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KIDS WORSHIP GUIDE

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How to Use this Worship Service Guide

Hi Kids! This Worship Guide is for YOU! It is designed to support you as you engage in corporate worship.

At the beginning of the Worship Guide, you will see all of the books of the Bible listed. The books highlighted in orange are the books that will be referenced throughout the entire sermon series.

Scripture for each week will be provided. Take the time to circle or underline things that stand out to you as you are reading.

A box with the phrase, "Be Creative," is listed below Scripture. After you listen to and read the passage from Scripture, draw a response to what comes to your mind and heart.

There will be a variety of questions you can answer each week. These questions are written to help you think as you engage in worship!

We will highlight an element of worship each week. Use the elements of worship glossary at the back of the worship guide to learn more about each element.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis
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Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
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Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
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NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew
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Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
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Revelation

Christ, The Lord's Anointed King
May 31, 2026

Psalm 2

1 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take
counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away
their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. 5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify
them in his fury, saying, 6 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

7 I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. 8 Ask of me, and I will make
the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash
them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with
trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all
who take refuge in him.

BE CREATIVE

1. What does this Psalm tell us happens when people try to go against the Lord?

2. Verse 11 tells us to serve the Lord with fear. What does it mean to "fear" God when the Bible says it?

3. This Psalm describes Jesus as a powerful king who reigns over everything.
What is one thing you are glad Jesus is in control over?

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Assurance of Pardon

We hear the Assurance of Pardon to remember that if we have put our trust in Jesus, we can be sure he has forgiven us forever.

(Discover more elements of worship at the end of this guide.)

Christ, The Ruler of All
June 7, 2026

Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

BE CREATIVE

1. In this Psalm, the writer looks at the heavens and the moon and stars and wonders why a God who can make all that would care for lowly people like us. How does he answer this question in verse 5?

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3. What does it mean to be a steward of something? What are some ways you take care of the things the Lord has given you?

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Christ, Our Victor Over the Grave
June 14, 2026

Psalm 16

[1] Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. [2] I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

[3] As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

[4] The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

[5] The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. [6] The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

[7] I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. [8] I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

[9] Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. [10] For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. [11] You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

BE CREATIVE

1. This Psalm opens with the line, "Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge." What does that mean, and how can you take refuge in God?

2. Verse 3 celebrates great friends. What makes someone a great friend? Who would consider you to be their great friend? Who is one of your great friends?

3. Verse 10, "you will not abandon my soul to the grave," is a reference to Jesus's resurrection, and also to our hope of resurrection when we believe in him. What is resurrection?

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Songs of Praise

Singing songs in worship is one way we express our admiration for God—we want to give God credit for all of the amazing things he does and has done and will do!

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Christ, Our Suffering Servant
June 21, 2026

Psalm 22

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. 4 In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
7 All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
8 "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
10 On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

12 Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—
17 I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;
18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

19 But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

22 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
24 For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
28 For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. 30 Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

1. This Psalm is a prayer from someone who is really struggling and afraid. Are there any lines in this Psalm that sound like things you would want to pray when you're hurting or scared?

2. Do you see any places in this Psalm that remind you of Jesus going to the cross?

3. This Psalm promises that in the end, God will rescue his people. What are some things the writer talks about being rescued from? What do you want to be rescued from?

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Christ, Our Help and Deliverer
June 28, 2026

Psalm 40

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of
the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise
to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
5 You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

6 In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required. 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know,
O Lord. 10 I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

11 As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever
preserve me! 12 For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me! 14 Let those be put to shame and disappointed
altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
15 Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

16 But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually,
"Great is the Lord!" 17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my
deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

BE CREATIVE

1. What does the word "tithe" mean? According to Luke 11:37-42, what kinds of things do the Pharisees tithe? And what do they neglect?

2. What should be the attitude of our hearts when we give to the Lord and his church?

3. When you think about giving to the church, what excites you about that? Is there anything that makes you feel nervous about it?

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Reading the Word

This is when we hear someone read directly from Scripture. Whenever we read Scripture, we are encountering the very words of God himself.

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Christ, Who Reigns in Mercy
July 5, 2026

Psalm 45

1 My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready
scribe. 2 You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed
you forever. 3 Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty!

4 In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand
teach you awesome deeds! 5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you.

6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; 7 you have
loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness
beyond your companions; 8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces
stringed instruments make you glad; 9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand
stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house,
11 and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.
12 The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.

