# INTERACTIVE WORSHIP BULLETINS AND ENRICHMENT BAGS



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# INTERACTIVE WORSHIP BULLETINS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Prelude

***Music to listen to as we gather and get ready for worship.***

## Announcements and Greetings

***Welcome to church! Announcements tellus about what's happening at church. Then we share the peace of Jesus' love with each other.***

How many different people can you say, "Peace be with you!" to today?

## *Call to Worship

It's time for worship to start! We are ready to worship God together.

## *Opening Hymn No. _____

***Hymn is another word for song. People feel close to God and each other when they sing.***

Ifyou don't want to sing, you can always dance or hum or pretend you are playing an instrument!
Write down lyrics that stood out to you today or draw a picture of something you heard in the song.

## *Prayer of Confession

***Confession means "Sorry, I shouldn't do that" and "Gotcha, I should do that."***

Draw a picture on the left of something you are sorry for and on the right of something you can do differently instead.

## *Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

***Good news! God loves us so much that we are forgiven of our sins!***

## *Sung Response

***Sing and dance and shout to say, "Thank you Jesus for forgiving me!"***

## Prayers of the People

***We share joys and concerns with each other before praying for our friends, neighbors, and world.***

What would you like to pray for?Draw a picture or write about it here:

## The Lord's Prayer

***Words Jesus taught us to use when we pray.***

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



**Today's Scripture Lesson:**

***We listen for God's word written in the Bible.***

Here aresome words or phrases that stood out to me:



**Sermon**

***The pastor helps us to listen and think about God's word.***

Who is preaching this morning? What was their message about?



**Presentation of Offerings**

***Everything we have comes from God.It'stime to give our gifts to God because God gives so much to us.***

What gifts can you share with othersthis week? Draw a picture or write about it here:



***Doxology**

***We sing praise to God for the blessings we have to share!***



***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***We pray to thank God for the gifts we have shared.***



***Closing Hymn No. _____ _**

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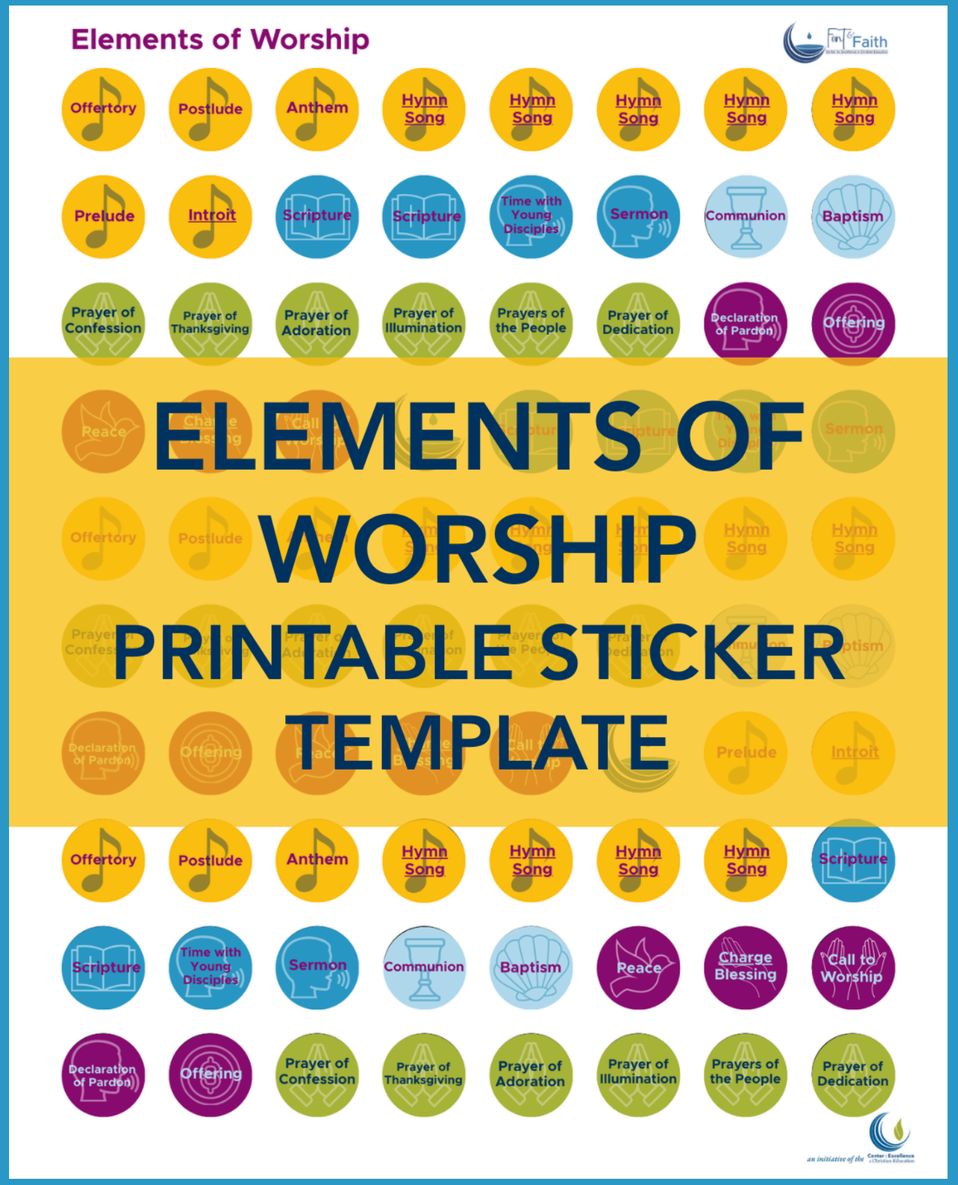


***Benediction**

***We are sent home with a charge and a blessing!***



**How do you feel after church today?**




# ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP PRINTABLE STICKER TEMPLATE

# KID'S BULLETINS

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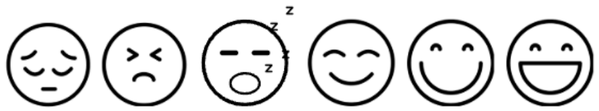
Sunday, July 26th, 2026

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## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church!

I am so happy that you are here with us today, it is always a good day when we are together!

How are you feeling today? Color in a face.



## Gathering Around the Word

Cross out every fourth letter in this curve of letters. Write the rest of letters in the spaces below to show what God said to Jesus at his baptism.

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____ _____. "

hint: read Matthew 3:17

## Proclaiming the Word

Our Bible Reading is:

Matthew 3 : 13 - 16

Your turn to trace:

Trace the Book of the Bible in Red,
Trace the Chapter Number in Blue,
Trace the Verse Numbers in Green.

Matthew 3 : 13 - 16

Today's sermon is about...

Questions I have during the Sermon:

Today during worship we will baptize Louise. What happens during a baptism?

## Responding to the Word

Put a sticker in the circle of the hymns you stood to sing!

1st hymn 2nd hymn 3rd hymn

Today, we saw a baptism, and told the story of Jesus' baptism. When we talk about baptism, it reminds us that God calls everyone God's child. With God, there's always a place for you to bleong.

What does it feel like to know there is a place for you? Draw a picture of that feeling here:

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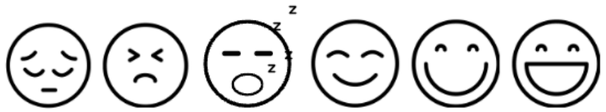
Sunday, June 28th, 2026

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## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church!

I am so happy that you are here with us today, it is always a good day when we are together!

How are you feeling today? Color in a face.



## Gathering Around the Word

Unscrable the words to read what God said to Moses when Zelophehad's daughters asked for their share of the promised land.

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## Proclaiming the Word

Our Bible Reading is:

Numbers 27 : 1 - 11

Your turn to trace:

Trace the Book of the Bible in Red,
Trace the Chapter Number in Blue,
Trace the Verse Numbers in Green.

Numbers 27 : 1 - 11

Doodle, take notes, or draw as you listen to what is said in worship today:




## Responding to the Word

Put a sticker in the circle of the hymns you stood to sing!

1st hymn 2nd hymn 3rd hymn

The Daughters of Zelophehad helped bring change to the whole community by being brave enough to speak up.

What does it take to be brave? Draw a picture or write about what you need to be brave:

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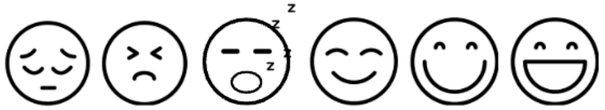
Sunday, June 21st, 2026

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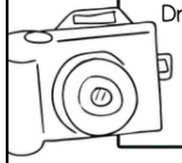


## Gathering Around the Word

Solve the puzzle to discover the word that is the main idea of our Bible story today.
Write the first letter of the name of each of the objects below on the line. The first one is done for you.

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Draw a picture of what faith looks like to you:

## Proclaiming the Word

Our Bible Reading is:

Hebrews 6 : 1 - 12

Your turn to trace:

Trace the Book of the Bible in Red,
Trace the Chapter Number in Blue,
Trace the Verse Numbers in Green.

Hebrews 6 : 1 - 12

Doodle, take notes, or draw as you listen to what is said in worship today:

## Responding to the Word

Put a sticker in the circle of the hymns you stood to sing!

1st hymn 2nd hymn 3rd hymn

Faith is holding on to our belief in God, and knowing that God is with us and loves us all the time, even when we feel unsure.

