

About Our Worship

We know that the “style” of worship in our church may be different from what you may have experienced elsewhere, our pastor has written a small booklet on why we do what we do in worship. We encourage you to take a free copy of *What to Expect in Reformed Worship* from the literature rack. Here are a few features of our services to recognize as you worship with us today.

- **A Meeting with God**

We assemble together as a congregation for the purpose of meeting face-to-face with our gracious Triune God: “Through [Christ] we...have access in one Spirit to the Father” (Eph. 2:18). As Jesus taught, “When two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them” (Matt. 18:20). As we meet with our God, a two-way dialog occurs: God graciously speaks to us in his Word and sacraments (baptism and Lord’s Supper) and we gratefully speak to him in prayers, songs, and offerings.

- **Bible-Saturated**

The way in which this dialog is organized is called a “liturgy” [order of service]. We trust that you will see that our liturgy is saturated with the Holy Bible—from the opening call to worship, to the Scripture responses, to the reading of the Word, and all the way through the concluding benediction. All that is said and sung in our worship is Scripture or expressions of Scriptural truth.

- **Historic Continuity**

We do not presume to have invented Christian worship. Instead, we follow the basic pattern of ancient Christian worship: Entering God’s Presence, The Word, Communion, and Sending Into the World. One way we show this continuity is by utilizing forms of prayer, creeds, and responses that the historic Christian church—that “great cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1)—has used from one generation to another generation. In responding this way, we exercise our spiritual priesthood and offer up the spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving (Heb. 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5).

- **Centrality of the Word & Sacraments**

The majority of our time together is taken up with the reading and preaching of the Word of God and the celebration of the sacraments—baptism (whenever children of members are born or new converts have been instructed) and the Lord’s Supper (every Lord’s Day morning). The reason for this is that these are the main ways that the Holy Spirit promises to create and confirm our faith in Jesus Christ.

- **Singing Ancient Songs**

Finally, you will notice that we primarily sing versifications of the Psalms of the Old Testament. These were sung for a thousand years in anticipation of the coming of Christ and we sing them knowing that he has come. We also sing songs, both ancient and recent, that are in accord with the teaching of Scripture. This not only gives us a sense of transcendence as we sing what God’s people have sung for hundreds and thousands of years, but also gives us the ability to express ourselves through all the joys and sorrows of the Christian life in a meaningful way.

Worship of the Triune God

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to all who will come:
JESUS CHRIST offers to you his grace,
and this church offers to you its love.

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 6, 2012
6:30PM

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Danny Hyde, Preaching
Mrs. Kristin Moersch, Pianist
Congregation—**Bold words**

¶ *Please stand, if able*

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 3:16–17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYERS

Book of Common Prayer

A Prayer for Our Church

Almighty God, we beseech you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Universal Church

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all estates of men in your holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

A Prayer for the World

O Merciful God, who has made all men and does not desire the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all who do not know you as you are revealed in the Gospel of your Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word; and so bring them home to your flock, blessed Lord, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Ah, Dearest Jesus (351)

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

St. Ambrose, 5th century

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your hands on the Cross to redeem us by your blood.

Forgive me, a sinner, for none of my thoughts are hid from you.

Pardon I ask; pardon I hope for; pardon I trust to have.

You are pitiful and merciful; spare and forgive me. Amen.

¶ *Please be seated*

OFFERING

2 Corinthians 9:6–7

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT—*Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

In Full Assurance of Thy Grace (127:2, 4–7)

GOSPEL—*John 18:1–40*

Lord, the God of My Salvation (168:1–4)

GOSPEL—*John 19:1–42*

My God, My God, I Cry to Thee (34:1–4, 7–9)

EPISTLE—*Hebrews 10:1–18*

O Sacred Head Now Wounded (355)

The Case for the Cross

Rev. Danny Hyde, Pastor

PRAYER

Gallican Liturgy, 5th century

O Christ, God, great Adonai:

Crucify us as it were with yourself to this world, that your life may be in us.

Put our sins upon yourself to crucify them.

Draw us also to yourself, since for us you were lifted up from the earth, to deliver us from the tyrant.

Although by the flesh and by sins we are under the devil's power, yet we long to serve you, not him.

We desire to live under your authority, and beg to be governed by you, who was pleased by the death of the Cross to deliver us, mortals.

For this transcendent benefit we bring the service of our devotion.

We humbly adore, implore, and invoke you, that you, O God, eternal Might, would hasten your coming unto us.

By your power you make things future to be as things past, and also by your presence, things past to be as things present: grant that your Passion may be as saving to us as if it were present this day.

You reign forever with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now begin to reign over us, forever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Please stand, if able*

GOSPEL HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (354)

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Please greet those around you in Jesus' name.