13 All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.
14 In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.
15 With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

16 In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.
17 I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

BE CREATIVE

1. This Psalm, which describes a wedding, has a lot of images of royalty and kings. List some of the items in the Psalm that would belong to a king.

2. This Psalm promises that God's throne will remain forever. Why is this good news?

3. This Psalm is about the joy of being in a celebration. What do you celebrate? Where is your favorite place to be?

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Christ, The Giver of Good Gifts
July 12, 2026

Psalm 68

1 God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! 2 As smoke is driven
away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! 3 But the
righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult
before him! 5 Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. 6 God settles the solitary
in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

7 O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah

8 the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.
9 Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; 10 your flock found a
dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

11 The Lord gives the word; the women who announce the news are a great host: 12 "The kings of the armies—they flee,
they flee!" The women at home divide the spoil— 13 though you men lie among the sheepfolds—the wings of a dove
covered with silver, its pinions with shimmering gold. 14 When the Almighty scatters kings there, let snow fall on Zalmon.

15 O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan! 16 Why do you look
with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the Lord will dwell
forever? 17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai
is now in the sanctuary. 18 You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among
men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.

19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah

20 Our God is a God of salvation, and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death. 21 But God will strike the
heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways. 22 The Lord said, "I will bring them back
from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, 23 that you may strike your feet in their blood, that the
tongues of your dogs may have their portion from the foe."

24 Your procession is seen, O God, the procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary— 25 the singers in front, the
musicians last, between them virgins playing tambourines: 26 "Bless God in the great congregation, the Lord, O you
who are of Israel's fountain!" 27 There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead, the princes of Judah in their throng,
the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

28 Summon your power, O God, the power, O God, by which you have worked for us. 29 Because of your temple
at Jerusalem kings shall bear gifts to you. 30 Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds, the herd of bulls with
the calves of the peoples. Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute; scatter the peoples who delight in war.
31 Nobles shall come from Egypt; Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.

32 O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, Selah

33 to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. 34 Ascribe
power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. 35 Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

1. This Psalm remembers how the Lord led his people out of slavery in Egypt, and how God stayed close to them during hard times. Can you think of a time in your life that was hard and you wanted God to be close to you?

2. In this Psalm, God is described as providing for his people in times of need. In what ways does God provide for you, and how should you respond to him?

3. This psalm describes God as a gift giver. What is the best gift you have ever received and why was it the best?

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Hearing the Word

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Christ, Chosen of David's Line
July 19, 2026

Psalm 69

1 Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have
come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. 3 I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes
grow dim with waiting for my God.

4 More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy
me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore? 5 O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I
have done are not hidden from you.

6 Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord God of hosts; let not those who seek you be
brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel. 7 For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has
covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons.

9 For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. 10 When
I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. 11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a
byword to them. 12 I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love
answer me in your saving faithfulness. 14 Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and
from the deep waters. 15 Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me.

16 Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. 17 Hide not your
face from your servant, for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. 18 Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me
because of my enemies!

19 You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to you. 20 Reproaches have broken
my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. 21 They gave
me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

22 Let their own table before them become a snare; and when they are at peace, let it become a trap. 23 Let their eyes
be darkened, so that they cannot see, and make their loins tremble continually. 24 Pour out your indignation upon them,
and let your burning anger overtake them. 25 May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents. 26 For they
persecute him whom you have struck down, and they recount the pain of those you have wounded. 27 Add to them
punishment upon punishment; may they have no acquittal from you. 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living;
let them not be enrolled among the righteous.

29 But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high! 30 I will praise the name of God with a song;
I will magnify him with thanksgiving. 31 This will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs. 32 When
the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. 33 For the Lord hears the needy and does
not despise his own people who are prisoners.

34 Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them. 35 For God will save Zion and build up
the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it; 36 the offspring of his servants shall inherit it, and those
who love his name shall dwell in it.

1. In the Old Testament, God told King David that the Savior would come from his kingly family line. Who was God talking about?

