



**covenant**  
children's ministries

Sunday, September 14, 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

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## Prelude

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



## Call to Worship: Psalm 35:27-28

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

PASTOR: *Let those who delight in my righteousness  
shout for joy and be glad and say evermore,*

PEOPLE: "Great is the LORD,  
who delights in the welfare of his servant!"

ALL: Then my tongue shall tell of your righteousness  
and of your praise all the day long.



## Hymn of Adoration:

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing #164 (vv.1-3, 5)**

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

Chords: F D G D G Em 7 D G D7 G D

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;  
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

Chords: G C F G/D D7 G 7

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.  
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

► 5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.  
Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.  
Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839



## 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



# Gloria Patri

**We praise God for who He is.**



2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)  
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851



# Corporate Confession of Sin

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

**ALL:** Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desire of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare all those who confess their faults.  
Restore all those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to all people  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



## **Silent confession**

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



## **Assurance of Pardon:** Romans 5:8, Colossians 1:13-14 and Romans 5:1

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

PASTOR: *Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
God shows his love for us in that while we were still  
sinners, Christ died for us. He has delivered us from the  
domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of  
his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the  
forgiveness of sins. Therefore, since we have been justified  
by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.*

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



# Hymn of Assurance

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #500

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

*Unison* *A* *Bm7* *A*

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -  
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy  
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy  
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids

self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en  
law's de-mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -  
cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to  
close in death, when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy

side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its  
ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and  
thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,  
judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -

*Bm7* *E7* *C#m7* *F#m* *Bm* *A* *D* *C#m7* *F#m*

*Bm7* *D/E* *E7* *A* *E* *D/E* *A* *Fine*

guilt and pow'r.  
thou a - lone.  
or I die.  
self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776  
Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP 7.7.7.7.7.  
James Ward, 1984





## Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:20-23

**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 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: Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

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



### **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:

## O Church, Arise

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



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the  
2. Our call to war to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4. So Spir - it come, put strength in ev' - ry stride, give—



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see His foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev' - ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
wound-ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
win the prize of a serv - ant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a-against the dev - il's lies; an ar - my  
trials on ev' - ry side, we know the out-come is se - cure, and Christ will  
stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry  
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri-umphs of His grace, we hear their



bold, whose bat - tle - cry is Love, reach-ing out to those in dark - ness.  
have the prize for which He died, an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
march con - tin - ues till the day ev' - ry eye and heart shall see Him.  
calls and hun - ger for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.



# **Sermon: Philippians 1:12-17**

**The Gospel Frame (Pastor Chris)**

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

<sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

<sup>15</sup> Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup> The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment.

