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children's ministries

Sunday, August 30, 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

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## Prelude

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



## Call to Worship: from Psalm 16

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

PASTOR: *I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.*

PEOPLE: Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

PASTOR: *For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.*

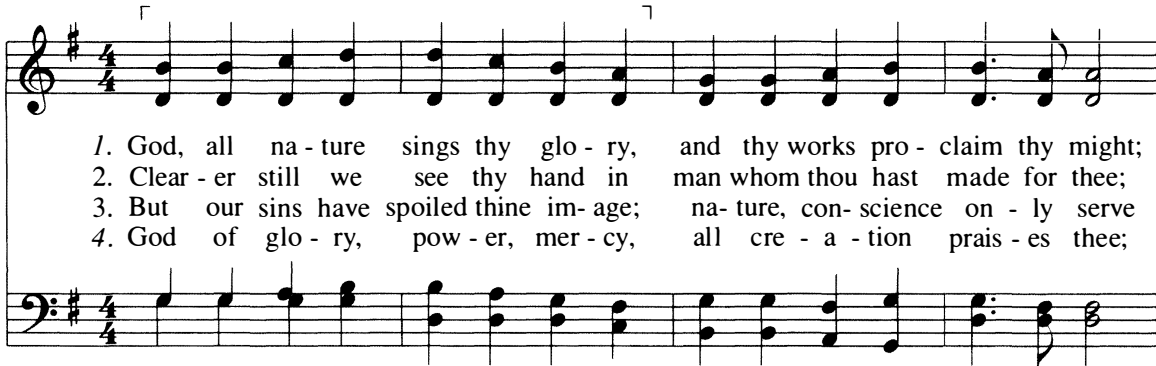
ALL: **You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**



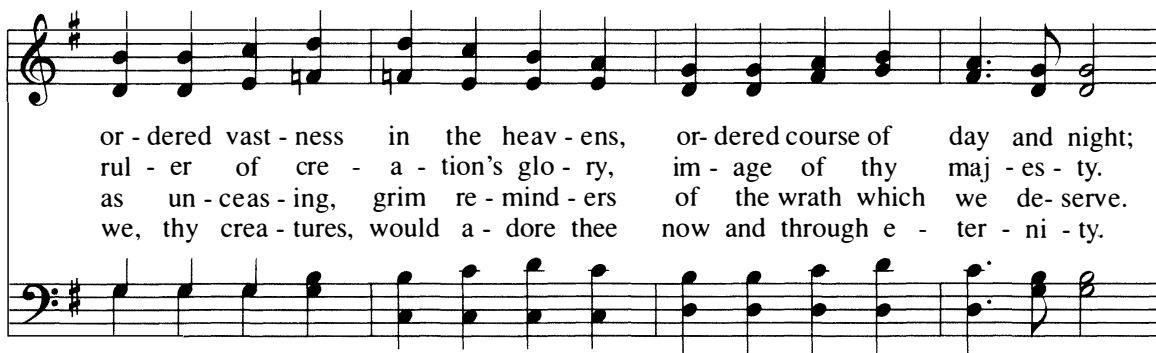
# Hymn of Adoration:

## God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory #122

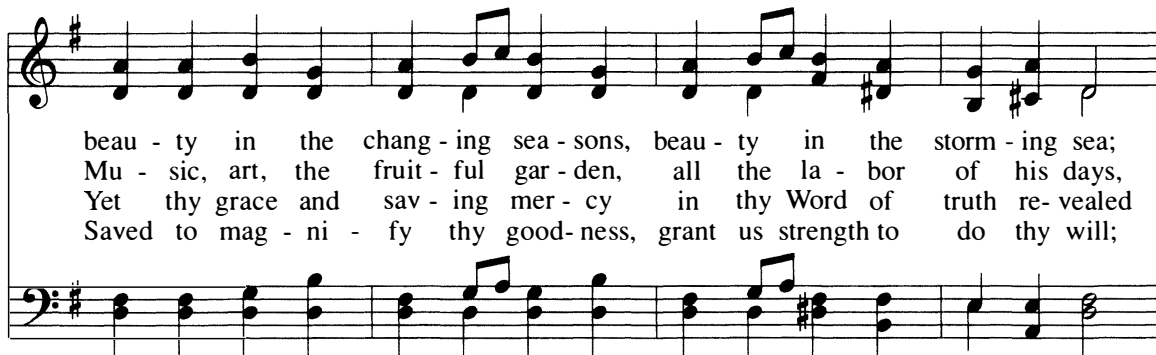
**We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!**