2. This Psalm talks about God being near when we face trouble. What verse in this Psalm best shows this to you?

3. In what ways is Jesus a king?

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

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Christ, Our Exalted Messiah
July 26, 2026

Psalm 80

[1]Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth. [2] Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

[3] Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

[4]O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? [5] You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. [6] You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

[7] Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

[8] You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. [9] You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. [10] The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. [11] It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River. [12] Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? [13] The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

[14] Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, [15] the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself. [16] They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face! [17] But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! [18] Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

[19] Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

BE CREATIVE

1. The author of Psalm 80 prays, "Restore us, O God." What does it mean to be restored?

2. This Psalm also describes the Lord as a shepherd. What is a shepherd, and in what ways is Jesus like a shepherd?

3. Besides being a shepherd, list three other things Jesus is like, and explain how.

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Taking the Offering

In this Element of Worship we give back to God a part of what he has already given to us. Everything we have and need comes from him.

(Discover more elements of worship at the end of this guide.)

Christ, The Son of God
August 2, 2026

Psalm 89

1 I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness." 3 You have said,
"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 4 'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'" Selah 5 Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in
the assembly of the holy ones! 6 For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is
like the Lord, 7 a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?
8 O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? 9 You rule the raging of
the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. 10 You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your
mighty arm. 11 The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. 12 The
north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. 13 You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand. 14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love
and faithfulness go before you. 15 Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of
your face, 16 who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. 17 For you are the glory of their
strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. 18 For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel. 19 Of
old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one
chosen from the people. 20 I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him, 21 so that my hand shall
be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. 22 The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble
him. 23 I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. 24 My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall
be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted. 25 I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. 26
He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' 27 And I will make him the firstborn, the
highest of the kings of the earth. 28 My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.
29 I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens. 30 If his children forsake my law and do
not walk according to my rules, 31 if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments, 32 then I will punish their
transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, 33 but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false
to my faithfulness. 34 I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips. 35 Once for all I have
sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. 36 His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before
me. 37 Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies." Selah 38 But now you have cast off and
rejected; you are full of wrath against your anointed. 39 You have renounced the covenant with your servant; you have
defiled his crown in the dust. 40 You have breached all his walls; you have laid his strongholds in ruins. 41 All who pass by
plunder him; he has become the scorn of his neighbors. 42 You have exalted the right hand of his foes; you have made
all his enemies rejoice. 43 You have also turned back the edge of his sword, and you have not made him stand in battle.
44 You have made his splendor to cease and cast his throne to the ground. 45 You have cut short the days of his youth;
you have covered him with shame. Selah 46 How long, O Lord? Will you hide yourself forever? How long will your wrath
burn like fire? 47 Remember how short my time is! For what vanity you have created all the children of man! 48 What man
can live and never see death? Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? Selah 49 Lord, where is your steadfast
love of old, which by your faithfulness you swore to David? 50 Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked, and
how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations, 51 with which your enemies mock, O Lord, with which they
mock the footsteps of your anointed. 52 Blessed be the Lord forever!

Amen and Amen.

1. In this Psalm, the writer sings about God's steadfast love. What is meant by "steadfast love?"

2. What does verse 11 say belongs to the Lord? In what ways is this comforting and helpful to you?

3. The writer of this Psalm asks, "How Long, O Lord? Will you hide your face forever?" Have you ever felt like God was hard to find? Why do you think God is sometimes harder to find than others?

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Taking the Offering

In this Element of Worship we give back to God a part of what he has already given to us. Everything we have and need comes from him.

(Discover more elements of worship at the end of this guide.)

Christ, Who Calms our Storms
August 9, 2026

Psalm 107

1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north
and from the south.

4 Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 7 He led them by a straight way till
they reached a city to dwell in. 8 Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of
man! 9 For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, 11 for they had rebelled against
the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they
fell down, with none to help. 13 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. 15 Let them thank the Lord for
his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two
the bars of iron.

17 Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction; 18 they loathed any kind of
food, and they drew near to the gates of death. 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from
their distress. 20 He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction. 21 Let them thank the
Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; 24 they saw the deeds of the Lord, his
wondrous works in the deep. 25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.
26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight;
27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress. 29 He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.
30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. 31 Let them thank the Lord
for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! 32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the
people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, 34 a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the
evil of its inhabitants. 35 He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. 36 And there he
lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; 37 they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield.
38 By his blessing they multiply greatly, and he does not let their livestock diminish.

39 When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, 40 he pours contempt on princes and
makes them wander in trackless wastes; 41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.
42 The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

1. Verses 6, 13, 19, and 28 of this Psalm all say the same thing. What do they say? And what does it mean?

2. People in the Bible lived in a very dry desert. Why, then, are verses 33-35 such a great way to praise God?

3. What does verse 29 remind you of that Jesus did? Where is that story in the New Testament?

4. Things I'm curious about. I wonder...

ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Passing the Peace

This is the moment in the worship service when we greet other believers in the body of Christ—people we know and people we haven't met yet.

