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WELCOME TO
**CHRIST
CHURCH**
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To all who are spiritually weak 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;
and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TO OUR GUESTS: **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "**The Liturgical Elements of Worship**" on page 8 of the bulletin.



**Preparation
for Worship**

This is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather.

**Call to
Worship**

It is the Lord who calls His people to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We do not call ourselves. Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.

Invocation

This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress."

- Isaiah 65:17-19

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: *Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: *O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!*

- Psalm 68:32-35

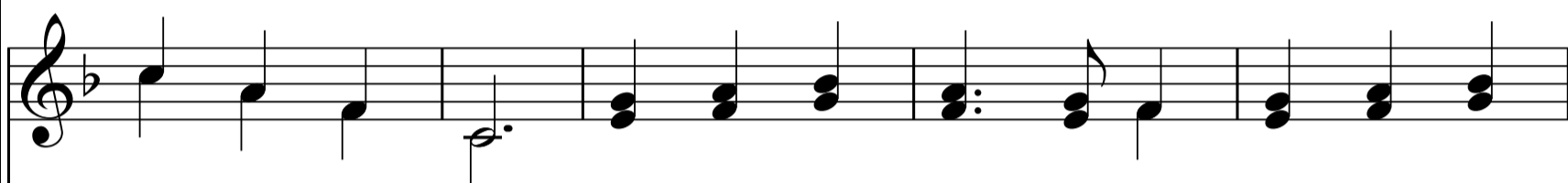
Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn of Praise

This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.



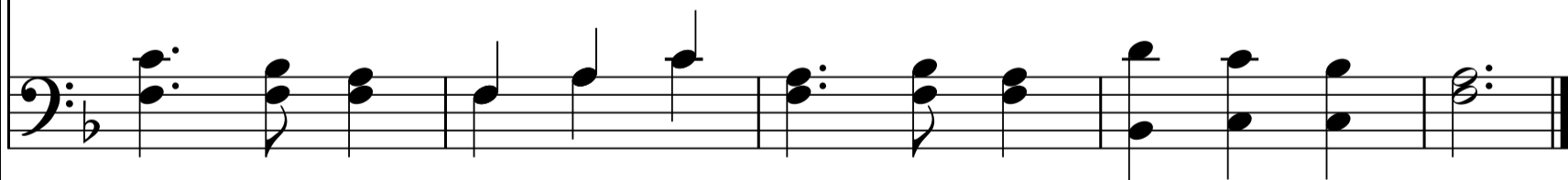
1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,



help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
scat - ter thy foes. Let thine al - might - y aid our sure de -
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more. His sov - 'reign maj - est - y may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
fense be made, our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.



Corporate Confession of Sin

Having come into His presence, we are reminded that we are sinners in need of the deliverance from sin and its power. We both confess and lament sin as an act of worship and faith in the God Who promises to deliver His people from all their sin and sorrow. We encourage a posture of prayer (sitting or kneeling) that is most comfortable for you.

Elder: *Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?*

All: ***We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.***

Elder: *There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;*

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All: *for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.*

Elder: *But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

All: *Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.* - Isaiah 64:5b-9

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

Psalm 6 (O Lord In Wrath Rebuke Me Not)

(TUNE: HAMBURG - When I Survey)

OPC/URCNA

Lowell Mason

Hymn of Confession/ Lament

This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.

2 3 4 5

O Lord, in wrath re - buke me not; in an - ger
My soul with an - guish is dis - stressed. O Lord, how
For none in death re - mem - bers You, and who will
My eyes grow weak with tears of grief; they fail be -
The Lord ac - cepts my prayer for help; the Lord has

6 7 8 9 10

do not chas - ten me. Have mer - cy Lord, for
long will You de - lay? Lord, turn to me, and
praise You from the grave? My sighs and moa - ning
cause of all my foes. De - part from me, all
heard my cry and plea. My en - e - mies dis -

11 12 13 14 15 16

I am faint; Lord, heal me in my a - go - ny.
free my soul; in lo - ving - kind - ness, save, I pray.
wea - ry me; each night my bed with tears I bathe.
e - vil men! The Lord has heard my tear - ful woes.
graced and shamed, will sud - den - ly turn back from me.

