



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.*



Our best duties are as so many splendid sins. Before you can speak peace to your heart you must not only be sick of your original and actual sin, but you must be made sick of your righteousness, of all your duties and performances. There must be a deep conviction before you can be brought out of your self-righteousness; it is the last idol taken out of our heart. The pride of the heart will not let us submit to the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

George Whitefield

Order of Worship

September 30, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

SMPC Music Team

Celebrating His Presence

Preparation for Worship

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



Call to Worship

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)*

Invocation

A Gospel Moment

The Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Lord God, You require us to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly before You. We confess that we have not loved You or our neighbor in this way. We repent of this. Grant that Your Holy Spirit drives us to seek these things through Christ.



*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!

It's Your Kindness

It's Your kindness that leads us to repentance, O Lord.
Knowing that You love us, no matter what we do
Makes us want to love you too.

(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

You Are High and Lifted Up

There is no glory in my own wisdom;
There is no power in my own strength;
There is no might in my own riches,
But I will boast in knowing You.

For You are high and lifted up, the glory of the nations,
You are high and lifted up, the Lord of all the earth,
You are high and lifted up, Creator, Redeemer,
And I will boast in knowing You.

A Shield About Me

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, You're the lifter of my head.

Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory; You're the lifter of my head.
Thou, O Lord, are a shield about me,
You're my glory, You're the lifter of my head.



*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.*





*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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord Most Holy, Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

Love caused your incarnation, love brought You down to me;
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace,
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race!

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon and cover by His grace.
He comes, for men procuring the peace of sin forgiv'n,
For all God's sons securing their heritage in heav'n.



*(children 4-6
years are
dismissed to
Children's
Church at
this time)*



Deepening Our Commitment

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Tim Posey

Series: The Superiority of Christ
"Abel: Saved by Faith" Hebrews 11:1-4
Theme: *Faith as Conviction*

Introduction:

- I. Two brothers: how they are alike

- II. Two brothers: How they are not alike

- III. Which brother are you?

Conclusion:



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.



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 Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. (*chorus*)

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. (*chorus*)

When I stand in glory I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that Holy place. (*chorus*)

Chorus: Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

(last time repeat chorus)

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

(Please note that the outer ring is juice and the inner rings are wine; the bread is gluten free)



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



Benevolence Offering

Benediction

