



covenant

children's ministries

Sunday, July 26, 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 34

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

PEOPLE: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

PASTOR: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

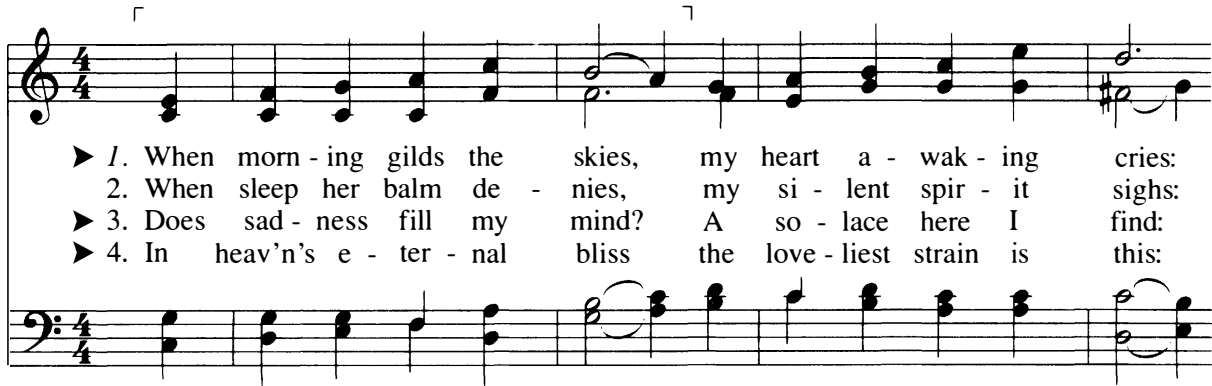
ALL: **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**



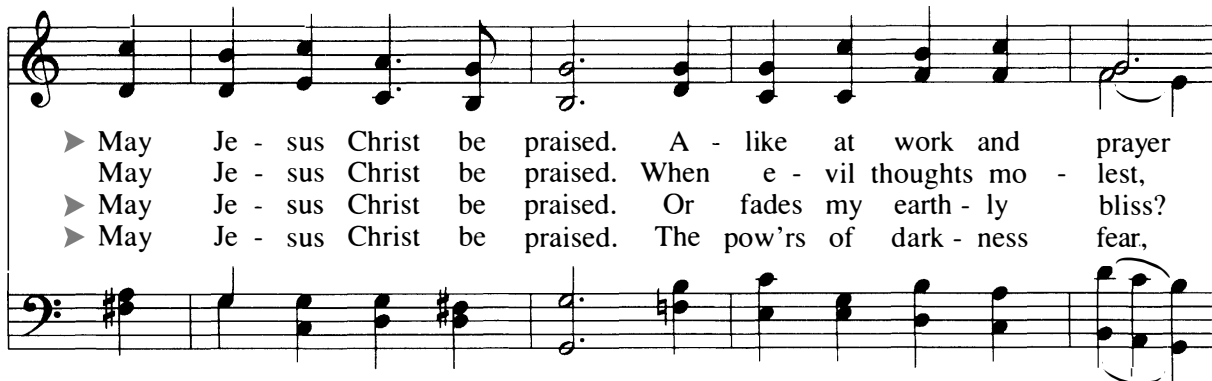
Hymn of Adoration:

When Morning Gilds the Skies #167 (vv.1, 3-5)

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



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2. When sleep her balm de - nies, my si - lent spir - it sighs:
3. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find:
4. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this:



May Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer
May Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo - lest,
May Je - sus Christ be praised. Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
May Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear,



to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
with this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
when this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

5. Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky,
from depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

6. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.



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



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: from Psalm 34

We confess our sins together as God's people.