Assurance of Salvation

Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Hymn of Faith

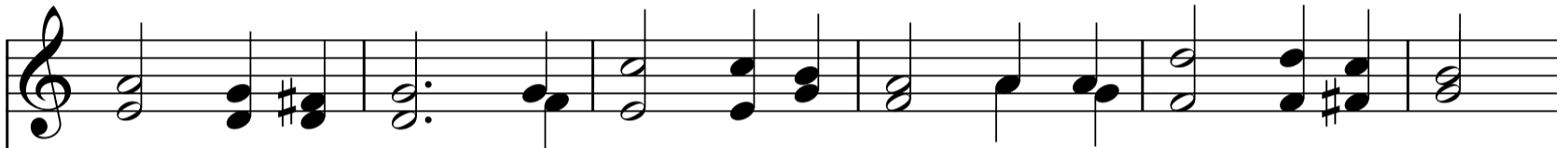
This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.

Elder: *And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.* - Hebrews 9:27-28

When Peace, Like a River



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



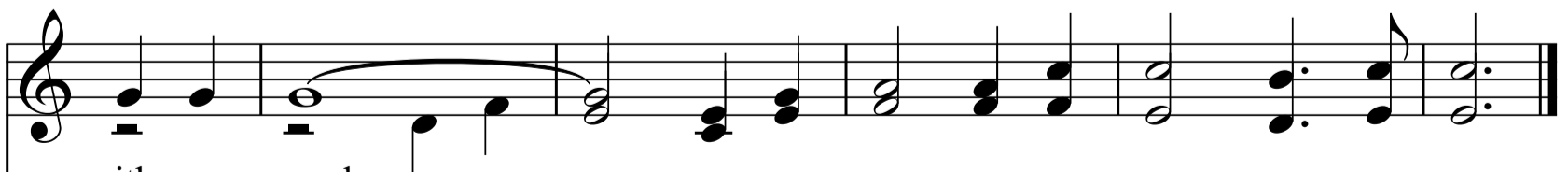
sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



Refrain



“It is well, it is well with my soul.”
and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
“E - ven so”— it is well with my soul.



with my soul;
with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.



**Scripture
Reading**

*We read from both
Old and New
Testaments
because they are
not two different
books but both are
a part of God's
unfolding plan of
redemption.*

**Hymn of
Preparation**

*This hymn is
gospel-focused and
sermon-oriented
and planned with
the children in
mind.*

Old Testament - Psalm 50:1-6
New Testament - 2 Peter 3:1-13
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