Draw a picture in response to these questions:
How do you keep God with you?
How do you hold on to your faith in God?

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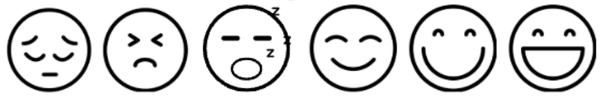
Sunday, April 26th, 2026

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## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church!

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How are you feeling today? Color in a face.



## Gathering Around the Word

Unscrable the words to read the promise at the end of our Bible story.

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## Proclaiming the Word

Trace the Book of the Bible in Red, Trace the Chapter Number in Blue, Trace the Verse Numbers in Green.

Our Bible Reading is:

Philippians 4 : 6, 7

Words I don't understand ...

Questions I have about what was said ...

What did you learn about God today?

Peace

## Responding to the Word

Put a sticker in the circle of the hymns you stood to sing!

1st hymn 2nd hymn 3rd hymn

## Words Matter

Every time we come to church we hear the words "share the peace of Christ with your neighbor."

What do you say during the Passing of the Peace? What do people tell you?

Write or draw what happens during the Passing of the Peace:

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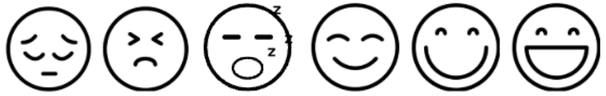
Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

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## Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church!

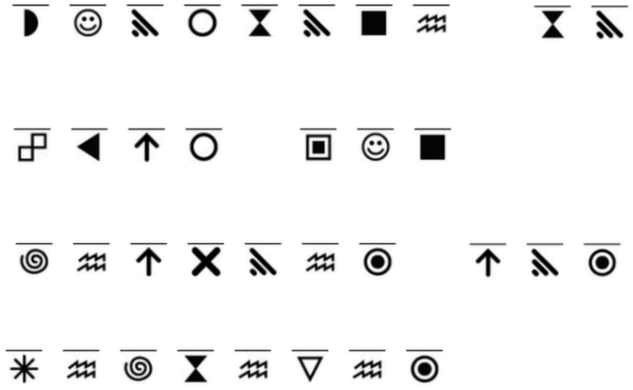
I am so happy that you are here with us today, it is always a good day when we are together!

How are you feeling today? Color in a face.



## Gathering Around the Word

Use the key below to decode what Paul said to encourage the church:



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## Proclaiming the Word

Trace the Book of the Bible in Red, Trace the Chapter Number in Blue, Trace the Verse Numbers in Green.

Our Bible Reading is:

2 Timothy 3 : 14 - 17

Words I don't understand ...

Questions I have about what was said ...

What did you learn about God today?

Word

## Responding to the Word

Put a sticker in the circle of the hymns you stood to sing!

| 1st hymn | 2nd hymn | 3rd hymn |
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## Words Matter

After we read scripture, we always say "The Word of God for the people of God" & "Thanks be to God"

What are you thankful about the Bible? Draw a Bible story in the box below that you are thankful for:

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Sunday, April 12th, 2026

title: artist's name:

# Welcome to Shandon Presbyterian Church!

I am so happy that you are here with us today, it is always a good day when we are together!

How are you feeling today? Color in a face.

## Gathering Around the Word

Unscramble the word below to discover what the disciples asked of Jesus as they were walking on the Road to Emmaus.

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## Proclaiming the Word

Trace the Book of the Bible in Red, Trace the Chapter Number in Blue, Trace the Verse Numbers in Green.

Our Bible Reading is:

Luke 24 : 13 - 35

What is today's sermon about?

### Sermon Bingo

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| walk | Jesus | road | Easter |
| journey | God | disciples | Peter |
| bread | Christ | cross | risen |
| Mary | tomb | meal | home |

## Responding to the Word

Put a sticker in the circle of the hymns you stood to sing!

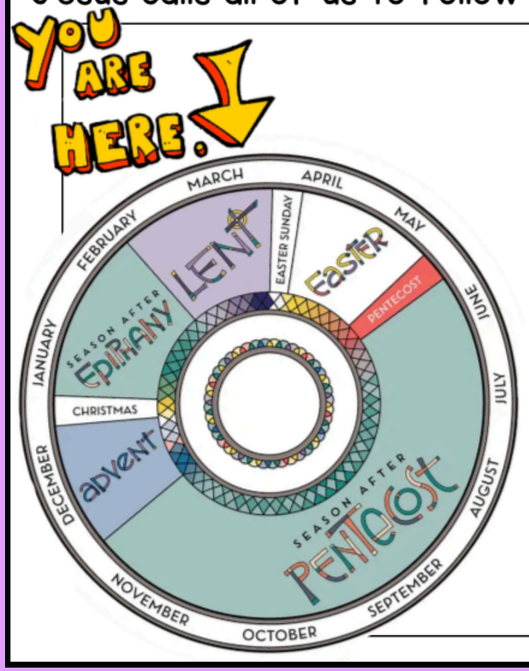
1st hymn 2nd hymn 3rd hymn

The disciples recognized Jesus when he broke bread and ate with them. When is a time that you felt like you saw God?

Draw a picture or write what it feels like for God to be with you:

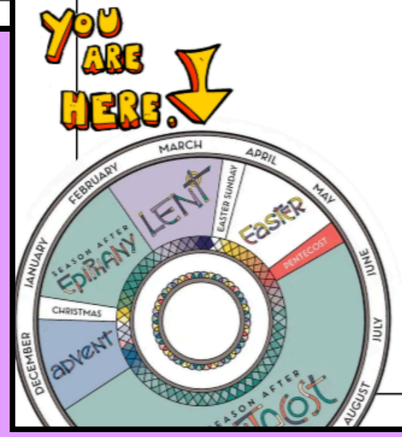
Today is the second Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season in our church calendar, when we prepare for Easter and the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Write or draw a way you can get ready for Easter, when we remember the good news that Jesus calls all of us to follow him!




Today is the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season in our church calendar, when we prepare for Easter and the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

In our story today, we learn that even though Peter loved Jesus and followed him, he still had a little doubt. Jesus helps Peter through his doubt. Write or draw a time when you doubted, what helped you then? What were some ideas that the youth gave?



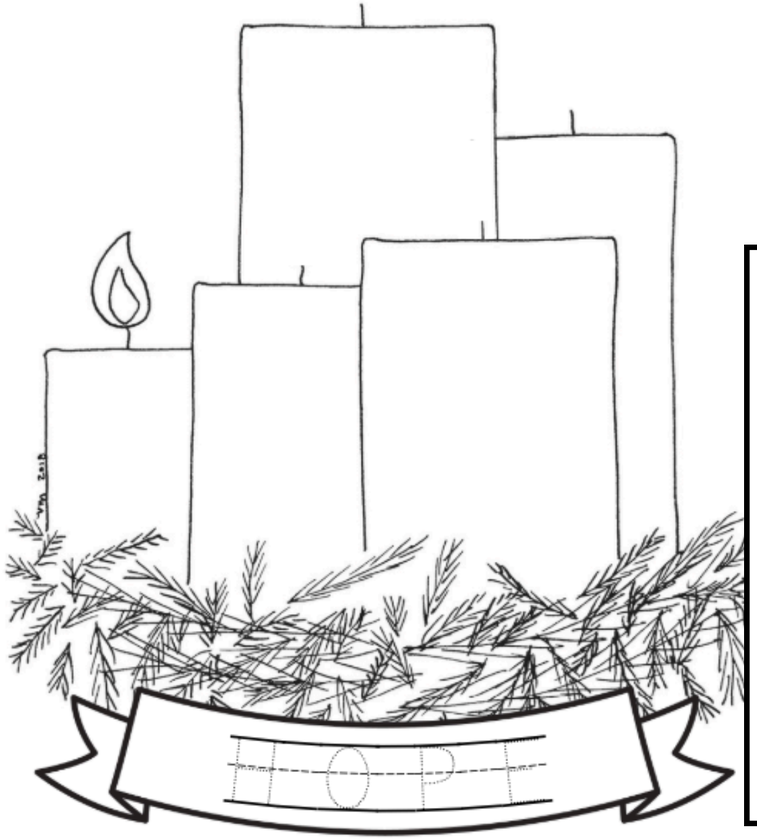

Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season in our church calendar, when we prepare for Easter and the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

In our story today, we hear Jesus's disciples answer the question "who do you say that I am?" Some of them say a great teacher, one says that Jesus is the savoir and Messiah!
Who do you think Jesus is? Write or draw about it here:

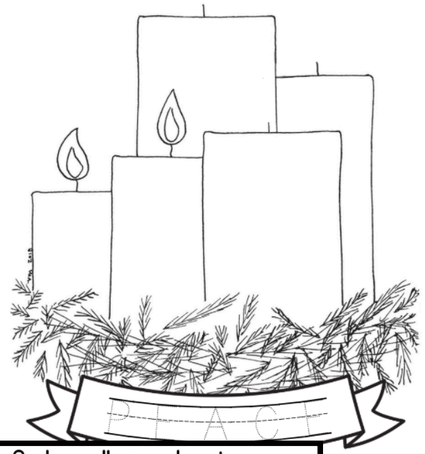


# Gathering Around the Word

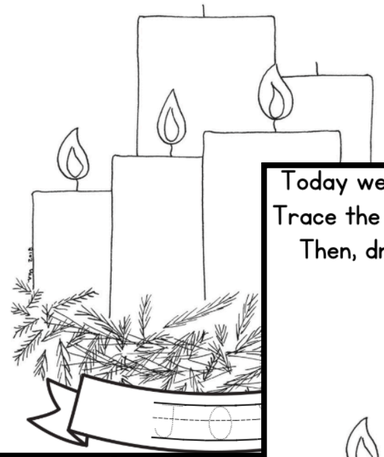
Today we light the 1st candle in advent:
Trace the word "HOPE" and color the candles.
Then, draw an arrow to the Hope candle.



