



covenant
children's ministries

Sunday, May 24, 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 19

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

PEOPLE: **Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

PASTOR: *There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

PEOPLE: **The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;**

PASTOR: *The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*

PEOPLE: **The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;**

PASTOR: *The commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;*

PEOPLE: **The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;**

PASTOR: *The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.*

**ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**



Hymn of Adoration: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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

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Bless the Lord, O my soul, O___my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name.



— Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name.



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song



— a - gain, What - ev - er may_ pass, and what - ev - er lies be -



fore_ me, let me be sing-ing when the eve-ning comes.

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You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

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And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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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.**

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.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly



Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er



shall be, world with-out end... A - men, a - men.

2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851



Corporate Confession of Sin: from Joshua 23

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not been strong to keep your word.
Instead, we have turned to the right hand or to the left.
We have bowed down to gods of our age:
money, materialism, and man.
We confess that we have not clung to you,
the LORD our God.
Have mercy on us, O Lord.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from Isaiah 1 and Revelation 1

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Truly, Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. It is he who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (I Will Arise) (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

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



- ▶ 1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed_
- ▶ 2. Come, ye need - y, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty_
- ▶ 3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken
- ▶ 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
- ▶ 5. Lo! th'in - car - nate_ God as - cend - ed, pleads the mer - it_



- ▶ sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save_ you,
- ▶ glo - ri - fy; true be - lief_ and true re - pent - ance,
- by the fall. If you tar - ry 'til you're bet - ter,
- ▶ fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth
- ▶ of His blood: Ven - ture on_ Him, ven - ture whol - ly,



- ▶ full of pit - y, love and pow'r.
- ▶ ev - 'ry grace that_ brings you nigh.
- you will nev - er_ come at all. I will a-rise and go to Je - sus,
- ▶ is to feel_ your need of Him.
- ▶ let no oth - er_ trust in - trude.



He will em-brace me_ in His arms. In the arms_ of



my dear Sav - ior, O there are_ ten_ thou - sand charms.

Joseph Hart
Refrain, source unknown

Traditional American Melody
Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835



Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 2:1-4

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



Offering

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



Hymn of Preparation:

Hast Though Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him

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



1. Hast thou heard Him seen Him, known Him? _____ Is not
 2. What can strip the seem - ing beau - ty _____ from the
 3. 'Tis the look that melt - ed Pe - ter, _____ 'tis that



thine a ___ cap - tured heart? ___ Chief a - mong ten thou - sand own
 i - dols_ of the earth? ___ Not a sense of right or du -
 face that_ Ste - phen saw, ___ 'tis that heart that wept with Mar -



— Him; ___ joy - ful choose the bet - ter part. ___ Cap - ti -
 - ty, ___ but the sight of peer - less worth. ___
 - y, ___ can a - lone from i - dols draw; ___

Chorus



vat - ed by His beau - ty; ___ wor - thy tri - bute haste to bring; Let His



peer - less worth con - strain ___ thee, ___ crown Him now un - ri - valed King.



Sermon: Joshua 23:1-16

A Call to Lead (Pastor Noah)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

23 A long time afterward, when the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their surrounding enemies, and Joshua was old and well advanced in years,

2 Joshua summoned all Israel, its elders and heads, its judges and officers, and said to them, "I am now old and well advanced in years. 3 And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake, for it is the LORD your God who has fought for you. 4 Behold, I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west. 5 The LORD your God will push them back before you and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. 6 Therefore, be very strong to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right hand nor to the left, 7 that you may not mix with these nations remaining among you or make mention of the names of their gods or swear by them or serve them or bow down to them, 8 but you shall cling to the LORD your God just as you have done to this day. 9 For the LORD has driven out before you great and strong nations. And as for you, no man has been able to stand before you to this day. 10 One man of you puts to flight a thousand, since it is the LORD your God who fights for you, just as he promised you. 11 Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God. 12 For if you turn back and cling to the remnant of these nations remaining among you and make marriages with them, so that you associate with them and they with you, 13 know for certain that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you, but they shall be a snare and a trap for you, a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good ground that the LORD your God has given you.

14 "And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed. 15 But just as all the good things that the LORD your God promised concerning you have been fulfilled for you, so the LORD will bring upon you all the evil things, until he has destroyed you from off this good land that the LORD your God has given you, 16 if you transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land that he has given to you."

Question for young worshipers:

What two commands have the word "very" in them in this passage?