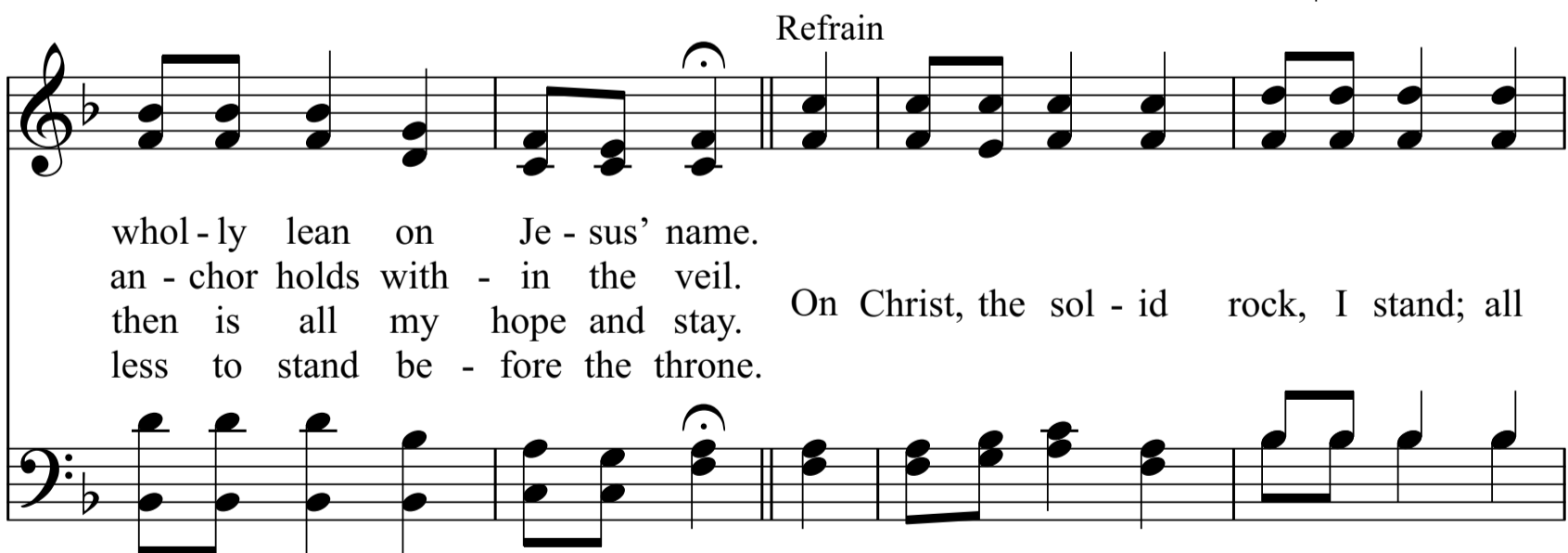


1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Sermon

The preaching of God's Word is a means by which God bestows grace on His people.

THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING

2 Peter 3:1-13

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - promise, coming, wait(ing), patience, judgment, Christ

Confession of Faith

Being a part of the communion of saints, we take this time to confess the truth that has been embraced by the church throughout history.

Elder: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.

And 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.

The Apostles' Creed

***catholic meaning universal**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Word having been preached, the death of Christ is now showed forth through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and grace.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.

Pastoral Prayer

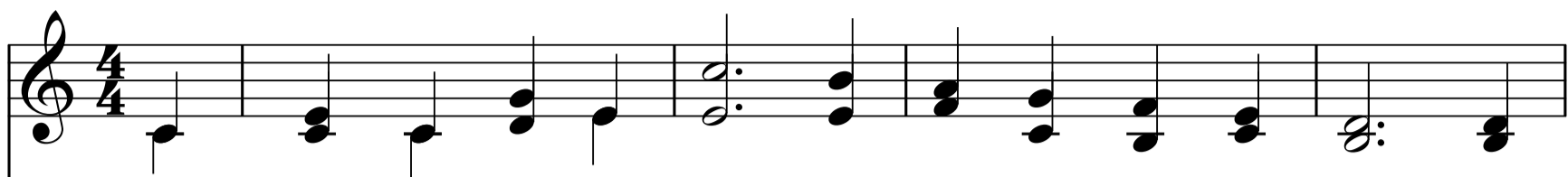
We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.

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!

**Offertory/Hymn
of Response**

Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.

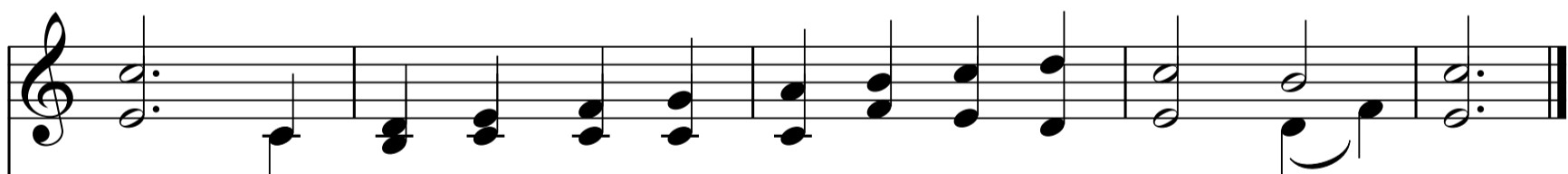
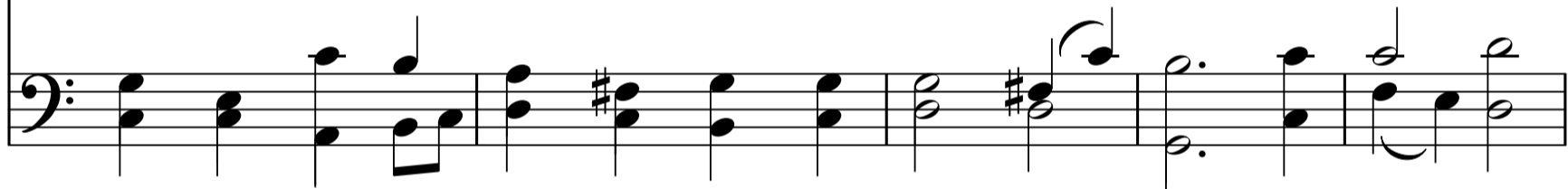
Psalm 92A