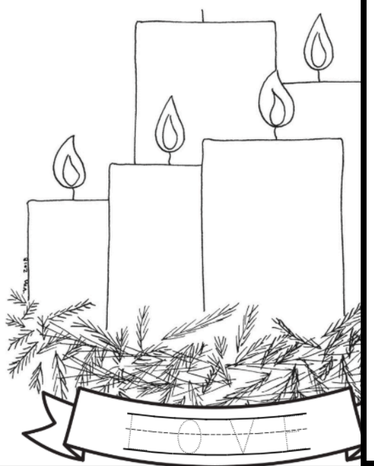

Today we light the 2nd candle in advent, peace:
Trace the word "PEACE" and color the candles.
Then, draw an arrow to the Peace candle.




Today we light the 3rd candle in advent, peace:
Trace the word "JOY" and color the candles.
Then, draw an arrow to the Joy candle.

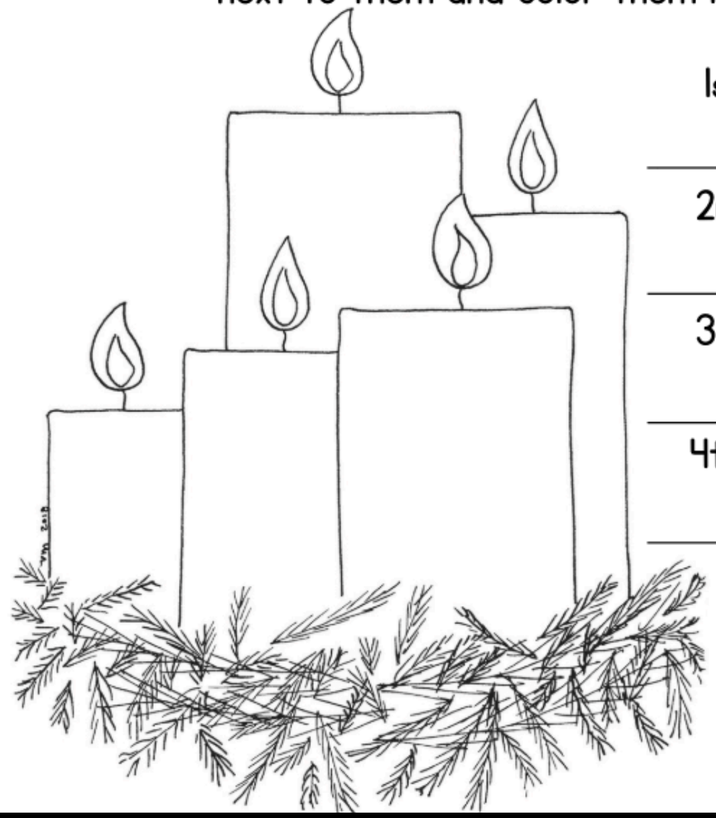


Today we light the 4th candle in ad
Trace the word "LOVE" and color
Then, draw an arrow to the Love




# Gathering Around the Word

Tonight is Christmas Eve! We will light the white candle tonight, the Christ candle to celebrate that Jesus is here! What are the other candles? Write their names next to them and color them in!



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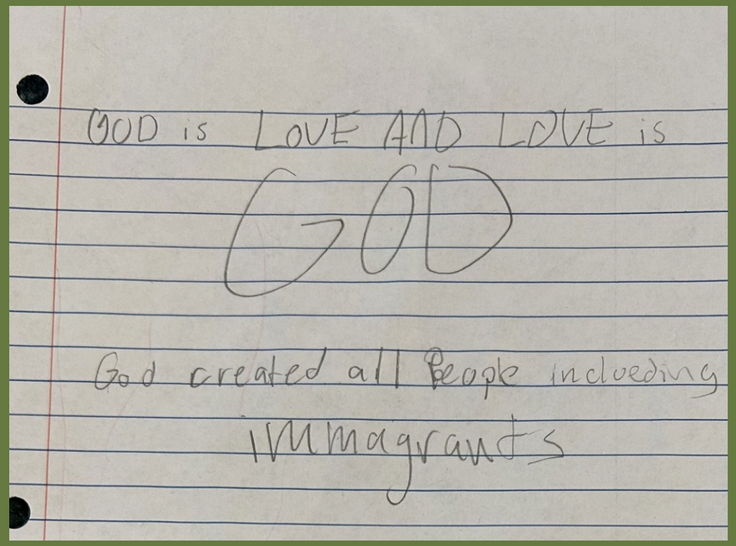
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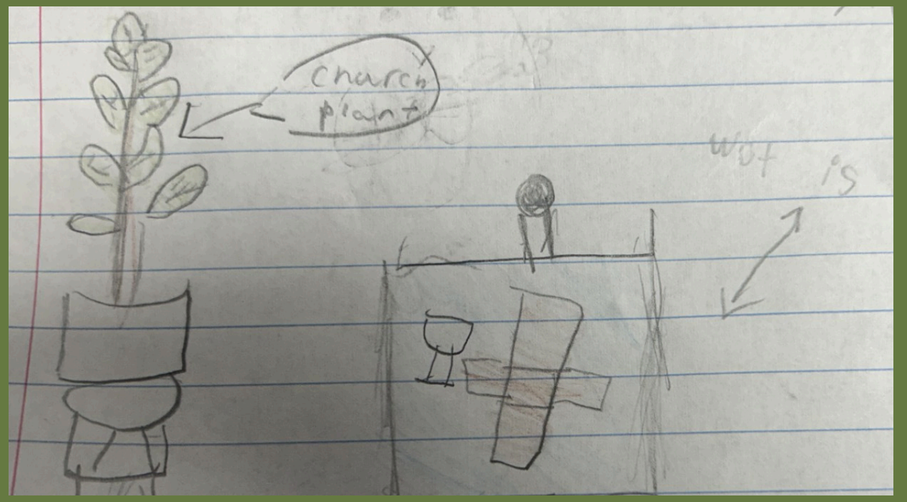
3rd Candle: _____

