



Covenant

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Changing People and Places Through the Power of the Gospel

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Welcome Guests, Friends & Family!

As a Reformed church, we are part of a long and enduring tradition that places worship as our highest calling. Therefore, we lean heavily on those who have gone before and see the value of creeds, catechisms, responsive readings, and other forms that are part of our heritage. However, our services are not highly liturgical, following a fixed pattern, nor spontaneous, but seek to follow a liturgical pattern that reenacts the gospel and renews us in God's grace. Rather than focusing on getting God to bless us, it focuses on the blessings, promises, and grace that we already have in Christ. Our basic gospel pattern is: We approach God based on His initiation and invitation, we see our sin and confess it, we are assured of forgiveness, we hear the good news, and we respond in faith and obedience.

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REFLECTION | God's people prepare for worship

"Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God has, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of his Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin, and rise unto newness of life."

- Westminster Larger Catechism 75

PRAISE | We praise our merciful & gracious God

The Lord Gathers Us – *Worship is dialogical, meaning it is a conversation between God and his people. Just as God is the initiator of grace in the Gospel, he continues to graciously summon his people to worship. We come and are graciously blessed and renewed by him through the Gospel.*

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!**

Leader: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker!

All: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7

PRAYER | *The first prayer of the service is meant to invoke the presence and favor of the Triune God in the name of Jesus, giving praise, and asking the Holy Spirit to help us put aside all our distractions and worship God in "Spirit and truth."*

Songs of Praise (below)

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

Hallelujah for the Cross

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name!



1. All hail the pow'r of Je-sus's name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2. Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of your God, who from His al - tar call;
3. Ye seed of Is-rael's cho-sen race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,
5. Let ev - ry kin-dred, ev - ry tribe, on this ter - res - trial ball,
6. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at His feet may fall;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes-se's rod, and crown Him Lord of all;
 hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at His feet, and crown Him Lord of all;
 to Him all ma - jes - ty a - scribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
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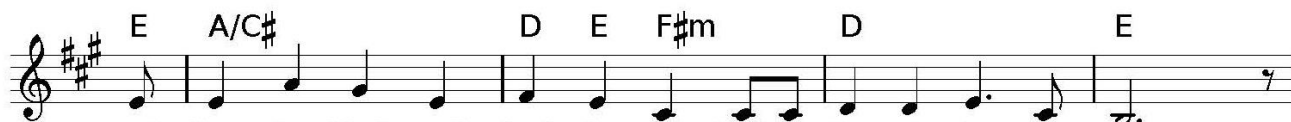
Hallelujah for the Cross

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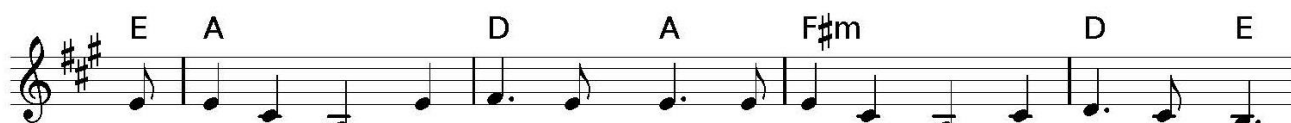
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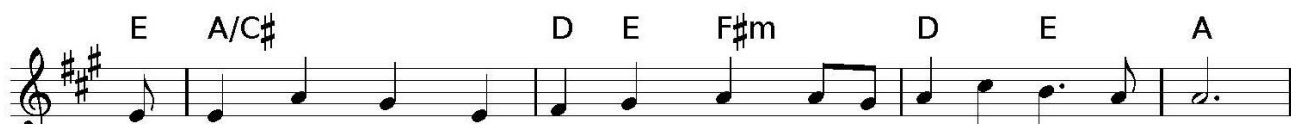
1. Up to the hill of Cal - va - ry, my Sa - vior went cou - ra - geous - ly
2. What good I've done could ne - ver save, my debt too great for deeds to pay,



and there he bled and died for me. Hal - le - lu - jah for the cross.
but God, my Sa - vior made a way. Hal - le - lu - jah for the cross.



