



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.*



The Bible emphasizes God's manifest presence, not only His omnipresence. There is a difference between saying "God is everywhere," and saying "God is here." The former is the default category for most Christians. We talk about God's presence being inescapable and that He is "everywhere present" (Psalm 139:5-12; 1 Kings 8:27).

But it seems Scripture is more concerned with His presence manifest in relationship and redemption. And though these divine revelations are certainly not at odds, the biblical story does turn on God's being manifest with His people in Eden, the tabernacle/temple, the incarnation of Christ, and the new heaven and new earth.

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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

Call to Worship



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



Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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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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Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not walked humbly with You, loving justice and mercy. We beseech You, O God, to forgive what we have done, to help us to change our ways, and by Your mercy direct our steps in Your way. Then we shall be able to walk in the way of Your commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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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

Union with Christ

Union with Christ! What a glorious thought,
What a wonderful truth we embrace;
For His vict'ry attained makes the children of God
To endure, and to finish the race.

The hope that we have is no temporal thing
To be swayed by our failures or fears;
In Christ we have faith as our conquering King,
And the Christian through faith perseveres.

Chorus: Hallelujah! We are His. Hallelujah! We are His.
No greater love is there than this; Jesus is ours and we are His.

Union with Christ! What a glorious thought
To be one with the Lion and the Lamb!
To be given a heart that responds as it ought
To the great everlasting, "I AM". (*chorus*)

Hallelujah! We are His. Deepest communion, sweetest bliss;
No greater love is there than this: Jesus is ours and we are His.
Jesus is ours and we are His.

Forevermore

Long before the earth, before there was light,
Lord, You were—endless are You, God.
No time can contain all You are;
There's no other God before You,
There's no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore.

Chorus: There's no other God before You,
There is no one to replace You; You are forevermore.
There's no other God I call to, You are the One that I cling to,
You are forevermore. ↗

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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.
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Faithful are You, God; You never change.
Lord, You are. Only You are God.
Forever You reign above it all.
There's no other God before You, There's no one to replace You.
You are forevermore, and there's no other God I call to.
You are the One that I cling to; You are forevermore. (*chorus*)

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation to Hear God's Word

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.
Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus: This the pow'r of the cross; Christ became sin for us—
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry! (*chorus*)

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free!
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

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

Preaching of the Word

Tim Posey

Series: Special
"God with Us" Matthew 1:18-25
Theme: *Immanuel*

Introduction:

I. Jesus is God

II. He is God *with* us

III. He is God with *us*.

Conclusion:

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Since Jesus Christ
has committed
Himself to us in the
laying down of His
precious life, we are
reminded of this in
the preaching of the
Word and likewise
called to a daily,
deepening
commitment to
follow after Him.

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Receiving of Tithes and Offerings



**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.



Song of Response

There Is a Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day:
And there may I, as vile as he,
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose it's pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.



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



Benediction