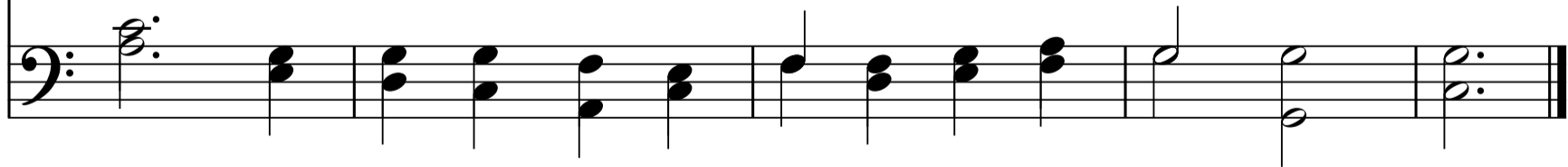
1. ¹It's good to thank the LORD, to praise your name, Most High; ²to
2. ⁴Your deeds, LORD, made me glad; I'll sing of what you've done. How
3. ⁷All sin - ners grow like grass, the wick - ed mul - ti - ply; and
4. ¹⁰You've poured oil on my head, like o - xen I'm made strong. ¹¹I've
5. ¹³Those plant - ed by the LORD will in God's courts be seen; ¹⁴when



tell your love at dawn, your faith - ful - ness by night ³with ten - stringed
great your works, O LORD, ⁵how deep your thoughts each one. ⁶A sense - less
• yet they'll be de - stroyed. ⁸But, LORD, you stay on high. ⁹Your foes, LORD,
seen and heard the fate of those who've done me wrong. ¹²Like thriv - ing
old they'll still bear fruit and flour - ish fresh and green, ¹⁵and this pro -



lyre, re - sound - ing mu - sic played up - on the harp and lyre.
man de - void of knowl - edge, this truth will not un - der - stand:
• fall; your foes will per - ish, e - vil - do - ers scat - tered all.
palm the righ - teous grows, like ce - dars tall in Leb - a - non.
claim: how up - right is the LORD, my rock, no wrong in him!



Doxology

We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.

Benediction

We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Pastor: May grace and peace be multiplied to all of you who are in Christ.

- 1 Peter 1:2, 5:14

People: And also to you.

Information

CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word "worship". There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ's death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don't we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don't we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren't just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

Weekly Catechism: WSC Q&A 28

Q: Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

A: Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Wednesday

Sing “It Is Well”.

Read 2 Peter 3:7-9, Psalm 90, and WSC 28 .

What concern is Peter addressing in these verses? Why is it important to understand God's eternity? What is the purpose of God's patience and kindness? Why has He not yet judged the world? What should God's patience lead us to do?

Monday

Sing “Come, Thou Almighty King”.

Read 2 Peter 3:1-2, 1 Timothy 4:1-10, and WSC 28.

What is the first letter Peter wrote?

Why did he want to stir up his readers? What prophetic words does he have in mind? What commandments? What is godliness? How can we train for it? What benefits are there in pursuing it?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 6.

Read 2 Peter 3:3-6, Genesis 1:1-27, Genesis 7:17-24, and WSC 28.

What are scoffers? What does Peter say they will challenge? Why will they challenge it? How does Peter prove them wrong? What does he mean that the earth was formed out of water? By God's word? What does the flood teach us about God's judgment? How does it strengthen our belief in the future day of judgment?

Thursday

Sing “My Hope is Built (The Solid Rock)”.

Read 2 Peter 3:10-12, Matthew 24:36-51, and WSC 28.

What does it mean that the last day will come like a thief? That earthly works will be exposed? What is Peter's exhortation in light of the coming judgment? Why does he call us to godliness instead of license? What does it mean to wait for the day? To hasten it? How can we be awake and ready for Christ's return?

Friday

Sing Psalm 92.

Read 2 Peter 3:13, Isaiah 65:27, Revelation 21:1-8 and 22-27, and WSC 28.

When will there be a new heavens and new earth? How are they described? What does Peter mean that righteousness dwells in them? Who will live there? Will you? How do you know? What promise is that based on? How should you live as you await that day?

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Tilley House

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Kenny (479) 616-7493

Demers - Rogers

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Demers House

Contact: Grant (254) 493-4067

Raines - West Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Raines House

Contact: Aaron (479) 644-6148

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Warren - East Bella Vista

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

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SERMON NOTES

THE PROMISE OF HIS COMING 2 Peter 3:1-13

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