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children's ministries

Sunday, October 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



Prelude

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



Call to Worship: from Psalm 24

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *Lift up your heads, O gates!*

PEOPLE: And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

PASTOR: *Who is this King of glory?*

PEOPLE: The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

PASTOR: *Lift up your heads, O gates!*

PEOPLE: And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

PASTOR: *Lift up your heads, O gates!*

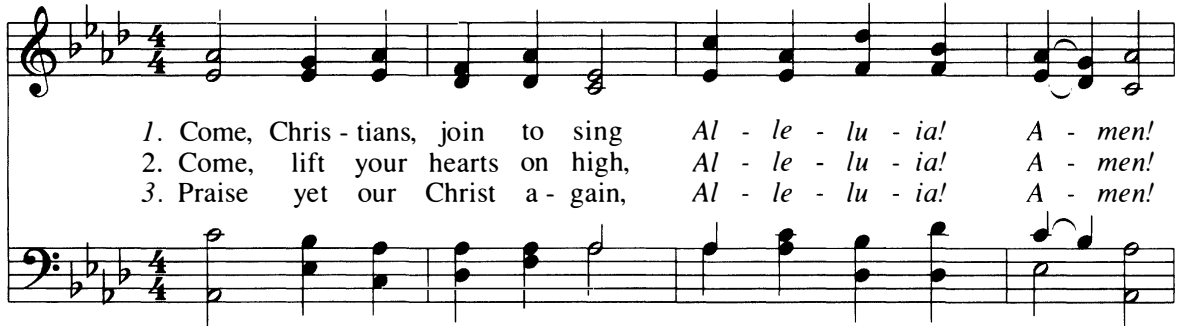
ALL: **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**



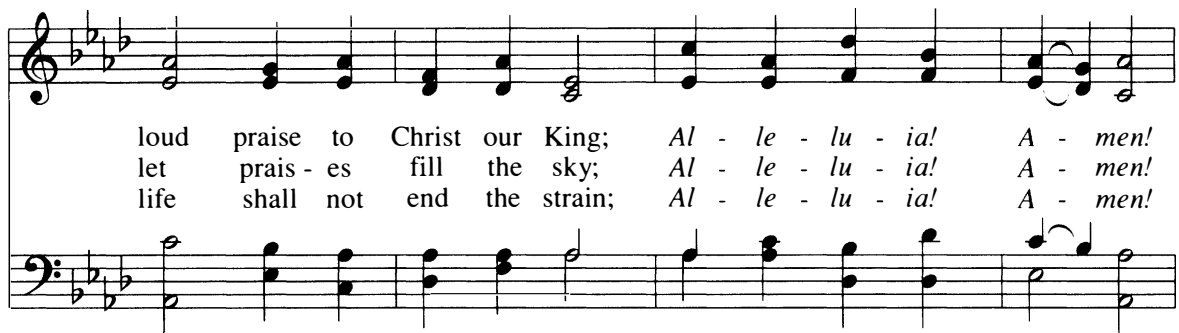
Hymn of Adoration:

Come, Christians, Join to Sing #302

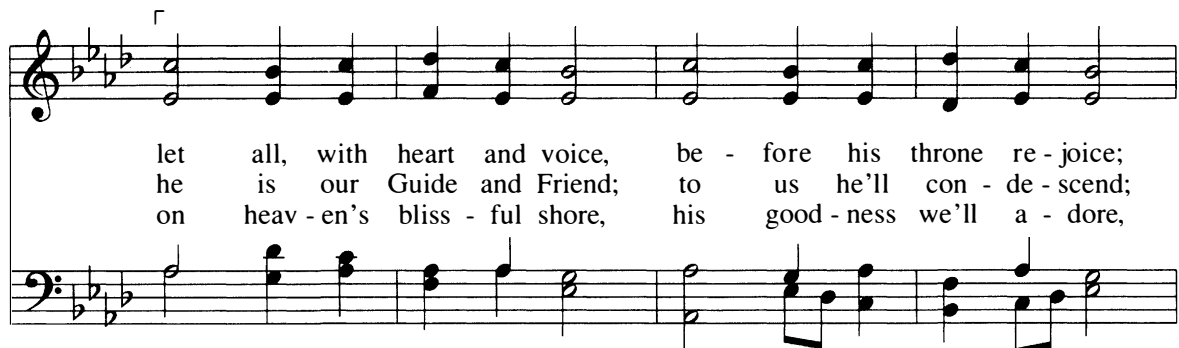
We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