- And on that day the world was changed, a fi - nal per - fect lamb was slain.
A slave to sin, my life was bound, but all my chains fell to the ground
3. And when I breathe my fi - nal breath, I'll have no need to fear that rest.



Let earth and hea - ven now pro - claim, "Hal - le - lu - jah for the cross."
when Je - sus's blood came flo - wing down. Hal - le - lu - jah for the cross.
This hope will guide me in - to death: Hal - le - lu - jah for the cross.

Chorus



Hal - le - lu - jah for the war he fought, love has won, death has lost.



Hal - le - lu - jah for the souls he bought. Hal - le - lu - jah for the cross. _____

RENEWAL | The Lord forgives his people

Confessing our Sin – *Confession is a time when we are truly honest with ourselves and God, and because he knows our every thought, there is no need to pretend. Thus we confess our sin and admit that we're not what we should be, nor what we will be.*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

See The Destined Day Arise (below)

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*"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me.
Nevertheless, not my will, but your will, be done." — Luke 22:42*

Verse

Bm A G D F#m

1. See the des - tined day a - rise! See a wil - ling sac - ri - fice!
 2. Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
 3. Ho - ly Je - sus, grant us grace in that sa - cri - fice to place

F#m Bm A G D F#m

Je - sus to re - deem our loss, hangs u - pon the shame - ful cross;
 And with ten - der bo - dy bear thorns, and nails, and pier - cing spear?
 All our trust for life re - newed, par - doned sin and pro - mised good.

F#m A Bm G A

Je - sus, who but You could bear wrath so great and jus - tice fair?
 Slain for us, the wa - ter flowed, min - gled from Your side with blood;
 Grant us grace to sing Your praise, 'round Your throne through end - less days,

A Bm G D A

Ev - ry pang and bit - ter throe, fi - ni - shing Your life of woe?
 Sign to all at - tes - ting eyes of the fi - nished sa - cri - fice.
 E - ver with the sons of light: "Bles - sing, ho - nor, glo - ry, might!"

Chorus

A D^{sus4} D Bm G A

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Lamb of God for sin - ners slain!

A Bm D^{sus4} D G A D F#^{sus4} F#

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Jesus Christ, we praise Your name.

PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

We believe the Bible is the inerrant word of the true and living God, and our infallible rule for faith and practice.

Sermon: “The Way of Jesus”

The sermon is meant by God’s design to be ancient, timeless truth from his Word, explained, expounded, and applied, so that all who are listening will understand it and be changed by it. It is the way in which God speaks to his church. As J.I. Packer has stated, “God has spoken in the Bible and He has not stuttered.”

RESPONSE | We respond with thanksgiving

We Give – *Our offering is not simply the way our church “pays the bills;” it is an act of worship where we respond to God’s grace and generosity and give back to the Lord His resources as tangible evidence of our love for Him.*

We are grateful for your ongoing generosity to the church. It is your gifts that sustain our ministry here in Cherry Hill and around the world. Please remember that you can give on line by going to this link. It is a secure and convenient way to continue your financial support.

***We Sing**

Christ Is Mine Forevermore (below)

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1, 2, 3, C, B(3x), C, Tag(2x)



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



look for word - ly trea - sure and for - sake the King of kings. But mine is
 val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly good. But mine is
 Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and ha - tred for His name. But mine is



hope in my Re - deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. For Christ has
 peace that flows from heav - en, and the strength in times of need. I know my
 ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. And He has



paid for ev' - ry fail - ing; I am His for - ev - er - more. shore.
 pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me.
 said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en —



And mine are keys to Zi-on's ci - ty where be - side the King I walk. For there my



heart has found its trea - sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.



Come re - joice 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. Come re

Benediction | *Please stand as you are able*

From the Latin “beneficiary,” meaning “to bless,” this is the pronouncement of God’s blessing as we are sent out into our places of influence.

We Go – *Heeding his commission, we go to our places of influence to rescue other wandering and lost sheep like ourselves*