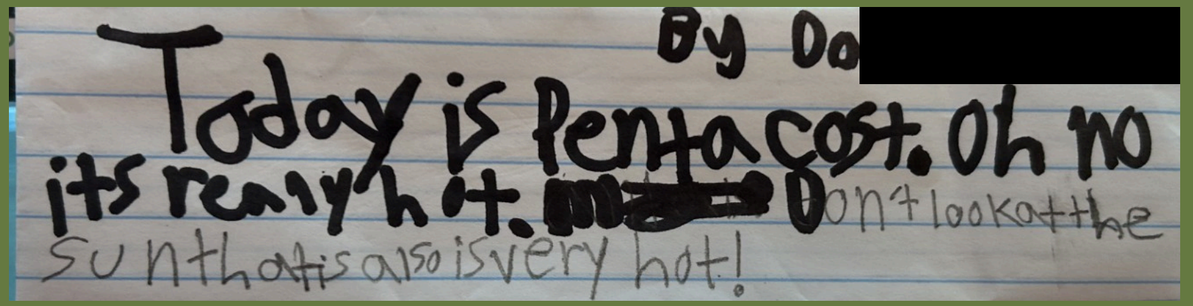
4th Candle: _____

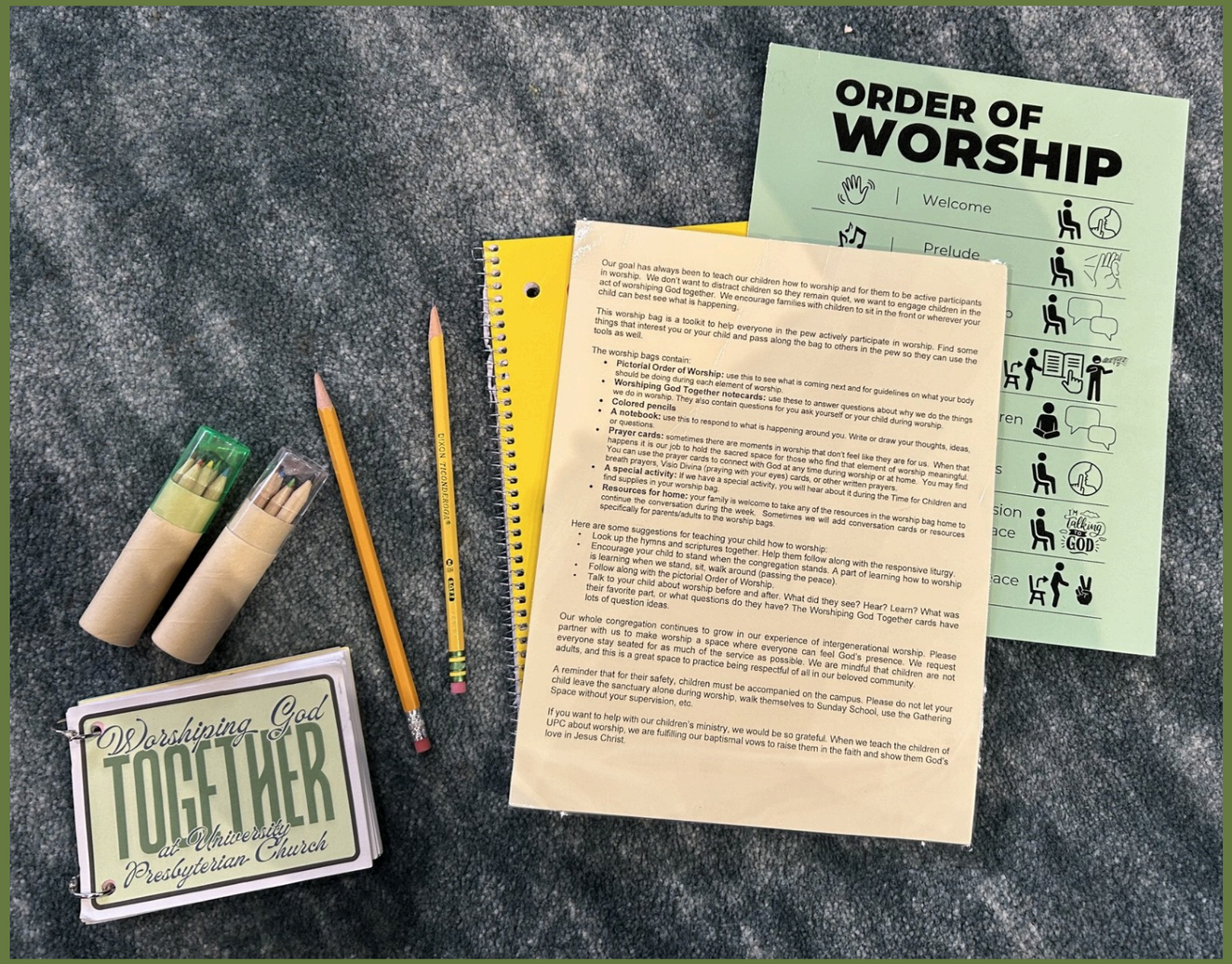
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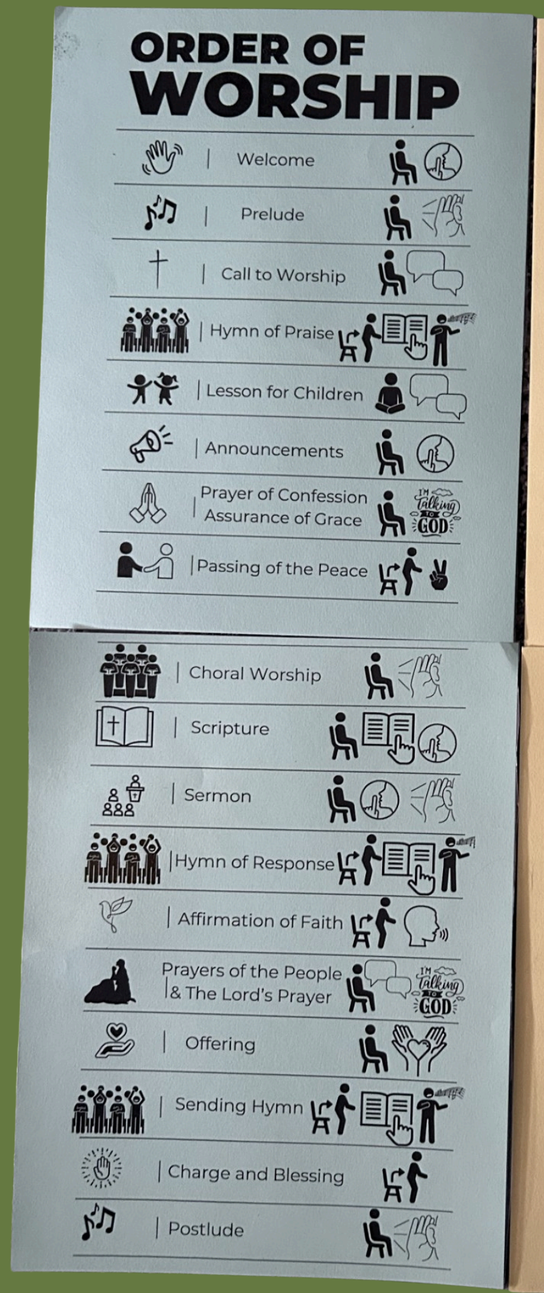

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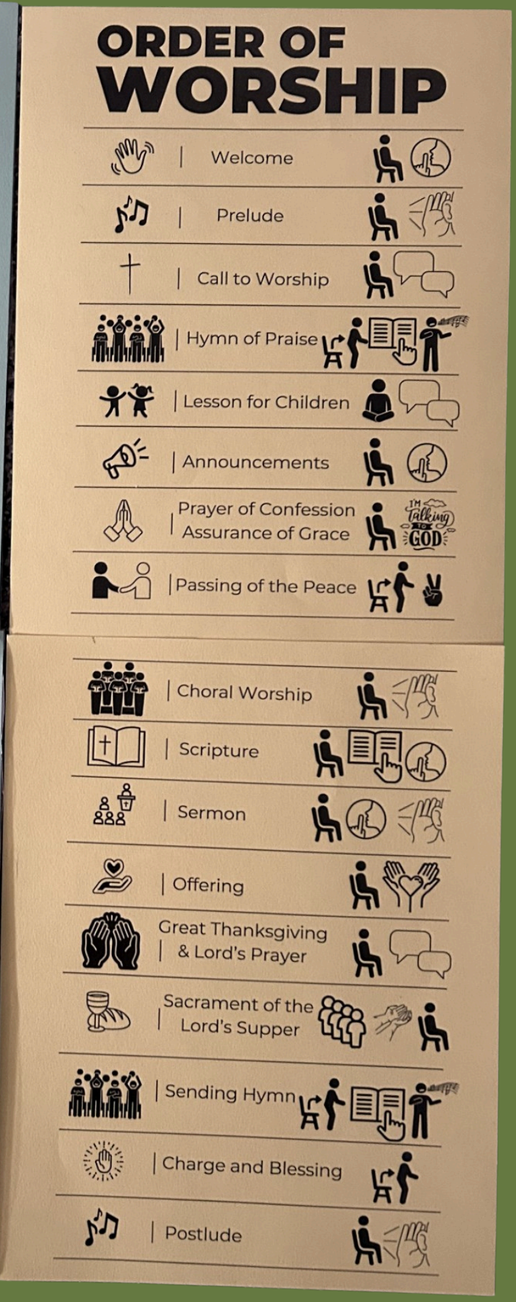

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Today is Pentacost. Oh no
its really hot. Don't look at the
sun that is also is very hot!


ORDER OF WORSHIP
Welcome
Prelude
Worshiping God TOGETHER at University Presbyterian Church
Our goal has always been to teach our children how to worship and for them to be active participants in worship. We don't want to distract children so they remain quiet, we want to engage children in the act of worshiping God together. We encourage families with children to sit in the front or wherever your child can best see what is happening.
This worship bag is a toolkit to help everyone in the pew actively participate in worship. Find some things that interest you or your child and pass along the bag to others in the pew so they can use the tools as well.
The worship bags contain:
Pictorial Order of Worship: use this to see what is coming next and for guidelines on what your body should be doing during each element of worship.
Worshiping God Together notecards: use these to answer questions about why we do the things we do in worship. They also contain questions for you ask yourself or your child during worship.
Colored pencils
A notebook: use this to respond to what is happening around you. Write or draw your thoughts, ideas, or questions.
Prayer cards: sometimes there are moments in worship that don't feel like they are for us. When that happens it is our job to hold the sacred space for those who find that element of worship meaningful. You can use the prayer cards to connect with God at any time during worship or at home. You may find breath prayers, Visio Divina (praying with your eyes) cards, or other written prayers.
A special activity: if we have a special activity, you will hear about it during the Time for Children and find supplies in your worship bag.
Resources for home: your family is welcome to take any of the resources in the worship bag home to continue the conversation during the week. Sometimes we will add conversation cards or resources specifically for parents/adults to the worship bags.
Here are some suggestions for teaching your child how to worship:
Look up the hymns and scriptures together. Help them follow along with the responsive liturgy.
Encourage your child to stand when the congregation stands. A part of learning how to worship is learning when we stand, sit, walk around (passing the peace).
Follow along with the pictorial Order of Worship.
Talk to your child about worship before and after. What did they see? Hear? Learn? What was their favorite part, or what questions do they have? The Worshiping God Together cards have lots of question ideas.
Our whole congregation continues to grow in our experience of intergenerational worship. Please partner with us to make worship a space where everyone can feel God's presence. We request everyone stay seated for as much of the service as possible. We are mindful that children are not adults, and this is a great space to practice being respectful of all in our beloved community.
A reminder that for their safety, children must be accompanied on the campus. Please do not let your child leave the sanctuary alone during worship, walk themselves to Sunday School, use the Gathering Space without your supervision, etc.
If you want to help with our children's ministry, we would be so grateful. When we teach the children of UPC about worship, we are fulfilling our baptismal vows to raise them in the faith and show them God's love in Jesus Christ.