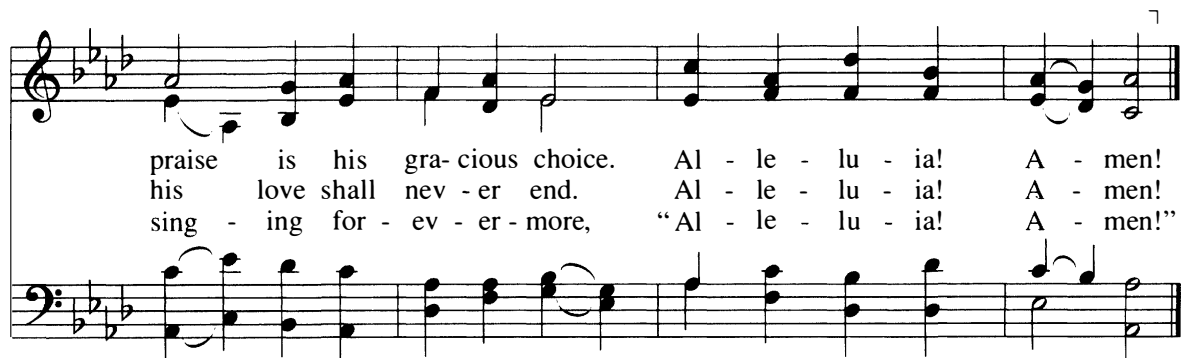
1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"



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.

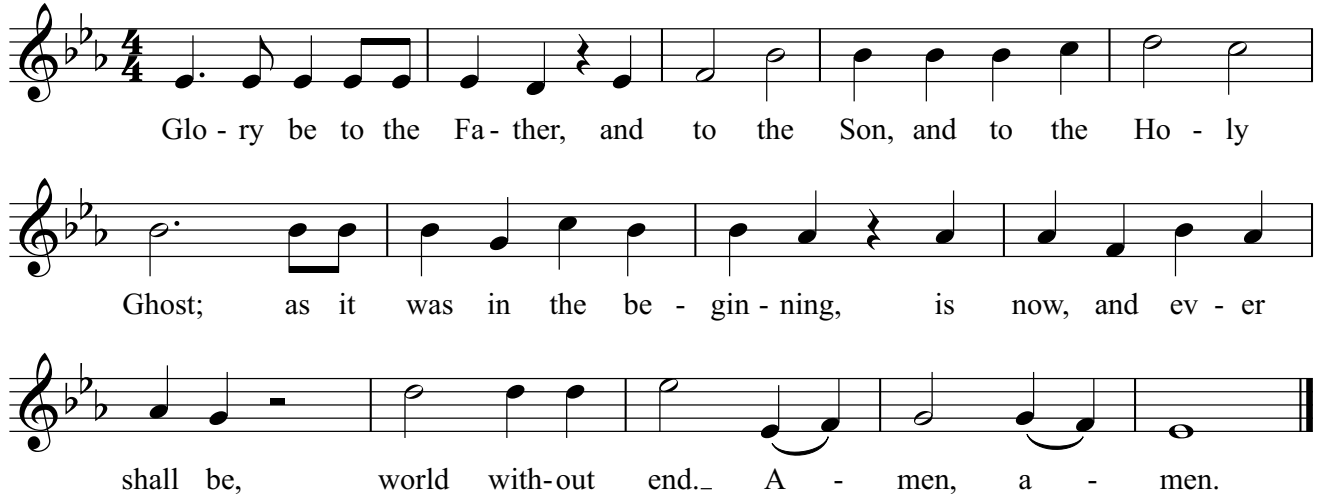
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the 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 1 Corinthians 2

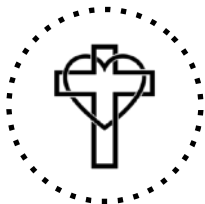
We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you.
We are swayed by the wisdom and rulers of this age
who are doomed to pass away.
We have been given the Spirit of God,
but all too often we live by the spirit of the world.
We do not live as those who have the mind of Christ.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from Galatians 4

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *People of God, when we were children, we were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance:

