

The Lord's Day in Worship

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MORNING WORSHIP

The Christian Greeting and Announcements *Kirk Hunter*

The Silent, Personal Preparation for Worship

We Enter Into God's Presence

☙ **The Call to Worship** Psalm 145:1, **2-3**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

☙ **The Psalm of Ascents**

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing #145D, sts. 4-6

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

☙ **The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

☙ **The Hymn of Praise**

Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray #151

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

The Confession of Our Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism Question 80, p. 886

The Psalm of Lament *The Fool Speaks in His Heart* #14

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, Romans 12:19a

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Morning Prayers

The Call to Confession 2 Chronicles 30:9b

For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.

The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Confession of Sin

Our Father in Heaven, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. But You, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. There is forgiveness with You. Bind up the broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn of Praise *Doxology* #567

The Offering

The point is this: 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. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

We Receive God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which 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.

ꕥ **The Hymn of Petition**
Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast #173

ꕥ **The Scripture Reading** John 11:17-27

The Preaching of God's Word *Rev. Nick Bullock*

"The Better Hope of Resurrection"

ꕥ **The Hymn of Preparation** *In Christ Alone* #265

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

ꕥ **The Hymn of Response**
Man of Sorrows! What a Name #352

ꕥ **The Benediction**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Personal Notes on John 11:17-27

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Reading of God's Law

Minister: God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All:

1. **You shall have no other gods before me.**
2. **You shall not make any graven image.**
3. **You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain.**
4. **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
5. **Honor your father and your mother.**
6. **You shall not murder.**
7. **You shall not commit adultery.**
8. **You shall not steal.**
9. **You shall not bear false witness.**
10. **You shall not covet.** (Ex 20:1–17)

Minister: Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he said:

ALL: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Mt 22:37–40)

Invitation to the Sacraments and Fencing the Table

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted this sacred supper as the covenant meal of the New Testament, commanding us to "do this, in remembrance of (Him)," and by so doing proclaim His death, "until He comes," the Supper superseding the Passover as the covenant meal for the people of God, even as the Cross supersedes the Exodus as the culminating redemptive event of history. Like all covenantal meals, it is both a sign (portraying Christ's benefits) and a seal (confirming or ratifying our covenant with Christ). As we partake of the emblems of Christ's suffering, God confirms afresh the promised benefits of the cross: pardon, reconciliation, and eternal life. We, in turn, reaffirm our covenant privileges and responsibilities in the present, and anticipate His future return.

What is the meaning of the service?

We remind ourselves as we approach the Lord's Table that Christ is spiritually present at the Table as the common elements of bread and the cup are set apart, or consecrated through prayer. This is no mere memorial service. Neither are we to think that Christ is physically, carnally, or locally present. Though the bread remains bread and the cup remains cup, they do become the body and blood of Christ spiritually. We enjoy communion or fellowship in His body and blood (1 Cor 10:16), as we feed upon Him by faith, in our hearts. Here we partake of "spiritual food" and "spiritual drink" (1 Cor 10:3, 4).

What is the importance of the service?
Since Christ is spiritually present at His table, and since we enjoy spiritual "communion" with Him there, through the Lord's Supper we receive His sustaining grace. Here our souls are fed. Here we find refreshment. Though we come with an awareness of weakness and failure, bruised and battered by the world, discouraged and compromised by sin, still Jesus extends His invitation and restores our honored place at His Table. Here we are renewed and strengthened. Here we "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood" (Jn 6:53). By this sacrament "Christ and all His benefits, are applied and sealed up unto us." Here we find "medicine for poor sick souls."

Who may partake?
It is required of those who participate in this meal that they be sincere, instructed, and accountable members of the church of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul warns us in the strongest terms not to participate in an "unworthy manner." It is necessary, he says, to "judge the body rightly." Hear his words:

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" (1 Cor 11:27–30).

Therefore, if you are an unbeliever, if you are an unrepentant believer, living in defiance of Christ's commands: if you do not understand are ignorant of the meaning of the bread and cup, or if you are not a member of Christ's church, do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to remain among us and use this time to ask God to speak to your hearts through His word and sacrament, and give you more light and understanding. But if you are a sincere believer, walking in obedience to Christ, understanding the meaning of the Supper, and are accountable, being a communicant in good standing in an evangelical church, we invite you to come to partake of His body and blood.

This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such. But it is the Lord's Table and an ordinance of the church. To the church Christ gave the "keys of the Kingdom" (Mt 16:18; 18:18; Jn 20:23). The church alone grants access to the Table, and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor 5:6-8). Thus to all who are sincere, informed, and approved by the Church of Jesus Christ, "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth," we invite to come to the Lord's Table, and "find ease, refreshment, and strength (for your) weak and wearied souls."

The Words of Institution
1 Corinthians 11:23–26: "For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Material from: Terry L. Johnson, Leading in Worship (Powder Springs, Georgia: Tolle Lege Press, 2013), pp. 56-57, 83-87

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

for Rev. Nathan Gibbs as Pastor of Covenant Fellowship Church

☙ **The Call to Worship**
Psalm 99 — *RE Kirk Hunter*

☙ **The Psalm of Praise**
Great Is the LORD Our God — #48A

☙ **The Invocation** — *Rev. Nicholas Bullock*

☙ **The Scripture Reading**
1 Timothy 4:6-16 — *RE Sammy Rothfuss*

☙ **The Psalm of Ascents**
God, My King, Thy Might Confessing — #145D

☙ **The Scripture Reading**
2 Timothy 4:1-8 — *RE Matthew Strickler*

Sermon — *Rev. Nicholas Bullock*

"The Gatekeeper"
John 10:1-5

The Installation

The Proceeding of Presbytery — *TE Toby DuBose*

The Questions for Installation — *TE Johannes Damaschke*

The Questions for the Congregation — *RE Matthew Strickler*

The Prayer of Installation — *RE Sammy Rothfuss*

The Declaration — *TE Johannes Damaschke*

☙ **Hymn** *Doxology* #570

The Charge to the Pastor — *TE Phil Gelston*

The Charge to the Congregation — *TE Toby DuBose*

The Closing Prayer — *RE Kirk Hunter*

☙ **The Hymn of Response** *Lead On, O King Eternal* #544

☙ **The Benediction** — *TE Nathan Gibbs*

☙ *Congregation, please stand as able*

Personal Notes on John 10:1-5

The Questions for Installation

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

The Questions for the Congregation

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Nathan Gibbs as your pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Commissioners of The Southeast Alabama Presbytery

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Rev. Nicholas Bullock, Senior Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA), New Braunfels, TX, USA

A Reformed and Presbyterian Church committed to the preaching of God's Word, prayer, and the administration of the sacraments, for salvation is found in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, all for the glory of God alone!

10:00 am Sunday School

11:30 am Morning Service

5:00 pm Evening Service