A CALL TO LEAD

1. TASKS OF A

Leader

2. Temptations

of a Leader





Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

This Is My Father's World #111

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. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O_ let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is_ the Rul - er_ yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I_ rest me in the thought of_
This is my Fa - ther's world: he_ shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa - ther's world: the_ bat - tle is not done; Je -



rocks and trees, of_ skies and seas; his hand_ the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I_ hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ry - where.
-sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be_ one.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

TERRA BEATA S.M.D.
Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

★ **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 – James Marsh, Piano; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals; Kuyper Brandt, Guitar;
Bryndis Bryan, Vocals; Paul Schultz, Cajon

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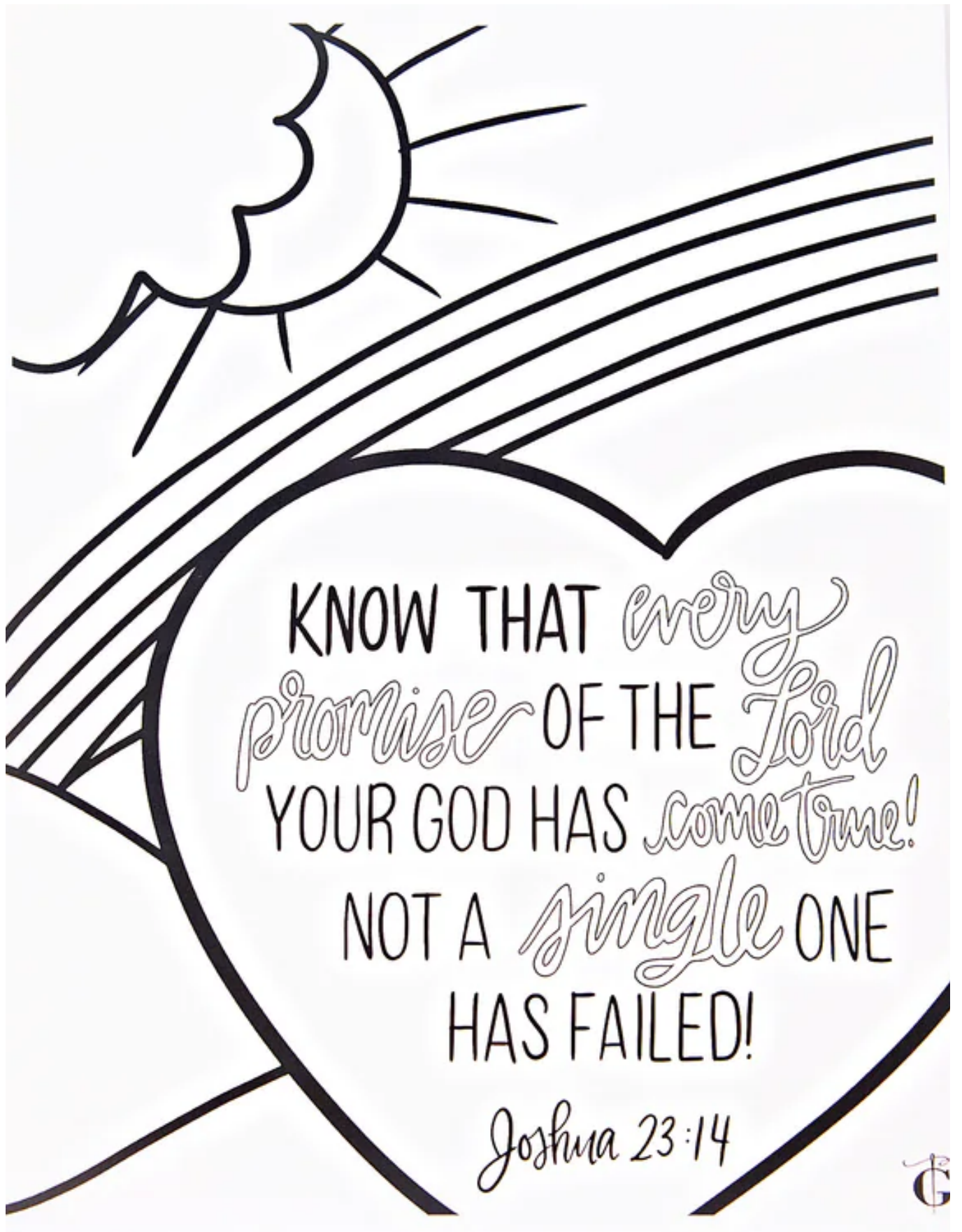
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!

