



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

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going."
– John 14:1-3 (ESV)

Prelude – Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us / The King Of Love My Shepherd Is
My Soul Longs For the Lord

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: O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

All: **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?**

Leader: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: **O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

- Psalm 8:1-9 (ESV)

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)

Holy! Holy! Holy!
O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

Chords: C, Am, G, C, F, C

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Chords: G, C, Am, G, D7, G

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Chords: C, Am, G, C, F, C

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Chords: Am, C, F, C, F, G7, C

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Having loved his own, he now showed them the full extent of his love. — John 15:4

Dm Dm/F A B \flat Gm⁶ A Dm F C/E A/C \sharp Dm



1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

Gm A⁷ Dm Dm/F A B \flat Gm⁶ A Dm



bound - less, free; rol - ling as a migh - ty o - cean
 shore to shore; how he lo - veth, e - ver lo - veth
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing,

F C/E A/C \sharp Dm Gm A⁷ Dm F F/A C^{sus4} C



in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
 chan - geth ne - ver, ne - ver - more; how he wat - ches
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep

Dm Dm/F A^{sus4} A Dm Dm/C B \flat ⁶ C Dm B \flat ⁶ A B \flat Dm/F A B \flat



all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love; lea - ding on ward,
 o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he
 love of Je - sus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

Gm⁶ A Dm F C F B \flat Gm⁶ A⁷ Dm Dm/C B \flat A



lea - ding home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ce - deth, wat - cheth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry for it lifts me up to thee.

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.*

Gracious Father, we come before You recognizing that we have not been a people of Your kingdom. We have justified our actions by comparing ourselves to others and have not rested in the finished work of Jesus Christ, done on our behalf. We confess that we have allowed ourselves to be conformed to this world and have not sought the transforming of our minds through Your Word. As a result, we have become complacent and neglected to seek first Your Kingdom. Forgive us and pour out Your grace upon us that we may be living sacrifices, holy, and acceptable to You. Transform us that we may be a worshiping and a missionary people making way for Your Kingdom to come. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement

“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.” John 3:16-17 (ESV)

We Praise Our Merciful and Gracious God

Unashamed (below)

Unashamed

V/V/C/V/C/B/C

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. — Hebrews 4:16

Verse

1. I have not much to offer You.
 2. O Christ, my King of sympathy,
 3. I can't explain this kind of love,

Not near what You deserve,
 whose wounds secure my peace,
 I'm humbled and amazed

come because Your cross has placed in me my worth.
 tends to call me friend, Your mercy sets me free.
 down from heaven's heights and greet me face to face.

Chorus

And I know I'm weak, I know I'm un-wor-thy to call u-pon Your name.

But be-cause of grace, because of Your mer-cy, I stand here un-a-shamed.

Bridge

Here I am, at Your feet, in my bro-ken-ness com-plete.

Here I am, at Your feet, in my bro-ken-ness com-plete.

Here I am, at Your feet, in my bro-ken-ness com-plete.

PROCLAMATION | God feeds his people

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

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

Sermon: “Ready and Prepared”

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.

Offertory – Jesus Paid It All

***We Sing**

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks (below)

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

V/V/V/C/V/V/C/C

Verse

1. On Jor-dan's stor - my banks I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
2. Oh what a wide and plea-sing scene that ri - ses to_ my sight!
3. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains shines one e - ter - nal Day:
4. When shall I reach that bles-sed place, and be fo - re_ ver blessed?
5. When shall I reach that hap - py place, where night shines as_ the_ day?

- to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my po - sse - ssions lie.
 Sweet fields ar - rayed in bril-liant green, and ri - vers of de__light.
 there God the Son fo - re - ver reigns, and scat-ters night a__way.
 When shall I see my Fa-ther's face, and in His bo - som__rest?
 When shall I see my Fa-ther's face, that scat-ters night a__way?

Chorus

I am bound, (I am bound,) I am bound, (I am bound,) I am bound for the Promised Land!

I am bound, (I am bound,) I am bound, (I am bound,) I am bound for the Promised Land!

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*