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Call to Worship
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Lesson for Children
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Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Grace
Passing of the Peace
Choral Worship
Scripture
Sermon
Hymn of Response
Affirmation of Faith
Prayers of the People
& The Lord's Prayer
Offering
Sending Hymn
Charge and Blessing
Postlude


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# *Worshiping God Together*

***A Guide for Children and Their Parents***

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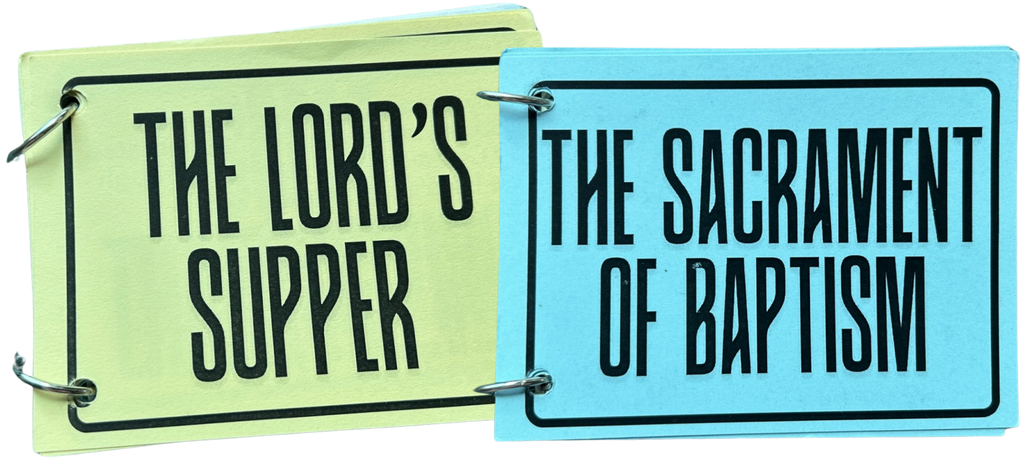
The flip book follows the Order of Worship and gives context and asks questions to help engage children in what is going on around them.







Our pastor has started giving page numbers for the scripture to make it easier for people to find and follow along.




There is a special segment on the Lord's Supper and Baptism because we don't observe these sacraments every week. They are color coded so they are easy to find.

# Extras: These may be for a single Sunday, for a season, or rotate in and out depending on the need




Prayer cards; the Lent Body Prayer was used weekly so this was also a tool to teach the motions to children and adults so they could pray along.

These images came from A Sanctified Art and were used in worship, a take home devotional for adults, and we created these Visio Divina cards and taught families how to use them at an Advent workshop. Families took home a copy of the cards and there were copies in the worship bags during Advent.







From Illustrated Ministry's Storytelling with Shapes. This is the Easter story but they have Christmas, Pentecost, and Holy Week as well.

# Worship Bags have tools for EVERYONE!

We say this regularly during our welcome and use worship bags to distribute special worship materials to adults too.



## “Funky Fifth Sunday”

We put pipe cleaners, a small copy of the story cards, and blank note cards in each worship bag. Rather than reading Genesis 1 we told the Godly Play story of creation with special art shown on the screens.

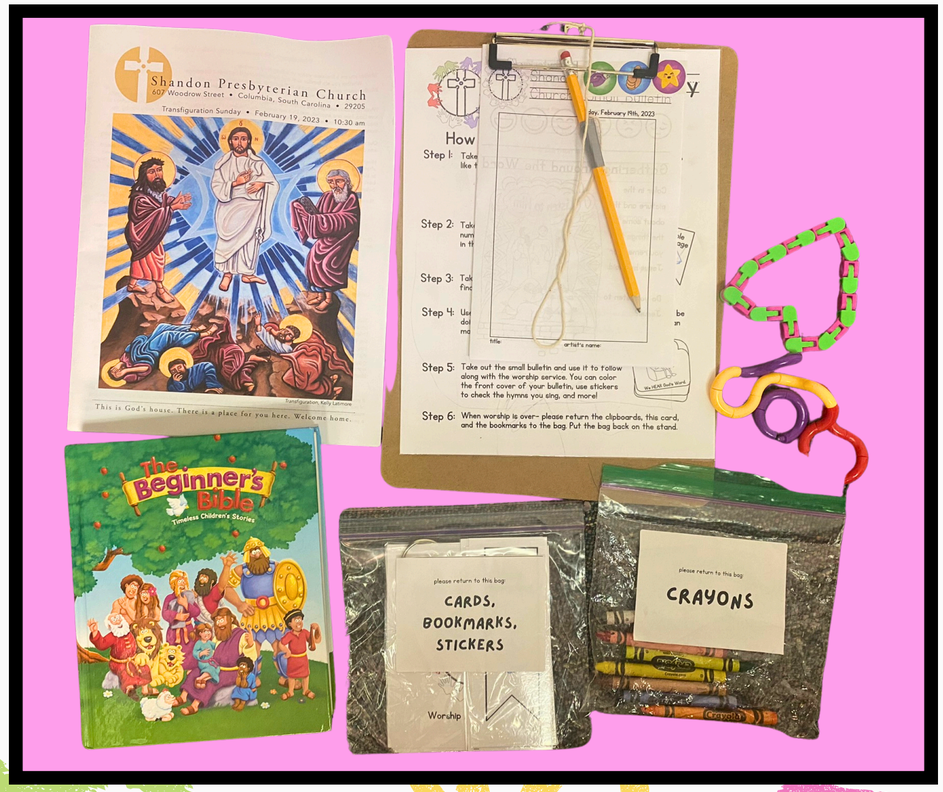


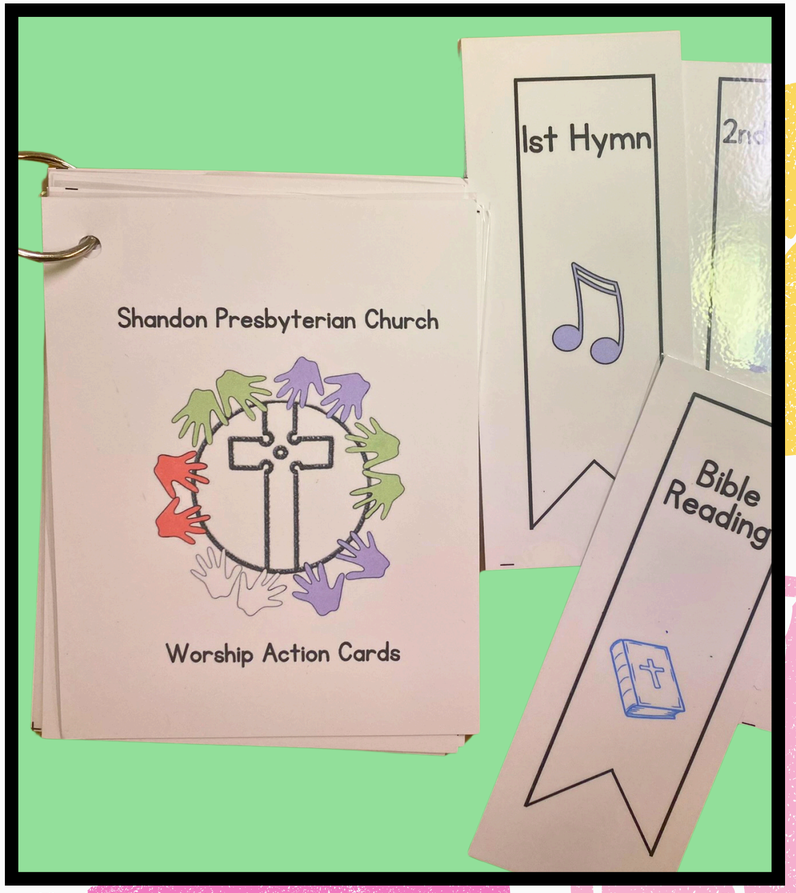
Everyone was encouraged to use the pipe cleaners to create their response to the question “Where are you in this story? or Which day is specifically about you?” The creations were shared with neighbors and then brought forward during the offertory.