PASTOR: *The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.*

ALL: O Lord we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not kept our tongues from evil
and our lips from speaking deceit.
We have turned away from peace and toward evil.
We are brokenhearted over our sin
and crushed in spirit.
O Lord, as poor men we cry,
hear us and save us out of all our troubles.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from 1 Peter 3 and Psalm 34

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, and he has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.*

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance:

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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

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1. Mine are days that God has num - bered I was made to walk with
2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row dark - ness not yet un - der -
3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger pil - grim on a nar - row



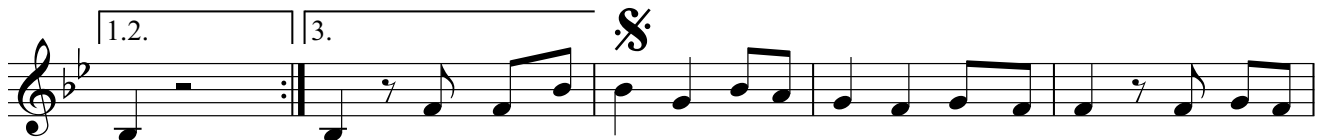
Him. Yet I look for world - ly trea - sure and for - sake the King of
stood. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly
way. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and ha - tred for His



kings. But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er though I fall His love is
good. But mine is peace that flows from heav - en and the strength in times of
name. But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle strong e - nough to last the



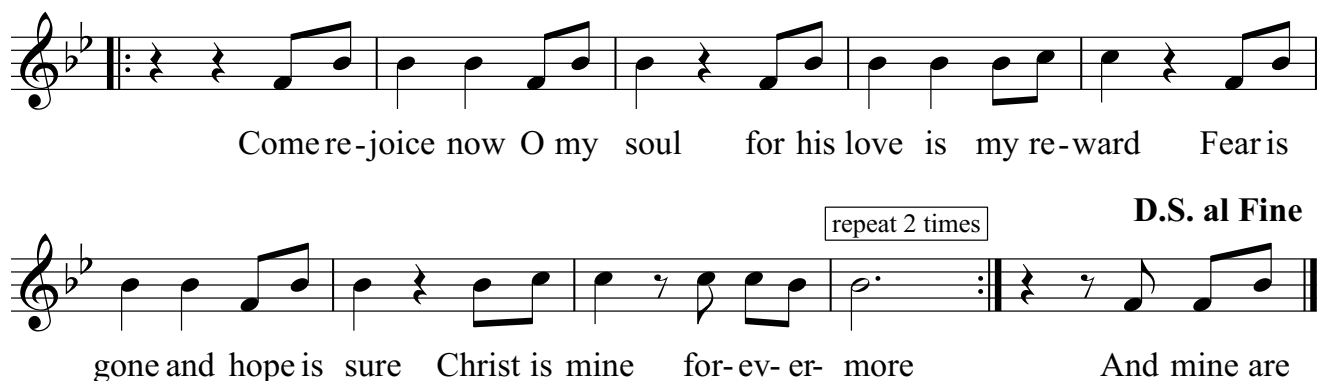
sure. For Christ has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing I am His for - ev - er
need. I know my pain will not be wast - ed Christ com - pletes His work in
war. And He has said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en -



more. shore. And mine are keys to Zi - on Ci - ty where be - side the King I
me.



walk. For there my heart has found its trea - sure Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.



Comere-joyce now O my soul for his love is my re-ward Fear is
 gone and hope is sure Christ is mine for-ev-er- more And mine are

repeat 2 times D.S. al Fine



Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-17

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!**



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, Lover of My Soul

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



ENSEMBLE: Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

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:

Psalm 34

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



1. I___ bless the Lord in ev-ery hour; His_ praise my mouth em - ploy; My_
2. We_ looked to Him, His light re-ceived, and_ we were not___ a-shamed; Our.
3. O___ taste and see that God is good to___ all who seek_ His face. Blest



soul shall make its boast in God the_ meek shall hear_ with joy. O_ mag-ni - fy___ the
hum-ble cry Je - ho-vah heard; our souls His hand sus tained. The an-gel of___ the
is the man that trusts in Him, con - fid - ing in___ His grace. O_ fear the Lord, all



Lord with me, let___ us ex - alt___ His name! When
Lord en - camps a - round a - bout_ His own, de -
you His saints; no___ want shall bring_ dis - tress; the___



in dis - tress on___ Him I called, He___ to my res - cue came.
liv - ers them from all their foes, lest_ they be o - ver-thrown.
li - ons young may_ search for food; His_ saints all good pos - sess.

text from Psalm 34
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KINGSFOLD
Traditional English Melody
(found in TH #79)



Sermon: Psalm 34

Experiencing God (Pastor Noah)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

OF DAVID, WHEN HE CHANGED HIS BEHAVIOR BEFORE ABIMELECH, SO THAT HE DROVE HIM OUT, AND HE WENT AWAY

- 34** I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
- 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
- 14 Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

- 17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- 20 He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
- 21 Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Question for young worshipers:

What does this Psalm tell us to taste?

