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children's ministries

Sunday, August 9, 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 36

God calls us to worship Him from His Word

PASTOR: *Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

PEOPLE: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O LORD.

PASTOR: *How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.*

PEOPLE: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink
from the river of your delights.

PASTOR: *For with you is the fountain of life*

ALL: In your light do we see light.



Hymn of Adoration:

All For Jesus! #565

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

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran-somed pow'rs,
2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
3. World- lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
• boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

Mary D. James, 1889

WYCLIFF 8.7.8.7.
John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887



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.

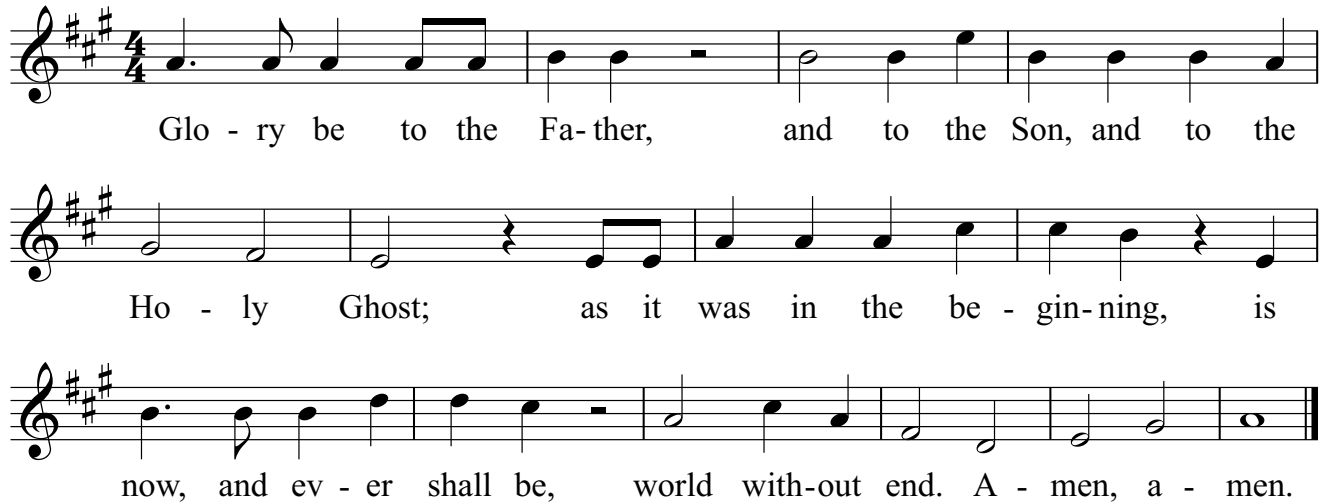
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the 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 (Meineke) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844



Corporate Confession of Sin: from Psalm 36

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: O Lord, we have sinned against you.
We flatter ourselves in our own eyes;
we hide our iniquity.
The words of our mouths are trouble and deceit;
we cease to act wisely and do good.
We set ourselves in a way that is not good;
We do not reject evil.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Let us take refuge in the shadow of your wings.



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from Psalm 36 and Romans 11

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *The steadfast love of the LORD extends to the heavens, his faithfulness to the clouds. The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. At one time you were disobedient to God but now have received mercy. Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.



Hymn of Assurance:

His Mercy Is More

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



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done;
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam;
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum.
What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home.
His blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;____
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;____
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;____



Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!____
Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.
Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.



His mer - cy is more.____ Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn;



Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.____ Praise the Lord!_



His mer - cy is more.____ Strong - er than dark - ness,



new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.



Scripture Reading: John 1:6-13

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: Be Thou My Vision

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:

Speak O Lord

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



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your ho - ly Word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your
Truth un - changed from the dawn of time, that will e - cho down thru e -



like - ness, that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -
ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; and by



acts of love and our deeds of ____ faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
faith we'll walk as You walk with ____ us. Speak, O Lord, till Your



fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.



Sermon: Psalm 36

A Prayer of Protection (Pastor Noah)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. OF DAVID, THE SERVANT OF THE LORD.

36 Transgression speaks to the wicked

deep in his heart;

there is no fear of God

before his eyes.

2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes

that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

3 The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;

he has ceased to act wisely and do good.

4 He plots trouble while on his bed;

he sets himself in a way that is not good;

he does not reject evil.

5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

your judgments are like the great deep;

man and beast you save, O LORD.

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light do we see light.

10 Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,

and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

11 Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,

nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.

12 There the evildoers lie fallen;

they are thrust down, unable to rise.

Question for young worshipers:

How are we able to see what is good?

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A PRAYER OF PROTECTION

1. Lamentation

2. Meditation

3. Petition



Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts #646

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.

Capo 1: ♯ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) ♯ (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A)

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
 2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that on thee call;
 3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on thee still;
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
 5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

(E⁷) (A) ♯ (D) (D⁷) (Gmaj⁷) (D/A) (A) (D) ♯

from the best bliss that earth im - parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
 to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
 • we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1150
 Arr. and tr. by Ray Palmer, 1858

QUEBEC L.M.
 Henry Baker, 1854



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; Jesse Herche, Violin;
Bekah Marsh, Piano & Vocals

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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.





**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.**

Psalm 36:5-6



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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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