# WORSHIP BAGS



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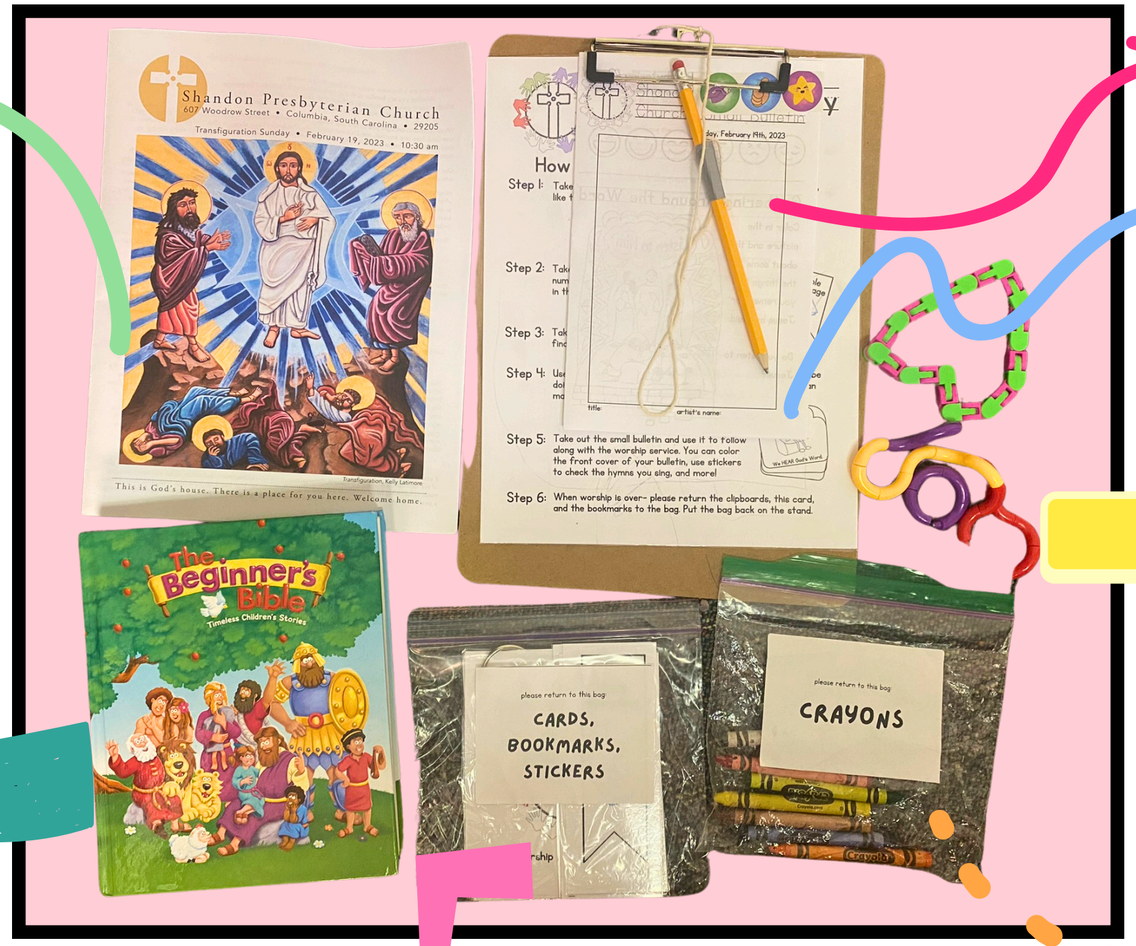
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FIDGET TOYS

STORYBOOK BIBLE

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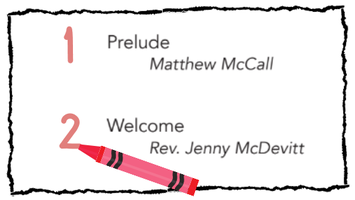


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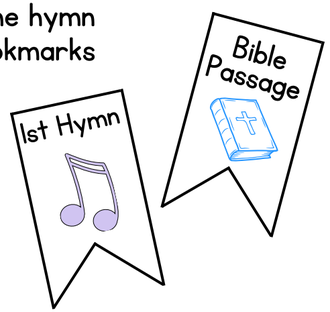
# Children's Ministry
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## How to Use Worship Bags - Kids:

**Step 1:** Take out the big bulletin and number all of the acts of worship, like this-




**Step 2:** Take out the hymn bookmarks and find the hymn numbers in your bulletin and place the bookmarks in the Purple hymnbook for each hymn.




**Step 3:** Take out the Bible Passage bookmark and find the Bible Passage in the Blue Bible.

**Step 4:** Use the Worship Action Cards to see what our bodies should be doing during worship. Flip through the cards and see if you can match the action to different times in worship!




**Step 5:** Take out the small bulletin and use it to follow along with the worship service. You can color the front cover of your bulletin, use stickers to check the hymns you sing, and more!

**Step 6:** When worship is over- please return the clipboards, this card, and the bookmarks to the bag. Put the bag back on the stand.

# Children's Ministry
Shandon Presbyterian Church

## How to Use Worship Bags - Parents/Worship Guides:

Dear Parents and Worship Guides,

We are so happy that your young worshipper is with us this morning! We are not the same without every member here with us, and it is a joy to have wiggles, giggles, and energy abounding in this space. Just as God welcomes all, we welcome children of all ages in this service.

At the same time, we recognize that it is a challenge for children to stay engaged in the same way adults do, so this bag is an effort to make the worship service more accessible to children. On the reverse of this sheet are instructions for your child on how to use these new worship bags. You may want to browse it so you can know what to expect.

You know your child best, so you'll know how much help they'll need in following along with the bulletin and activities. There may be some things that are better suited for an older child to do independently that a younger child will need your assistance to complete. We ask that you act as a guide and model for your child in worship.

Thank you so much for your willingness to participate in this aspect of your child's faith formation!

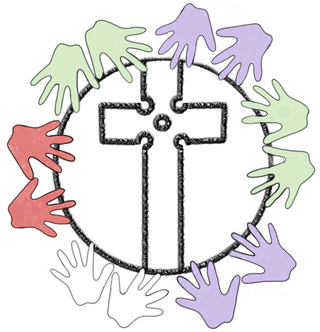
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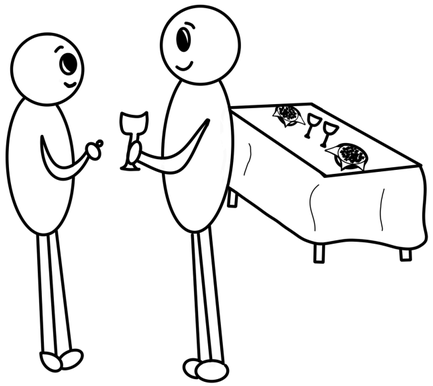
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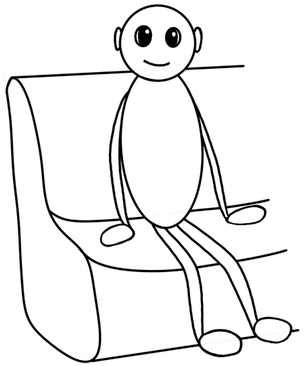
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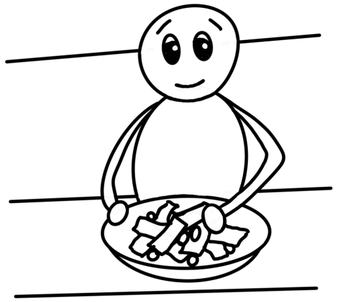
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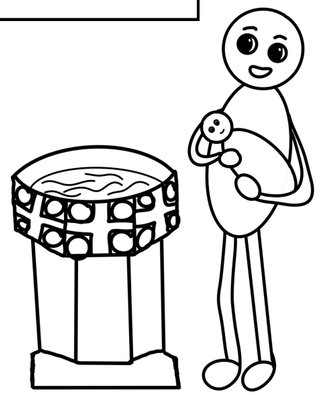
We remember the LORD'S SUPPER.



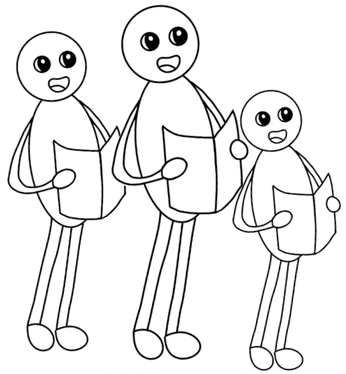
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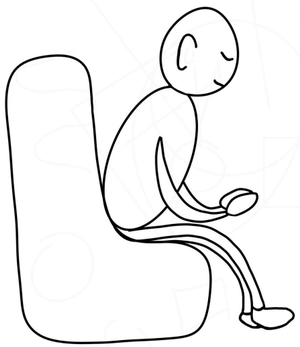
We GIVE to God.



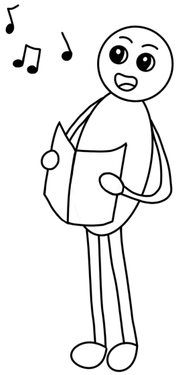
We BAPTIZE God's Children.



We SPEAK to God.



We PRAY to God.



We SING to God.

