



# Let Us Worship God Together

## A Worship Guide

First Presbyterian Church  
Nashville, Tennessee

### Hear God's Word



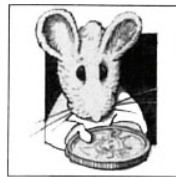
### Pray to God



### Sing to God



### Give to God



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# GATHERING



The Church season is **Easter**. It is the time we celebrate the mystery that Jesus died and that God made him alive again. This is God's plan. Easter Sunday is the most important day of the year. **GOD IS ALIVE.**

*Place a check mark on the line by each "mouse" as you worship and follow along in your guide.*



## OPENING SENTENCES

\_\_\_ We hear the pastor begin the service with words from the Bible. Worship begins!



## VOLUNTARY –

\_\_\_ We hear the music call us to worship. It is offered to God by our musicians – the organist, someone playing the flute or violin or trumpet, the handbell choir, one of our other choirs. Who is offering today's music? \_\_\_\_\_

As you listen, can you answer this question?

Is there a baptism? \_\_\_\_\_



## CALL TO WORSHIP

\_\_\_ We stand and read together the words that invite us to worship.

Leader: Trust the Father in all you do.

People: **In word and deed, lean on Him.**

Leader: Trust the Father in all circumstances.

People: **In word and deed, lean on Him.**

Leader: Trust the Father.



## OPENING HYMN 371 – *Lift High the Cross*

\_\_\_ We stand and praise God with a song.



## WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

\_\_\_ The pastor welcomes us and tells us about special activities coming up this week.



## MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

\_\_\_ We hear different ways we are doing God's work in the world.

# GATHERING



## PRAYER OF ADORATION

\_\_\_ We tell God how much we love him. Adoration includes love, respect, devotion and worship.



## CALL TO CONFESSION

\_\_\_ We hear the pastor remind us that we all do things that we are sorry for.



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\_\_\_ We tell God we are sorry for the wrong things we do in our Confession of Sin. We read together.

Lord, for the thousands of ways  
we try to fix everything in our own lives,  
and not include You, we are sorry.  
Father, for our insecurities  
and timid approach of You and Your wisdom, we are sorry.  
Allow us to lean on You and Your holy Word  
as we live each moment of every day.  
Grant us peace as we cling to the idea and practice of  
totally trusting You.



## SILENT CONFESSION

\_\_\_ Talk silently to God, thinking of your own actions.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\_\_\_ We hear that God forgives us.



## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Gloria Patri* – Hymn 579

\_\_\_ We stand and sing to celebrate God's forgiveness. Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." Amen means "So be it."

# THE WORD



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:30)

— 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 **Ada Corinne Shapiro** grow to know God's love. This is a special day.



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

— 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 **John Reed Alfrey, Virginia Lee Boyd, Emma Katherine Howard, and Grace Reed Wiley** grow to know God's love. This is a special day.



## HYMN FOR BAPTISM 492 (stanza 3)

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children,  
joyfully now God's praises we sing.*



## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

— We ask God to help us understand the scriptures being read today. We read together.

*God of mercy,  
You promised never to break Your covenant with us.  
Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak Your  
eternal Word that does not change.  
Then may we respond to Your gracious promises  
with faithful and obedient lives;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*



## OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING –

*Proverbs 3:5-6 (page 586)*

— We hear God's word in the Old Testament. Follow along in the Bible with the older person next to you.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

What words or phrases did you hear? \_\_\_\_\_

# AND SACRAMENT



## NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING –

*Matthew 7:24-27(page 7)*

\_\_\_ We hear God's word in the New Testament. Follow along in the Bible with the older person next to you.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

What words or phrases did you hear? \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY

\_\_\_ The children come forward to hear the pastor tell a Bible story meant especially for them.



## SERMON – *"Trusting the Father"*

\_\_\_ God's word is made known to us in the sermon.

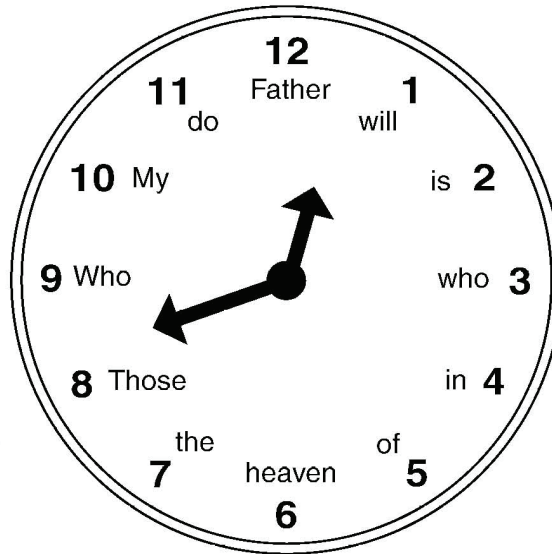
Who is preaching today? \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes or Drawing as you hear God's word proclaimed.**

# The Wise and Foolish Builders

Jesus was preaching to His followers.  
Who did He say would enter the kingdom of heaven?

Use this clock code to fill in the blanks.



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# RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *The Apostles' Creed* – Hymnal pg. 14

\_\_\_ We stand and say together what we believe.



## REASONS FOR GIVING THANKS-

\_\_\_ We hear some of things we should be grateful for.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Hymnal page 16**

\_\_\_ We hear the pastor lead us in prayer. We close with the Lord's Prayer. Follow along on the cross on your worship bag.



## COMMISSIONING OF THE YOUTH AND COLLEGE MISSION TRIPS (11:00)

\_\_\_ We are called by God and given what we need to do God's work. Commissioning is the action of the church to send disciples out to do God's work in the world.



## INVITATION TO GIVING

\_\_\_ We know how much God loves us. Our response to that love is to offer ourselves and the things we have been given by God for use to do God's work in the world.



## OFFERTORY – *Search Me O God*

\_\_\_ We give to God's work in our offering. We hear the choir offer their voices in song.

What instruments are playing today? \_\_\_\_\_



## PRESENTATION AND RESPONSE 592 – *Doxology*

\_\_\_ We stand and praise God, singing the Doxology.

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



## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\_\_\_ We hear an usher ask God to bless our offerings and to help us use them wisely.

# SENDING FORTH



## HYMN OF COMMITMENT 339 – *Be Thou My Vision*

\_\_\_ We praise God with a song.



## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\_\_\_ We hear God's blessing for us.



## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

\_\_\_ We sing God's blessings for us.

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.



## CLOSING VOLUNTARY –

\_\_\_ We hear the organ play, as we leave to serve God and his people.

**Soli Deo Gloriam (To God alone be the glory!)**

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