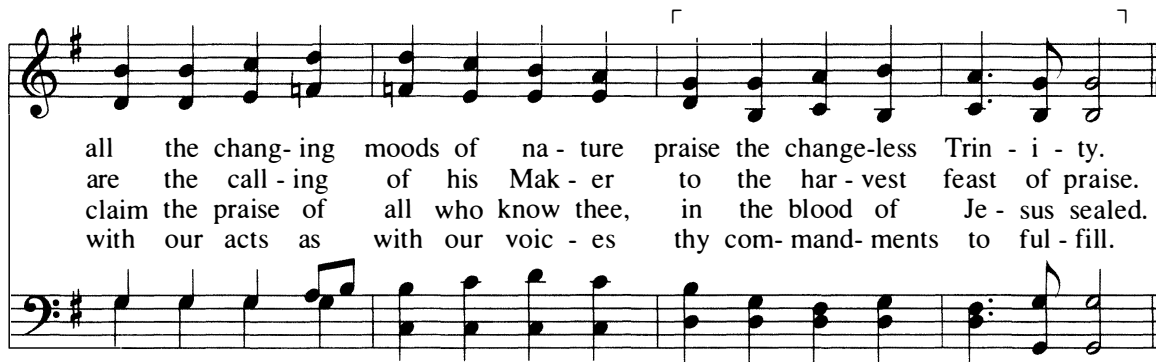
1. God, all na - ture sings thy glo - ry, and thy works pro - claim thy might;  
2. Clear - er still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;  
3. But our sins have spoiled thine im - age; na - ture, con - science on - ly serve  
4. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion prais - es thee;



or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens, or - dered course of day and night;  
rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry, im - age of thy maj - es - ty.  
as un - ceas - ing, grim re - mind - ers of the wrath which we de - serve.  
we, thy crea - tures, would a - dore thee now and through e - ter - ni - ty.



beau - ty in the chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;  
Mu - sic, art, the fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days,  
Yet thy grace and sav - ing mer - cy in thy Word of truth re - vealed  
Saved to mag - ni - fy thy good - ness, grant us strength to do thy will;



all the chang - ing moods of na - ture praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.  
are the call - ing of his Mak - er to the har - vest feast of praise.  
claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Je - sus sealed.  
with our acts as with our voic - es thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.



## **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 Acts 2

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

ALL: Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not devoted ourselves to your word  
and to the fellowship of your people as we should.  
Instead of awe and wonder at your work,  
we are cynical and doubt your goodness.  
Instead of freely giving  
from the blessings you have given to us,  
we hoard what we have.  
Instead of glad and generous hearts,  
we are full of anger and pride.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord.



## **Silent confession**

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



## **Assurance of Pardon: from Acts 13**

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

PASTOR: *"Hear the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as it is written in the Psalms: "You will not let your Holy One see corruption." For David fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but Jesus whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man Jesus forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.*

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



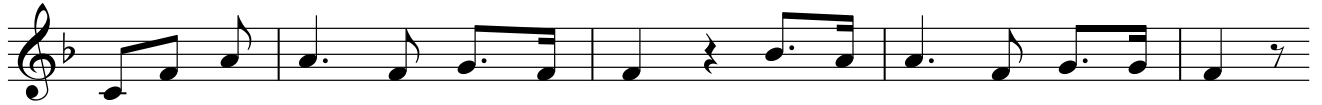
# Hymn of Assurance

## Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

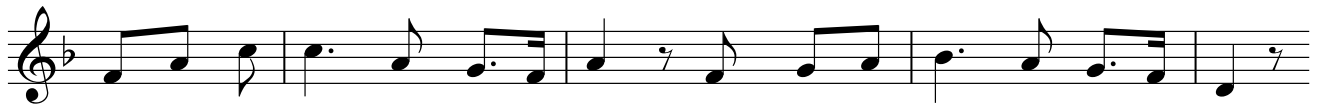
**We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.**



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"



What is our on-ly con-fi-dence? That our souls to him be-long.  
Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.  
And what re-ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with him.