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.

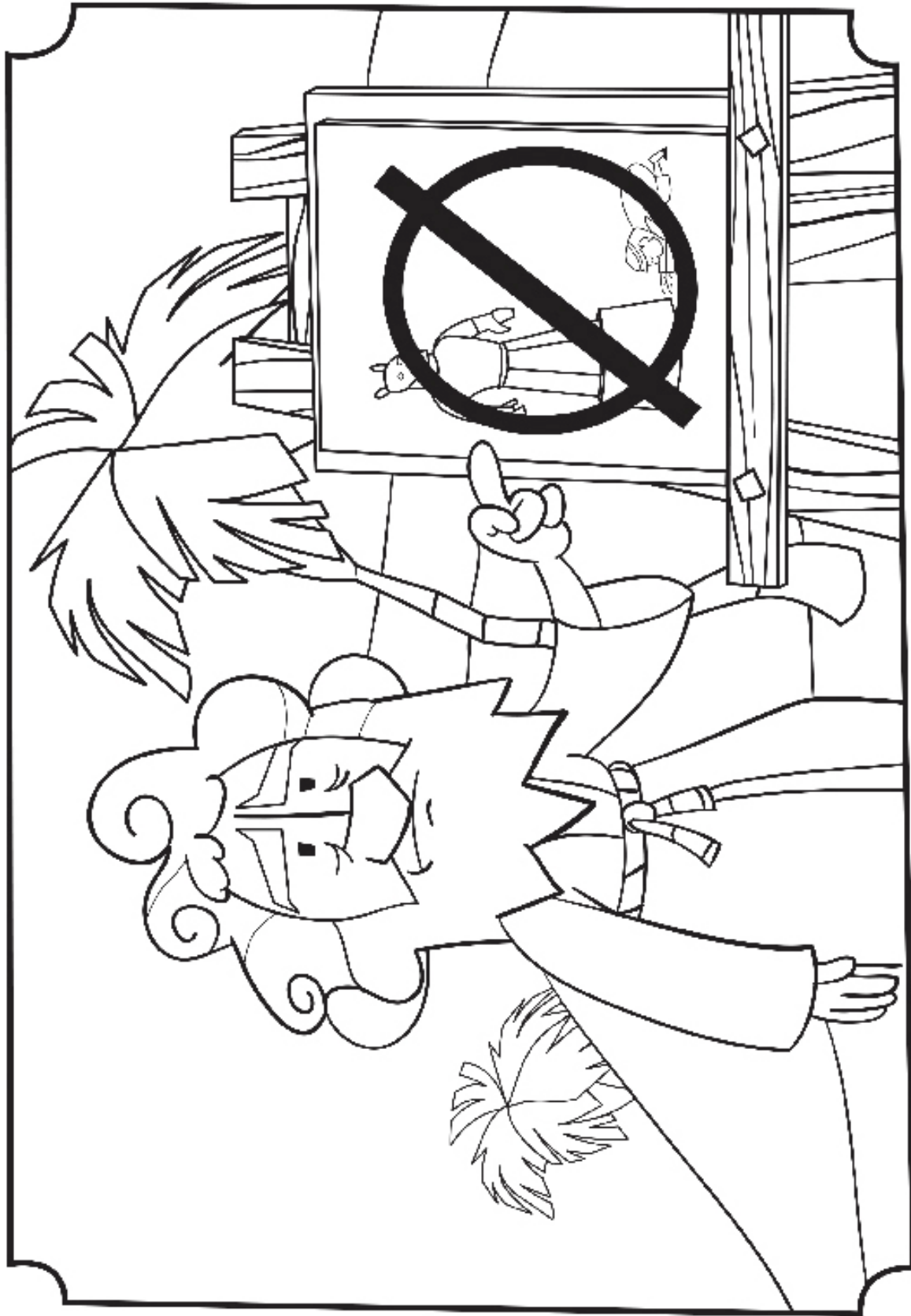




KNOW THAT *every*
promise OF THE *Lord*
YOUR GOD HAS *come true!*
NOT A *single* ONE
HAS FAILED!

Joshua 23:14





Joshua reminded the Israelites to give thanks to God and to follow his rules - especially to not bow down to any other gods. (Joshua 23)



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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