

About Our Worship

We know that the “style” of worship in our church may be different from what you 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 key features of our worship to help you understand what is happening as you worship with us today.

- **A Meeting with God**

First and foremost we believe that when we assemble together as a congregation it is 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). In our meeting with our God, there is a two-way dialog: 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 call 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, to the songs we sing, 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 are united with our forefathers is by utilizing prayers, creeds, and responses that the historic Christian church—that “great cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1)—has used from one generation to another. 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**

We want you to notice that the majority of our time together in worship 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 (Rom. 10:17).

- **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.

O come, let us worship!

Worship of the Triune God

*We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity.
✠ Athanasian Creed ✠*

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.

**THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2012
10:00AM**

Why Are You Thankful?
Isaiah 12:1
Rev. Danny Hyde, Pastor

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THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

A shortened form of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer

Rev. Danny Hyde, Preaching
Mrs. Katelin Hobson, Pianist

Congregation—**Bold words** | ✕—Stand, if able

✕*We Praise Thee, O God* (#311)

✕CALL TO WORSHIP—*Psalm 105:1–4*

Dearly beloved, we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at the Lord's hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are necessary for the body as well as the soul. Therefore I urge you to join me with a pure heart and humble voice, before the throne of heavenly grace, saying:

✕THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

○ Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall show forth your praise.—

Psalm 51:15

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.—*Psalm 135:1*

✕PSALM 95:1–7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

And a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

The heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,

And his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God,

And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

✕PSALM 107:1–9—*Thanks for Redemption*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

For his steadfast love endures forever!

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

Whom he has redeemed from trouble

And gathered in from the lands,

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, Finding no way to a city to dwell in;

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,

And he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way

Till they reached a city to dwell in.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

For his wondrous works to the children of man!

For he satisfies the longing soul,

and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

✕PSALM 148—*Thanks for Creation*

Praise the LORD!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

And he established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

You great sea creatures and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, Princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

For his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,

For the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

✕*Gloria Patri* (#492)

OLD TESTAMENT READING—*Isaiah 12*

NEW TESTAMENT READING—*Philippians 4:4–7*

Why Are You Thankful?

Rev. Danny Hyde, Pastor

PRAYER OF THE DAY—*Proposed Psalter Hymnal*

Our Sovereign God, who created all things for your pleasure and who gives to all life, breath, and every good thing, we praise you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. For rain and sunshine, in abundance and in lack, we acknowledge that our times are in your hands. You supply all of your creatures with your good gifts: the just and the unjust alike. Nevertheless, we especially give you praise for the surpassing greatness of your saving grace that you have shown to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. For our election in him before the foundation of the world; for our redemption by him in his life, death, and resurrection; for our effectual calling,

justification, sanctification, and all of the blessings of our union with him, we give you our heartfelt thanks. And we look with great anticipation toward that day when you will raise us to life everlasting, glorified and confirmed in righteousness, so that we may sing your praises without the defilement of our present weaknesses, distractions, and sins. As you have served us with these gifts, we ask that you would give us grateful hearts so that through us you may serve our neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

We, your unworthy servants,

Do give you most humble and hearty thanks

For all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

But above all, for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech you, give us that due sense of all your mercies,

That our hearts may be sincerely thankful;

And that we may show forth your praise,

Not only with our lips, but in our lives,

By giving up our selves to your service,

And by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory,

World without end. Amen.

OFFERING—*General Fund*

✕*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (#327)

✕BENEDICTION—*2 Corinthians 13:14*

Please greet those around you in Jesus' name.