**Question for young worshippers:**

**We listen to God's Word preached to us.**  
**What matters most to the Apostle Paul?**

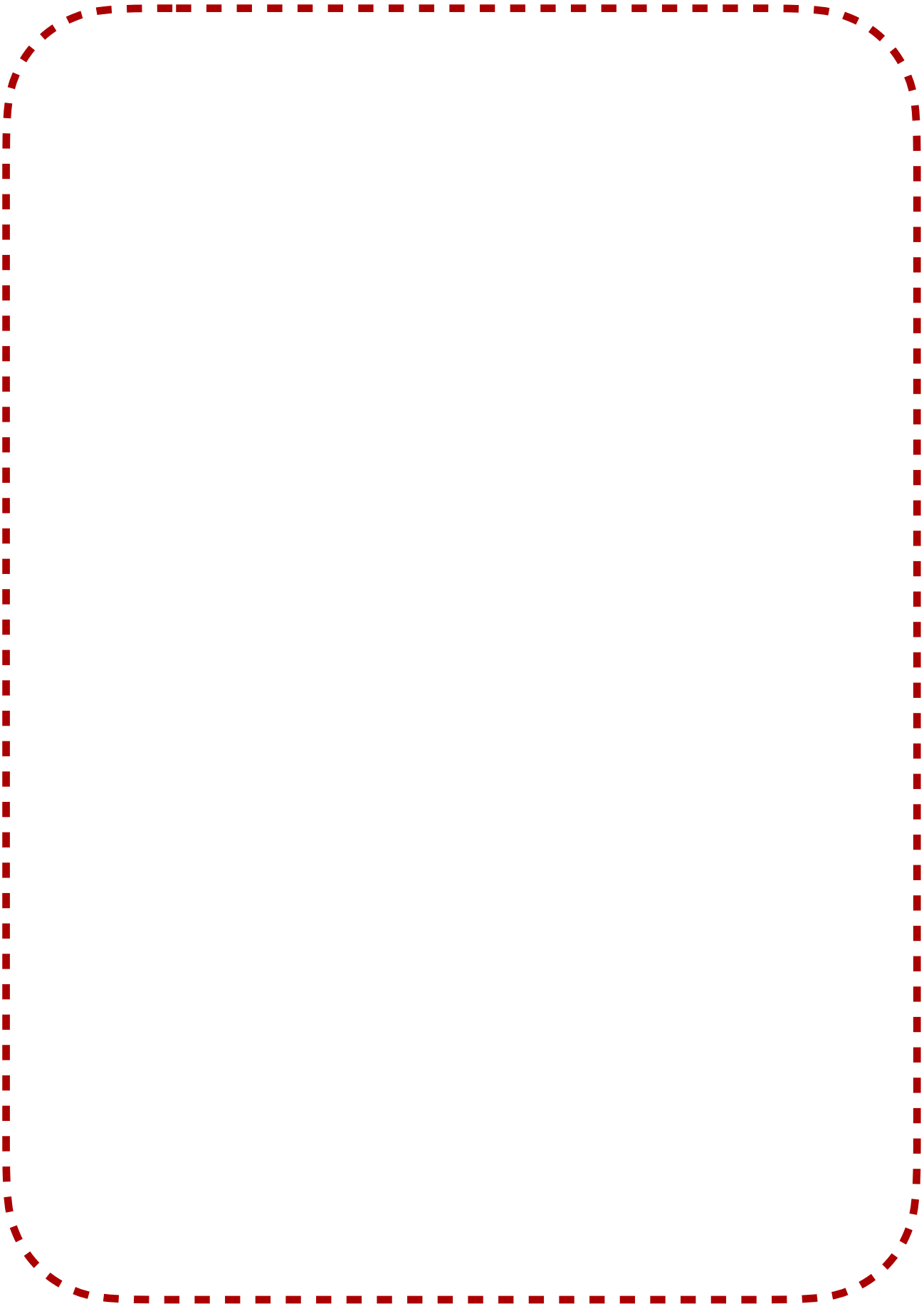
# THE GOSPEL

## FRAME

1. Trials

2. Fears

3. Aims





# Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

## Be Still My Soul #689 (vv.1-2, 4)

**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. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; \_\_\_\_\_  
► 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part, \_\_\_\_\_  
► 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on \_\_\_\_\_



bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; \_\_\_\_\_ leave to your  
to guide the fu - ture as he has the past. \_\_\_\_\_ Your hope, your  
and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears, \_\_\_\_\_ then shall you  
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ when dis - ap -



God to or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_ in ev - 'ry change he  
con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; \_\_\_\_\_ all now mys - te - rious  
bet - ter know his love, his heart, \_\_\_\_\_ who comes to soothe your  
point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row for - got, love's



faith - ful will re - main. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly  
shall be bright at last. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still  
sor - row and your fears. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re -  
pur - est joys re - stored. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: when change and tears are



Friend \_\_\_\_\_ through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end. \_\_\_\_\_  
know \_\_\_\_\_ his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low. \_\_\_\_\_  
pay \_\_\_\_\_ from his own full - ness all he takes a - way. \_\_\_\_\_  
past, \_\_\_\_\_ all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last. \_\_\_\_\_

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752  
Tr. by Jane Borthwick, 1855; alt. 1990, mod.

FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.  
Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.

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



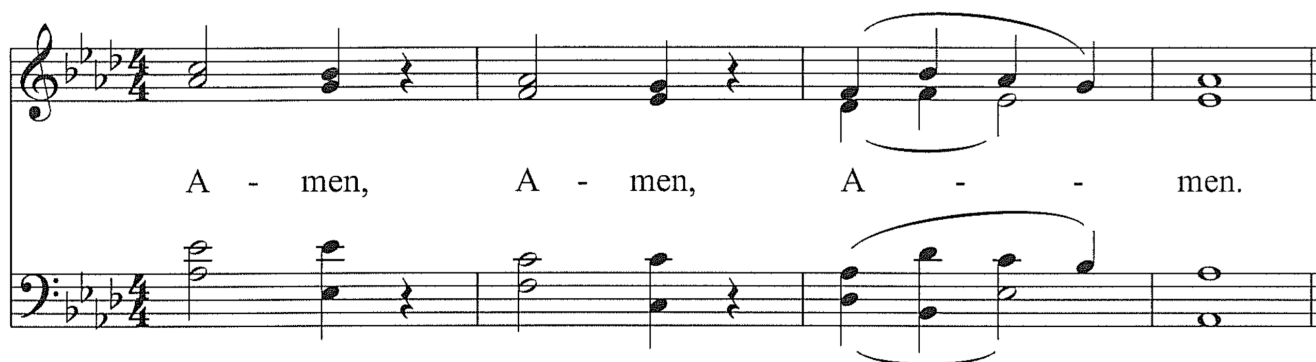
## Benediction

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 – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano, Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals;  
Caleb Moore, Piano

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Corporate Confession of Sin: Book of Common Prayer (ACNA), p. 42.

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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.







Philippians





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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