laid; "As your days, your strength shall
take, as from a fa - ther's hand, one by one, the days, the



pain and plea - sure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.
be in mea - sure," this the pledge to me he made.
mo - ments fleet - ing, till I reach the prom - ised land.

Carolina Sandell Berg, 1865
Tr. by A. L. Skoog, 1931; mod.

BLOTT EN DAG Irreg.
Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872; alt. 1990

★ **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.

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

ALL: **And also with you!**

Musicians – Brent Johnson, Piano; Jesse Herche, Violin; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals;
Bekah Marsh, Vocals; Garrett Jacobs, Drum

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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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