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The life of the church mirrors the gospel pattern in the life of a disciple. This is demonstrated in our order of worship (the bulletin you are holding): Opening moments offer recognition of the greatness and goodness of God that naturally folds into confession, assurance of pardon, songs of thanksgiving, instruction, and a charge to serve God in response to His grace in Christ.

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The Holy Spirit is beyond doubt the greatest gift which God can bestow upon man. Having this gift, we have all things, life, light, hope, and heaven. Having this gift, we have God the Father's boundless love, God the Son's atoning blood, and full communion with all three Persons of the blessed Trinity. Having this gift, we have grace and peace in the world that is now is, glory and honor in the world to come.

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Order of Worship *January 11, 2015*

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Welcome and Announcements

Celebrating His Presence

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We believe everyone worships something and that we will inevitably imitate and serve what we worship.

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Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light,
O Light of light, light's living Spring, true Day, all days illumining:

Come, very Sun of heaven's love, in lasting radiance from above,
And pour the Holy Spirit's ray on all we think or do today.

And now to You our prayers ascend, O Father, glorious without end;
We plead with Sovereign Grace for pow'r to conquer in temptation's hour.

Confirm our will to do the right, and keep our hearts from envy's blight;
Let faith her eager fires renew, and hate the false, and love the true.

Dawn's glory gilds the earth and skies, let Him, our perfect Morn, arise,
The Word in God the Father one, the Father imaged by the Son.

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Eternal God, Lover of the loveless, it is Your will that we should love You with all of our heart, mind and strength, and that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. But we are not sufficient for these things. By nature, our every affection is turned away from You, and we are bound, slaves to our lusts and evil desires, until You set us free. Have mercy on us, because of Christ. We know that because of His sacrifice, You accept as Your children those who do not deserve even a taste of Your mercy. Cleanse us from our destructive ways, turn our hearts to Your will, and make Your commandments the joy of our souls. Teach us to walk in the right way, and give us the strength to persevere in doing good. Make us like Jesus, that His glory may be seen in all we do, to the praise of Your glorious grace.



The gospel moment is a time we use to remind people of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By His obedience we are justified, and by His death we are reconciled to God. As we apprehend this we are ready to confess our sin.



Since we understand that we are redeemed sinners, we agree with God about our sin to the end that we might be confirmed in the forgiveness and absolution we have in Christ. This pattern of confession makes way for affirmation and confirmation of God's covenant promise that He assures every believer of pardon for the sake of Christ's obedience and substitution.





*For assurance of
pardon, the man who
has faith is the man
who is no longer
looking at himself
and no longer looking
to himself. He looks
entirely to the Lord
Jesus Christ and His
finished work, and
rests on that alone".
-Martyn Lloyd-Jones*



Assurance of Pardon

People: Thanks be to God!

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion Thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face;
I confess Thy judgment just, speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Baptism of Covenant Child

Cole Haddon McNiel

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

O Day of Rest and Gladness

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light;
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;
On thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, Holy, Holy", to the great God Triune.

On thee, at the creation the light first had its birth;
On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;
On thee our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n
And thus on thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;
A garden intersected with streams of Paradise;
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry, dreary sand;
From thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.

New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest.
*To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The church her voice upraises, to Thee, blest Three in One.

*(*repeat at asterisk)*

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You. ↗



*Now that we have reenacted the story of the gospel as a church community. We now **experience the renewal** merited for us by Jesus Christ. We express this renewal in our singing praises to Jesus for His great mercy towards us.*



Chorus: To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy.”

(repeat all/repeat chorus)

Bridge: Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.

(repeat bridge)



*Jesus, our shepherd,
prays with us and for
us. We pray the
pastoral prayer
expecting the Holy
Spirit to minister
Jesus' benefits to us
as He prays for us.*

Pastoral Prayer



*(Children ages 4-6
may be dismissed for
Children's Church
during song)*

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word



Like a River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way. *(refrain)*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry, touch the spirit there. *(refrain)*

Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love.
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *(refrain)*

Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.



Receiving of tithes and offerings is not an “add on” to the service. It is part of worship. We demonstrate our trust in God’s present provision and hope in our future with Him by supporting the spread of the Gospel.



Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Response

Come Ye Sinners

Come ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome; God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.
If you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, ‘tis the Spirit’s rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

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*The Guidelines to receiving the **Lord’s Supper** can be found on page 12.*



*The **Benediction** is a pronouncement of God’s favor upon His assembled people.*



Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine)

Benediction