# BOOK MARKS

1st Hymn



2nd Hymn



3rd Hymn



Bible Reading



# Liturgical Library

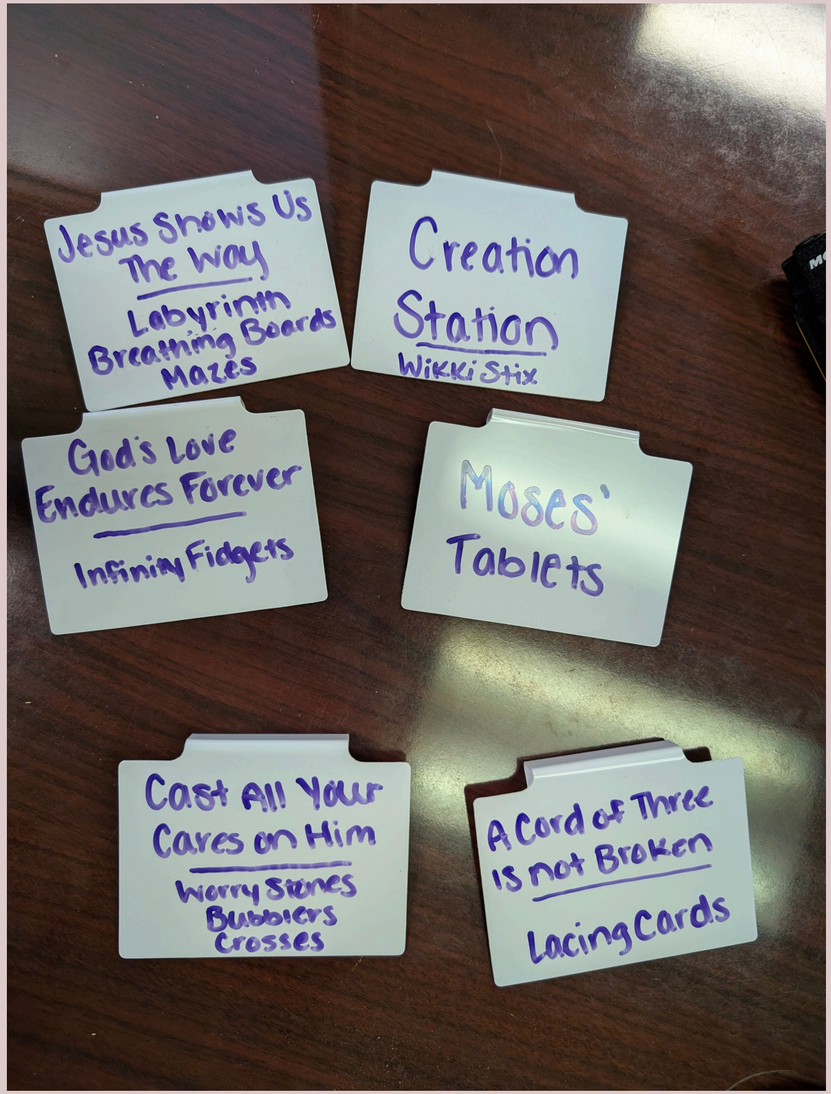









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- Grab a bag.
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Song of Hope
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Return Box
Shine On
Folk First Bible
Creation Station
Jesus Shows Us The Way
God's Love Endures Forever
Moses' Tablets
A Cord of Three is not Broken
Lacing Cards


Jesus Shows Us The Way
Labyrinth
Breathing Boards
Mazes
Creation Station
Wikki Stix
God's Love Endures Forever
Infinity Fidgets
Moses' Tablets
Cast All Your Cares on Him
Worry Stones
Bubblers
Crosses
A Cord of Three is not Broken
Lacing Cards

# INTERACTIVE WORSHIP BULLETINS AND ENRICHMENT BAGS



## COLLABORATIVE conversations

Thank you to Erika Stiner &
University Presbyterian Church,
San Antonio, TX for providing
these resources for public use.

# Worship Flip Book Printing Instructions

Please edit whatever you need so the flip book will work in your context. This book is very wordy because we have some kiddos who want to know every “why”. It could easily be much simpler/shorter. If your grown ups are like ours, they may appreciate learning the “why” because it has never been taught to them.

Note: I have numbered the pages so you can see which fronts and backs go together when printed, keep this in mind while editing.

I found printing on cardstock and holding the pages together with two rings has created a sturdy enough book that they have lasted over a year.

Print double sided, flipped on SHORT edge

I printed “The Lord’s Supper” pages on yellow cardstock and the “Baptism” pages on blue cardstock so they would be easy to identify. The others I printed on white cardstock.

Worshiping God

# TOGETHER

at University Presbyterian Church

1

A Message for Grown-Ups

2

Why are there so many parts to a church service? Why does it have to be so long?

3

What are the parts of worship?

4

# a how-to guide for curious children and their grown ups

1

Children belong in worship, however, they need help understanding the service so they can worship God meaningfully. At home, children learn appropriate table manners regularly eating together as a family. In the same way, children learn to worship by worshiping. This will happen over time through regular attendance and strong parental support. You are the primary Christian educators of your children.

2

Worship helps us tell the story of our faith. It is a time for people to gather in community and experience God together.

There are so many things that happen in worship because we need time to get ready, we need to hear what God says to us in the Scripture, and we need time to respond to what we have heard.

3

Worship can be divided into parts:

- Getting Ready: entering God's presence
- Praise: enjoying God's presence
- Listening to God
- Responding to God
- Going out in God’s Name: God empowers us to take what we have learned with us into our lives.

4

GATHERING

5

WELCOME

6

PRELUDE

8

MUSIC

7

When we come to church it is sometimes hard to pay attention. We can be worried about school, what our friends are doing, what kind of cookies will be outside after worship, or even how long the service will be.

We begin with Gathering to remind us to stop and pay attention to God.

5

God is pleased when we worship together with our community.
We are all children of God and worship is for everyone.

6

As we gather to worship God, the beautiful music helps us feel closer to God.
Look around and see what is special about today's service.
**Are we sharing communion today?**
**Are we having a baptism today?**
**Can you tell what season of the church year we are in?**
**Can you find the first hymn in the hymnal?**

8

UPC is blessed to have amazing musicians, a choir, and both a piano and an organ.
Can you find the pipes for our organ?
Listen closely when it is played.
**I wonder what kind of music you like best?**
**I wonder what kind of music feels special to you?**
**I wonder how the music makes you feel?**

7

# CALL TO WORSHIP

9

# OPENING PRAYER

10

# PRAISE

11

# OPENING HYMN

12

We pray for God to bless us so that we can be a blessing to others. We pray for Jesus to be with us, as he promised he would be, whenever we gather in his name. We pray for the Spirit to make our worship holy, joyful, and true.

Sometimes this prayer reminds us of something special about God that we are celebrating today.

10

# We share responsively words that invite us to begin worshiping God.

God is the one who calls us to worship. We come together to celebrate all the good things God has done--especially the gift of life and grace in Jesus Christ. When we remember these things, we give thanks and praise to God.

9

# We stand and sing a joyful song to praise our God.

Singing is a way we can glorify God together, with hearts and voices united, making a joyful sound to the Lord.

**I wonder what you can learn about God through the words of the hymns we sing?**

12

Worship begins with God. Singing hymns of praise or reading the Psalms helps us to remember how awesome God is.

**What did you sing about God in church this week?**

11

SONG TO WELCOME CHILDREN

13

CHILDREN'S LESSON

14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

15

CALL TO CONFESSION

16

We sing as children gather at the front of the sanctuary for the Children's Lesson.

13

We are a community living together all week long, not just on Sunday mornings.

**What is going on in the life of our church?**
**What are members of our congregation doing to show God's love to others?**
**What would you like to be part of?**

15

Come forward with the other children to hear about God's love for us and how we can show that love to others.

14

Nobody is perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit when we have hurt ourselves and others, using the Prayer of Confession.

We try to help all the people in God's world, but when we don't do enough, we can tell God we are sorry. This is what "confession" means.

16

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

17

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

18

# SUNG RESPONSE: WE ARE FORGIVEN

19

# PASSING THE PEACE

20

God promises to always love and forgive us--even when we don't follow God's way, or when we do things that hurt others. We try to follow God and do the right thing, but when we don't, we can ask God to forgive us. Everyone makes mistakes; that is why we confess our sin together.

**Use this quiet time to tell God anything else you are sorry for.** To end our prayer we say "AMEN" which means "so be it." **Watch for other places where we say "Amen."**

17

After saying we are sorry, we hear the good news that God forgives us for everything!

18

We sing together:

**We are forgiven.**
**We are forgiven.**
**Thanks be to God.**
**Thanks be to God.**

19

Our peace comes from knowing how much God loves us. With God's help, we try to love and forgive one another as Christ loves and forgives us.

When someone says **"The peace of Christ be with you,"** we respond, **"And also with you."**

20

# ANTHEM

21

# THE WORD PROCLAIMED

22

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

23

# SCRIPTURE

24

The choir sings a song to help us worship.

**How does this music make you feel?**

**What do the words say about God?**

21

We listen to the scripture and the Pastor helps us understand what we heard in context and what it means for us today.

There are many different translations of the Bible. The one you have at home may be different from the one we have in the pew which may be different from the one read today.

**I wonder what we can learn from different translations?**

22

Before we read from the Bible, we pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to hear what God is saying to us, and to do what God is calling us to do as followers of Jesus Christ.

"Illumination" means "turning the light on." When we understand something from the Bible for the first time, it can feel like somebody turned the light on for us!

**Have you ever felt that way?**

23

We read from the Bible to remember God's mighty acts in history, to discover what God is doing in our world, and to look forward to the future God has promised.

Listen very carefully!

**Can you find today's scripture in the Bible?**

**Is there a word or phrase that stands out to you today?**

24

# SERMON

25

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

26

# HYMN OF RESPONSE

27

# AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

28

Our pastor talks about what the scripture readings mean. We can learn about God's love for us. We can also learn how God wants us to live today.

**Ask God to help you listen to the sermon.**

25

We stand and sing another hymn.

**Does the hymn remind you of anything you just heard in the scripture readings or the sermon?**

27

Having heard God's Word from scripture and from our pastor, we are called to respond to what we have heard. We don't just think or talk about what it is we should do while in church, we go out into the world and we do it. We respond by saying what we believe, singing hymns, and giving our gifts to the church.

**I wonder what you would like to do to respond to what you have heard today?**

26

After we hear the good news, it is our turn to say what we believe. With these words we remember and tell the world who we are, what we believe, and how we should live according to God's Word.