Arise, My Soul Arise

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



1. A - rise_ my soul,_____ a - rise, shake off your guil - ty fears;__
2. He ev - er lives_____ a - bove_ for me to in - ter cede,___
3. Five bleed - ing wounds_____ He bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;_____
4. My God_ is re - con - ciled, His pard - 'ning voice I hear;___



the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice_ in my be - half_ ap - pears;__
His all - re - deem - ing love_ His pre - cious blood to plead;__
They pour ef - fect - ual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.____
He owns me for_____ His child; I can no long - er fear!____



be - fore the throne_____ my sure - ty stands, be - fore_ the throne_
His blood a - toned_____ for ev - 'ry race, His blood a - toned
For - give him, O,_____ for - give, they cry, For - give_ him, O,
With con - fi - dence_____ I now_ draw nigh, with con - fi - dence__



____ my sure - ty stands, My name is writ - ten on_____ His hands.____
for ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now_____ the throne of grace.____
for - give, they cry, don't let_____ that ran - somed sin - ner die!____
____ I now draw nigh and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther," cry.____



Men: A - rise, A - rise, a - rise, A - rise
Women: A - rise, a - rise,



____ my soul, a - rise;_____ A - rise, a - rise, a - rise, A - rise
A - rise a - rise



____ my soul, a - rise, shake off your guil - ty fears_ and rise!

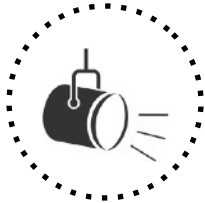


Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:9-17

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: Covenant Christian School

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: African Psalm

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



CHOIR:

Lift your voices to God, all ye people!
Praise the Lord singing alleluia!
Ev'rybody, sing together alleluia!
All creation, sing together alleluia!

Children's Worship (8:30 service only)



*Children are always welcome in the service! However, kids **ages 4 through 1st grade** are invited to Children's Worship downstairs in Room 13. A leader will gather them in the Narthex during the final verse of the next hymn and bring them back up to the narthex before Communion.*



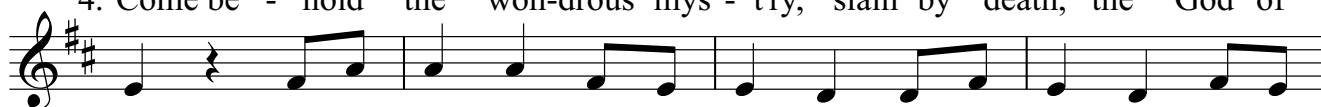
Hymn of Preparation:

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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



1. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn - ing of the
2. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, He the per - fect Son of
3. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the
4. Come be - hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death, the God of



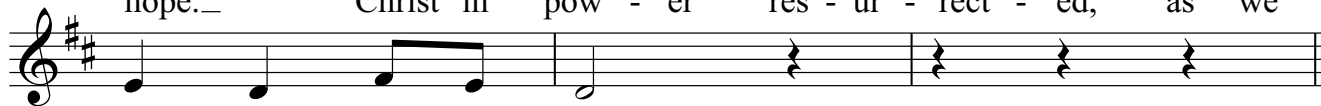
King. He the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man-i -
Man. In His liv - ing, in His suf - fring, nev - er trace, nor stain of
tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to -
life. But no grave could e'er re - strain Him. Praise the Lord, He is a -



ty. In our long - ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has
sin. See the true and bet-ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound
ry. See the price of our re - demp- tion, see the Fa-ther's plan
live! What a fore-taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wa - ver-ing our



come._ Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on
man._ Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the
un - fold. Bring-ing man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un -
hope._ Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we



flesh to ran - som us.
law, in Him we stand.
meas - ured, love un - told.
will be when he comes.



Sermon: I Corinthians 2:6-16

True Wisdom (Pastor Noah)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Question for young worshipers:

How can we understand God?

TRUE WISDOM

1. Gloriously Eternal

2. Spiritually

Revealed

3. Christianly

Discerned





Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;
5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.
• that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925

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A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925; 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



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



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; Julie Frizzell, Vocals;
Dan Fager, Guitar & Vocals, Garrett Jacobs, Drums

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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.





Paul Declares He Speaks God's Secret Wisdom Revealed by the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:7 - But I speak God's secret wisdom, which he has kept hidden. God planned this wisdom for our glory. He planned it before the world began.



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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