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Christ, Our Eternal Priest
August 16, 2026

Psalm 110

[1] The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

[2]The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! [3] Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. [4] The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

[5] The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. [6] He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. [7]He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

BE CREATIVE

1. The first verse of this Psalm is quoted six times in the New Testament. Why do you think that is?
See Acts 2:32-35 for a clue.

2. Name three things this Psalm says that the Lord will do.

3. This Psalm describes Jesus as a priest. What does Jesus do that is like what a priest would do?

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Christ, Our Passover Lamb
August 23, 2026

Psalm 118

1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." 3 Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."
4 Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

5 Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. 6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me? 7 The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

10 All nations surrounded me; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! 11 They surrounded me, surrounded me on
every side; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! 12 They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among
thorns; in the name of the Lord I cut them off! 13 I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. 15 Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of
the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, 16 the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the
Lord does valiantly!"

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. 18 The Lord has disciplined me severely, but he
has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. 20 This is the gate of
the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. 21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. 27 The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. 29 Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

BE CREATIVE

1. What does verse 8 of this Psalm mean, in your own words?

2. In verse 14, the writer calls the Lord "my strength and my song." What does it mean for the Lord to be your strength? What does it mean for the Lord to be your song?

3. What does verse 22 mean? What stone was rejected, and how is that stone now the foundation of our faith, or our "cornerstone."

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ELEMENT OF WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Communion

Communion, or "The Lord's Supper," is a Sacrament in which we remember what Jesus has done to forgive us of our sins by eating the bread and cup which represent his body and blood, given for us. When we take communion, we proclaim our faith in him to everyone around us.

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Christ, Our Passover Lamb
August 30, 2026

Psalm 132

[1]Remember, O Lord, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured,
[2] how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
[3] "I will not enter my house or get into my bed,
[4] I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,
[5] until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

[6] Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.
[7]"Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!"

[8]Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.
[9] Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your saints shout for joy.
[10] For the sake of your servant David, do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

[11] The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. [12] If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne."

[13] For the Lord has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: [14]"This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. [15]I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread. [16]Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy. [17] There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. [18] His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine."

BE CREATIVE

1. Psalm 132 is one of the "Psalms of Ascent"—a group of Psalms people sang as they went up (or "ascended") to Jerusalem to worship. If you could sing one song on your way to worship, what song would it be, and why?

2. This Psalm asks the Lord to be present in worship. Look at verse 9. What does the writer pray worshippers will do in response to being in God's presence?

3. What does verse 22 mean? What stone was rejected, and how is that stone now the foundation of our faith, or our "cornerstone."

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ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
A time when God invites us into worship, not just with other people, but with God Himself.

Songs of Praise
Singing songs in worship is one way we express our admiration for God—we want to give God credit for all of the amazing things he does and has done and will do!

Confession of Faith
In the Confession of Faith we tell God what we know is true about him, and tell him we believe it.

Confession of Sin
This is when we tell God where we've fallen short of his glory, both by doing things that don't honor him and by not doing things that do honor him.

Assurance of Pardon
We hear the Assurance of Pardon to remember that if we have put our trust in Jesus, we can be sure he has forgiven us forever.

Passing the Peace
This is the moment in the worship service when we greet other believers in the body of Christ—people we know and people we haven't met yet.

Prayer
A time for us to pour out our hearts to God by talking to God and listening to him. We can pray by ourselves, with other people, and with the whole church.

ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP

Reading the Word
This is when we hear someone read directly from Scripture. Whenever we read Scripture, we are encountering the very words of God himself.

Hearing the Word
This is when the congregation listens to the pastor give a sermon from God's Word. This is one of the regular ways God's promises meet us each week to remind us who he is and what he has done.

Taking the Offering
In this Element of Worship we give back to God a part of what he has already given to us. Everything we have and need comes from him.

Sacrament
Sacraments are visible, holy signs of spiritual truths, given to the church by God. In our church, we practice two sacraments: Baptism and Communion. When we, as a church, practice them, God helps us understand more clearly the promises and power of the gospel.

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Doxology
Here we sing one last song of praise to God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction
This is a blessing of God's word spoken over God's people as we are sent back into our homes, schools and workplaces.

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