



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.*



In the New Testament, and thus in the Presbyterian Church in America, there are two fundamental types of officers in the Church: *elders* and *deacons*. And within the office of elder are the two kinds of elders: *teaching elders* (commonly referred to as ministers or preachers) and *ruling elders*. The elders jointly are responsible for the government and spiritual oversight of the church, including teaching. In conformity to Scripture, the office of elder is open to men only. The Bible requires the elders to watch diligently over the flock committed to their charge, to promote sound belief and godly living. The elders exercise government and discipline, and take oversight of the spiritual interests of the particular church.

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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence



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



Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul He fills, the God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of His might, lo, all is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory!

I cried to Him in time of need, Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death He gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank Him, thank our God with me,
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their Refuge and their Rock, their Peace and their Salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band,
To God all praise and glory!

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

God of the sinner, be merciful to me for I am a sinner by nature and practice; this Your Word proclaims me to be, and this I feel myself to be. Yet You have not left me to despair, for there is no "perhaps" in Your grace. I have all the assurance I need that in Christ is abundant redemption. In spite of the number and heinousness of my sins You have given me the promise of life if I will but turn to You in repentance and faith. May I encourage myself by a sense of Your all-sufficiency, by faith in Your promises, by the views and experiences of others. May I flee to that dear Refuge in which so many have found shelter from every storm. And be cleansed from every sin.

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*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.

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*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.*

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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!

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord, great is Thy faithfulness.

(repeat)

The Blessing

Minister: The grace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greeting One Another in the Name of the Lord

Experiencing Renewal

Open Your Eyes

Open your eyes, see the glory of the King;
Lift up your voice and His praises sing.
I love you Lord, I will proclaim
Alleluia, I bless Your name.

(repeat)

Alleluia, I bless Your name.

My Hope

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, He is my only plea.
Though all the world should point and scorn,
His ransom leaves me free, His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive and strain towards the goal.
Though still I stumble into sin,
His death paid for it all, His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur to help me run this race.
I know my tears will turn to joy
The day I see His face, the day I see His face.

My hope is to be with my Lord, to know as I am known.
To serve Him gladly all my days
In praise before His throne, in praise before His throne.

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*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.*

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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

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

Come, Let us Worship and Bow Down



(children 4-5
years are
dismissed to
Children's
Church at this
time)


Chorus: Come let us worship and bow down,
And kneel before the Lord, our Maker. *(repeat)*

He is our God, He is our God;
We are the people of His pasture.
He is our God, He is our God;
We are the sheep of His Hand. *(chorus)*

Bridge: Worship the Lord in holiness;
Let the whole earth stand in awe.
He will come to judge the world
In righteousness and truth.



**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

O Lord, You're Beautiful

O Lord, You're beautiful,
Your face is all I seek.
For when Your eyes are on this child,
Your grace abounds to me.

(repeat)



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



Benediction