**Imagine that you are a pastor giving a short sermon when you stand and say these important words.**

28

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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# THE LORD'S PRAYER: TRADITIONAL

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# OFFERING

32

Our pastor leads us in praying together for the whole church and for the world. We pray especially for people who are sick, hungry, lonely, or poor; for peace and justice for all people; for the cities and neighborhoods where we live; for all God's creatures; for clean air, water, and soil. We pray for things that are happening in our world right now. **Do you recognize any current events in our prayer today?** Often the congregation has a part to say to join their voices in the pastor's prayer. **How do we respond to the prayer today?**

29

**Our Father who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name.**
**Thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive our debts,**
**as we forgive our debtors;**
**and lead us not into temptation**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

31

Every good thing is a gift from God--the food we eat, the things we have, the time we spend, our whole lives. Our gifts support the work of the church. We give our time, our talents, and our money. We give our selves. We give to God because God gives so much to us.
**Listen to the offertory and think about the gifts you have been given and say "thank you" to God.**

32

Now we say together the special prayer that Jesus taught his disciples.

**There are many different versions of the Lord's Prayer, I wonder which one you like best?**

30

DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

34

SENT OUT

35

SENDING HYMN

36

The ushers bring our gifts forward to God. Together we pray God will help us use these gifts to do God's work. **Imagine where your gifts will end up!**

34

This is a Greek word meaning "to give God glory."

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
**praise God, all creatures here below;**
**praise God above, ye heavenly host;**
**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**
**Amen.**

33

We stand to sing our closing hymn. As we get ready to go and serve God in the world, we sing a song to praise and celebrate God's goodness, and to show us how we are called to live in Jesus' name.

**Can you find the correct page in the hymnal?**
**I wonder how this song makes you feel?**

36

Worship doesn't stop just because we are going home. We go out to follow Jesus in the world-- to show and tell the good news of God to everyone!

35

BENEDICTION

37

POSTLUDE

38

THE LORD'S SUPPER

39

GREAT THANKSGIVING

40

We stay standing to listen to the benediction, which means “good word.”
The “good word” is that God goes with us into the world to do God’s work. God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. We go out to follow Jesus in the world.

38

We sit down to listen to joyful music. We prepare to go to love others just as God loves us.

37

When we pray before the Lord’s Supper we do three things. First, we celebrate and give thanks for all the good things God has done for us. Second, we remember and give thanks for Jesus--how he lived, died, and rose again to save us and give us life. Third, we pray that the Holy Spirit will feed us through this meal, so that we can grow strong in faith and be a faithful follower of Jesus.

40

Holy Communion, or the Lord’s Supper, is a joyous event celebrated by Christians everywhere. Through the Lord’s Supper we:

- Give thanks to God
- Remember Jesus
- Celebrate the life of Jesus
- Celebrate our togetherness

**What is special to you about the Lord’s Supper?**

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GREAT THANKSGIVING LITURGY

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INVITATION

42

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

43

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

44

Leader: The Lord be with you.
**All: And also with you.**
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
**All: We lift them up to God.**
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
There are other responses in the communion liturgy. Follow along on the screen.

41

The pastor tells us about Jesus and the last meal he shared with his disciples.
Jesus gives us his own body, broken like bread, so that we will have everything we need. He gives us his own life, poured out like a cup, so that we can live with him forever.

43

When we share the bread and cup, we are sharing a meal with Jesus and with all God's people. The bread and cup are a small taste of the great goodness of God.
**When invited, come forward with your family to receive the Lord's Supper.**

44

Jesus shared many meals with his followers--feeding hungry crowds with a little bread and fish, gathering with his disciples to remember how God saved the people, and breaking bread with them after he rose from the dead. The Lord's Supper is a meal that we share today with Jesus and with the whole church throughout the world.

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COMMUNION MUSIC

45

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

46

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

47

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM

48

When everyone has shared the bread and the cup, we thank God for feeding us in this holy meal. We pray that this meal with Jesus will help us grow in faith and make us strong to love and serve God and neighbors.

46

Join in the singing as we receive communion as a whole church.

**I wonder what lyrics are meaningful to you?**

**I wonder why these songs were chosen?**

**I wonder what makes this music different from music elsewhere in the service?**

45

We are called to live like Jesus, to love others, and to serve God. Each one of us is given special gifts from the Holy Spirit to help us do these things. When we remember our baptism, we give thanks for these gifts and this calling, and we promise again to follow Jesus in everything we do. We also remember the promises we made to help others grow in God's love.

48

Sometimes we have a baptism. Through baptism, a baby, child, or adult becomes a member of God's family, the Church. We promise to help this person grow to know God's love. This is a special day. **Can you think of something you can do to welcome this person into our church family?**

47

# What if I've never been baptized?

49

# I think I want to get baptized.

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Worshiping God Together: A Guide for Children and Their Parents
Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA)

A Children's Guide to Worship by Ruth L. Boling, Lauren J. Muzzy, Laurie A. Vance
1997 Geneva Press

God Made Me for Worship by Jared Kennedy
2020 New Growth Press

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People choose to get baptized or to baptize their children as a symbol to the community and themselves that they are dedicating their lives to living the way Jesus taught us in the Bible.
Not being baptized doesn't make you less special or less a part of this community. Remember: **There is nothing you can do to make God love you more and there is nothing you can do to make God love you less. God just loves you.** Baptized or not.



If you think you would like to be baptized, talk with your parents. Together you can talk with our pastor and you can decide if it is something you want to do.
Many children who were not baptized as infants choose to be baptized as a part of confirmation, which they will do in youth group.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

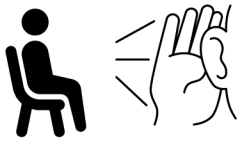


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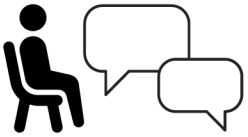


Prelude





Call to Worship





Hymn of Praise



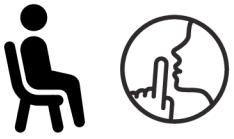


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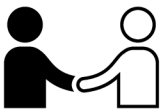
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Assurance of Grace



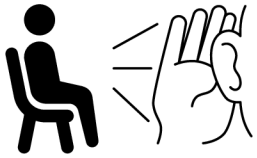



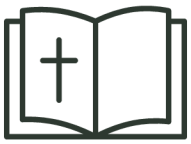
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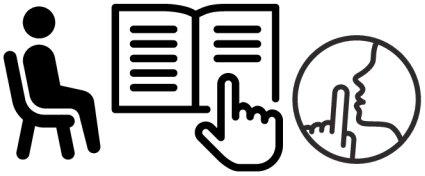


Choral Worship





Scripture





Sermon



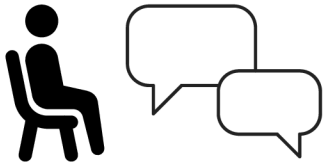


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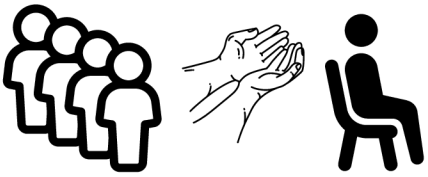


Great Thanksgiving
& Lord’s Prayer



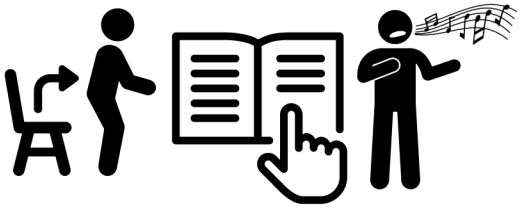


Sacrament of the
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Sending Hymn





Charge and Blessing





Postlude



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

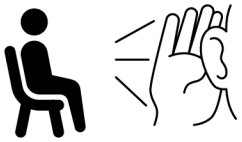


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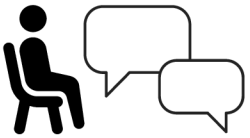


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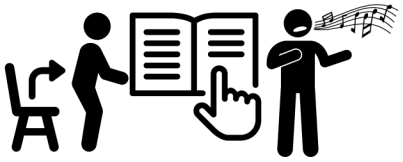


Call to Worship





Hymn of Praise



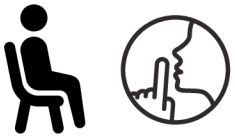


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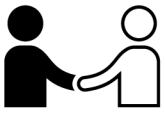
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Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Grace



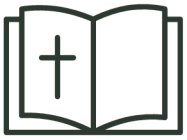
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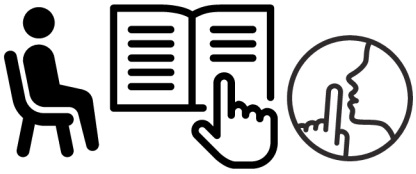


Choral Worship





Scripture



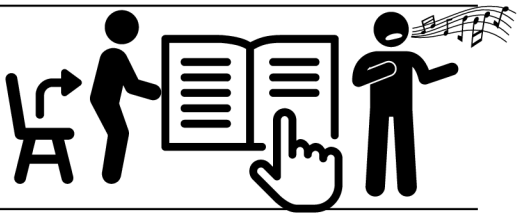


Sermon



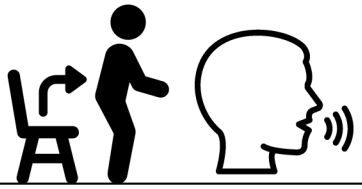


Hymn of Response





Affirmation of Faith





Prayers of the People
& The Lord's Prayer



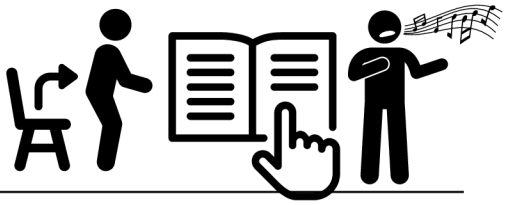



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