A large dashed red rounded rectangle, intended for a young worshiper to write their answer to the question.

EXPERIENCING GOD

1. Boasting

2. Tasting

3. Listening

4. Saving



Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

Come All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor

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. Lord, we a - dore__ thy__ bound - less__ grace.
2. O won - drous gifts__ of__ love,__ di - vine,__
3. Here shall your num - 'rous__ wants__ re - ceive



The heights and depths un - known, of par - don, life,__ and__ joy,__
dear Source of ev - 'ry__ good;__ Je - sus, in thee__ what__ glo -
a free, a full__ sup - ply;__ he has un - meas - ured bliss



- and__ peace, in thy be lov - ed__ Son.__
- ries__ shine! How rich thy flow - ing__ blood!__ Come, all ye pin -
- to__ give, and joys that nev - er__ die.__



- ing, hun - gry__ poor,__ the Sav - ior's boun - ty__ taste;__ be - hold a nev -



- er - fail - ing__ store__ for ev - 'ry will - ing__ guest__



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



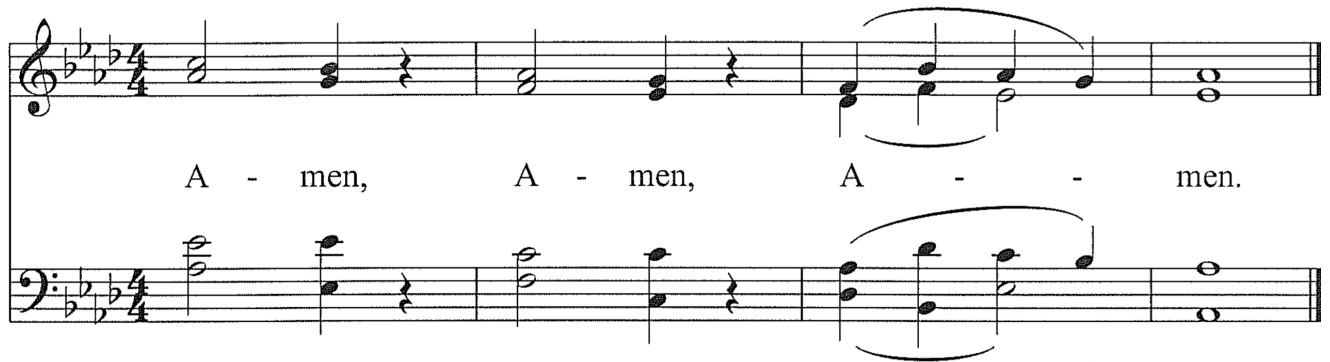
Benediction

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 – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano; Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals;
Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals

Men's Ensemble - Andy Belval, Jonathan McGuire, Bill McGreevy, Chris Bauer, John Bauer,
Tim Cole, Carl Zimmerman, Will Nabholz, Brad Davitt

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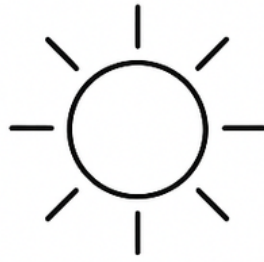
Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

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.





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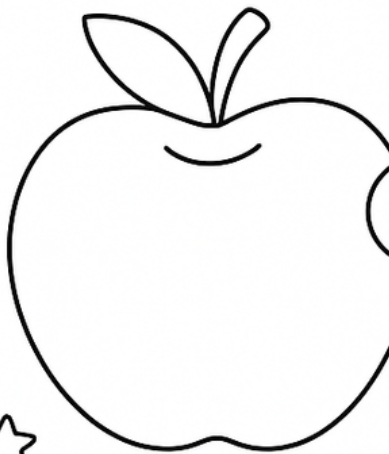
LORD



IS GOOD



PSALM 34:8





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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