



What Am I



Supposed to Get Out of Worship?



New Covenant Presbyterian Church
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The Worship of God

Welcome, Announcements and Sharing of Our Vision

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Preparing to Meet God

Prelude... I have heard it said that some people chose not to attend a certain church or denomination because they don't get much out of worship. What should we get out of worship? Why should we give up our Sunday mornings to go out to a church service when we could relax at home – or attend a kid's sporting event. Our weekdays are so busy, we should be able to take it easy on Sunday morning. What is the purpose of attending a church service if I don't get anything out of it???? Today, let's explore the purpose of worship. What we should expect to get out of worship, and why it is so very important. Let us open our hearts and minds as we ask for God to enlighten us to His mystery. We shall start with a call to worship, which is the beginning of the service that calls God's people into His presence and focuses on God, helping us tune in to Him.

Call to Worship

L: Psalm 63:1–4 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;

P: My soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

L: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

P: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

A: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

***Hymn of Praise – See ye first Page #**

Prayer of Confession:

A: We acknowledge that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory.

L: A time of silence will be observed for personal confession at the conclusion of this prayer. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

A: 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 soul 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...

(Lay leader: allow 30 seconds for silent prayer –screen/slide should have the words: Silent Prayer)

A: Lord Have Mercy. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

A: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

L: Believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

A: Thanks be to God!

***Hymn:** As the Deer

Meeting God in the Word

Childrens' Message:

Prayer for Illumination

Heavenly Father; we are so grateful that you are here with us, in this place, desiring to be in relationship with each and every one of us. As we prepare to hear your word, open our hearts and our minds. Clear the world from our thoughts that we may focus on your Word. May it permeate our minds, our hearts and guide our lives. Bless your word onto our hearts oh Lord that we may live by it. In Jesus Holy name we pray, Amen.

First Lesson

Psalm 71:1-6

¹In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. ²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me. ³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. ⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. ⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

L: This is the word of the Lord

A: Praise be to God

Second Lesson John 15:4–5, 9–10 (CSB)

Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. . . . As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

HYMN: Just as I am

Sermon What do I get out of worship?

Elder, Donna Casey

Responding to the Word

***Hymn** Nearer my God to thee

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed – Traditional Version

A: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers and testimony of the People and the Lord's Prayer**Cares Chorus:**

*I cast all my cares upon you.
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.
And anytime I don't know what to do,
I cast all my cares upon you.*

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

The Invitation *You are invited to place your offering in the basket in the back of the sanctuary.*

Hymn of Dedication: Give Thanks**Prayer of Dedication**

Going Out to Serve God

*** Blessing** **Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there, He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe in this and go in His grace, and love, and power.**

***Response**

He Is Lord