Who holds our days with-in his hand? What comes, a-part from his com-mand?  
Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-bove the storm-y trial?  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de-stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.\_  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un-to the shore, the rock of Christ?  
And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.\_

### REFRAIN



O sing ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O sing ha-le-



lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

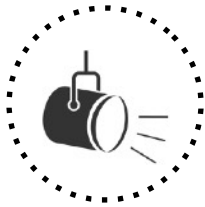


## **Scripture Reading: Joel 2:28-32**

**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!**



## **Formation Focus: Women's Ministry**

**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: Hymn Medley

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



### **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:

## We Are God's People #355

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

*Unison*

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his  
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have  
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -  
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is  
known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how  
bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a  
weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -  
to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each  
fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our  
on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.  
gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.  
flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

SYMPHONY 11.11.8.6.8.9.  
From Johannes Brahms, *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor*, 1876  
Arr. by Fred Bock, 1976

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## **Sermon: Acts 2:42-47**

**Our Common Faith (Pastor Noah)**

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

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### **Question for young worshipers:**

**Why were the Christians selling their things?**

# OUR COMMON FAITH

1. Common Worship
2. Common Service
3. Common Life





# Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

## The Church's One Foundation

**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. The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her\_
2. E - lect from ev' - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the\_
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op -
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de -
5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her\_



Lord; She is His new cre - a - tion by  
earth; Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one  
pressed, by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by  
fend, to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish is  
war, She waits the con - sum - ma - tion of



wa - ter and the Word.\_\_\_\_ From heav'n He came and  
Lord, one faith, one birth;\_\_\_\_ One ho - ly Name she  
her - e - sies dis - tressed,\_\_\_\_ Yet saints their watch are  
with her to the end\_\_\_\_ Though there be those that  
peace for - ev - er - more,\_\_\_\_ Till with the vi - sion



sought\_\_\_\_ her to be His ho - ly bride; With  
bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, And  
keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" And  
hate\_\_\_\_ her, and false sons in her pale, A -  
glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest, And



His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.  
to one hope she press - es, with ev' - ry grace en - dued.  
soon the night of weep - ing, shall be the morn of song.  
gainst a foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.  
the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.

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



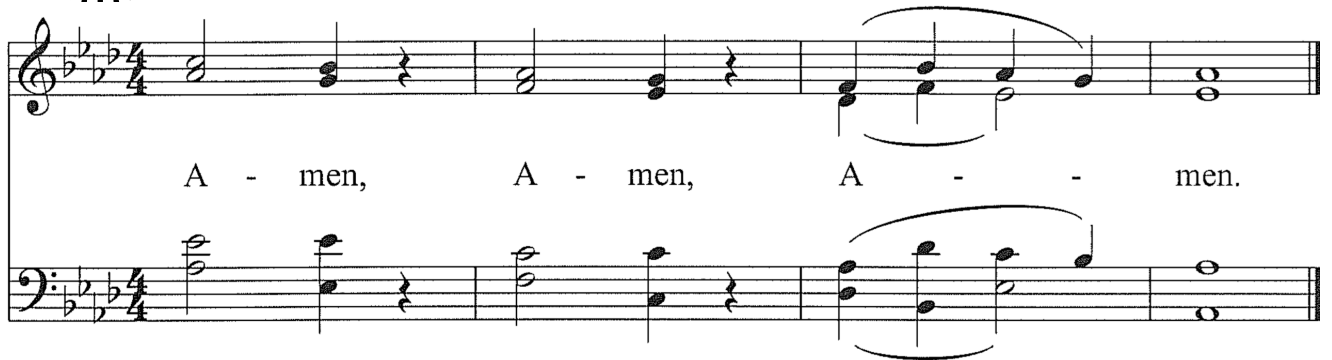
## Benediction

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!**

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Musicians – Jonathan McGuire, Organ & Piano; Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals;  
Brad Davitt, Piano

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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.



They devoted themselves  
to the apostles' teaching  
and to fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Acts 2:42**



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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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