

A Guide to Family Worship



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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

“We worship God because God created us to worship him. Worship is at the center of our existence, at the heart of our reason for being ... When the Westminster Shorter Catechism teaches us, ‘Man’s chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever,’ it gives witness to the same basic principle: God created us to worship him. Surely it is here that we must begin when as Reformed theologians we ask what worship is. Worship must above all serve the glory of God.” – Hughes Oliphant Old in *Worship: Reformed According to Scripture*

Dr. Old’s quote highlights the need for this guide. We recognize that life is about glorifying God, not only for that time of corporate worship on Sundays, but for the hours before corporate worship, the hours after corporate worship, and every day of the week. Glorifying God ought to occur in everything we do, and yet there are ways in which we can and should worship Him in our homes. This guide seeks to assist with that effort, particularly for families with young children; however, older children, teenagers, and even adults will benefit from looking at what has been compiled and sitting down together for a time of reading, meditating, memorizing, singing, and praying.

Additionally, while this has been prepared during the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope this will be useful beyond our current situation. Consider this as a resource to continue worship on Sundays even after our benediction and to be used throughout the week.

HOW TO USE

This guide has 26 weeks to it, allowing you to cycle through twice a year with the material if you use this for Lord’s Day family worship. You’ll notice each week has four elements: a memory verse, catechisms, hymns and psalms, and an historical prayer. These should be combined with scripture reading; it may be helpful to your family to choose a book of the Bible and move chapter by chapter or passage by passage through a book in combination with what is recorded below. As a family you’ll have to navigate this guide considering the ages and abilities of your children. There are some suggested chapters and verses at the top of each page that pertain to the catechisms. For instance, the first entry deals with creation; for that reason, the creation account from Genesis is listed along with a memory verse that pertains to the topic. While we encourage you to read these passages with your children and memorize the verse if you are able, we do suggest, as mentioned above, reading through a book so that you as parents and your children will increase in your knowledge of God’s Word.

At Fairview, our Sunday School and children's church teachers have been utilizing the *Catechism for Young Children*, so you will find with each week five such catechisms to read. It will be beneficial to use these during your family worship but also throughout the week. Some have found meals to be a useful time for catechizing; others enjoy catechizing during evening devotions. Older children (and we adults!) will benefit from using the Westminster Shorter Catechism, and each week contains a few of these catechisms.

For a time of singing we have included hymns from our hymnal, *The Hymnal of Worship and Celebration*. For the sake of space, we have typically only included the lyrics from one hymn, though other hymns are suggested. You can find lyrics and other helpful information at <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/HWC1986>. We also know some of you enjoy using God's Hymnal, the Psalms, for worship, and so a psalm that pertains to the week's topic is listed, too.

Lastly, we have included an historical prayer that pertains, again, to the topic listed at the top of each page. These prayers can help you to pray through the scriptures; parents and older children may enjoy reading these thoughtful prayers which have come from several resources listed below. Use these prayers as you would the rest of this resource – as a guide – not to replace your prayers but to complement them.

Parenting is no small task, but you are not alone. We desire to come alongside of you in assisting with the nurture of your children. We have made vows to that end! Ultimately, though, even with a good resource, the Holy Spirit is the only one who will lead us and our children to saving faith in Jesus Christ. May you seek His help in your parenting, your praises, your prayers, and your progress through the Bible.

- Fairview Presbyterian Pastoral Staff

RESOURCES

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CREATION

Genesis 1-2

Week 1

Memory Verse

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.”

Genesis 1:31a

Catechisms

Young Children:

1. Who made you? God.
2. What else did God make? God made all things
3. Why did God make you and all things? For his own glory.
4. How can you glorify God? By loving him and doing what he commands.
5. Why ought you to glorify God? Because he made me and takes care of me.

Westminster Shorter:

10. What is the work of creation? The work of creation is, God making all things of nothing by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.
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Hymns and Psalms

This is My Father's World, #58

This is my father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought, of rocks and trees, of skies and seas- His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget. That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: The battle is not done; Jesus died shall be satisfied, And earth and heav'n be one.

Other Suggested Hymns

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, #8

Psalms 19

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge...”

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Genesis 1:28-31 “Seeing then that you alone are the creator and maker of all things and have prepared herbs, seeds, fruits, fish, and flesh to be meat for man, seeing also that without your blessing all these your creatures prosper not, nor yet come unto a fortunate end, but grow out of kind, wither away, perish, die, and come to naught; we most humbly ask you to bless us and all the fruits of the earth, with all other your creatures which you have made for man's use and profit.” – Thomas Becon

TRINITY

Week 2

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 3:21-22

Memory Verse

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." - 2 Corinthians 13:14

Catechisms

Young Children:

6. Are there more gods than one? There is only one God.
7. In how many persons does this one God exist? In three persons.
8. What are they? The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
9. What is God? God is a spirit, and has not a body like men.
10. Where is God? God is everywhere.

WSC:

4. What is God? God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.
 5. Are there more gods than one? There is but one only, the living and true God.
 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead? There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.
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Hymns and Psalms

Father, I Adore You, #265

Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.

Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love you.

Other Suggested Hymns

Doxology, #624

Psalm 110

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

Historical Prayer

"Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit, I adore thee as one Being, one Essence, one God in three distinct Persons, for bringing sinners to thy knowledge and to thy kingdom. O Father thou has loved me and send Jesus to redeem me. O Jesus, thou hast loved me and assumed my nature ... O Holy Spirit, thou hast loved me and entered my heart, implanted there eternal life, revealed to me the glories of Jesus Christ ..." - The Valley of Vision

BIBLE

Week 3

Psalm 19:7, Ephesians 2:20, 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:20-21

Memory Verse

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105

Catechisms

Young Children:

11. Can you see God? No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.
12. Does God know all things? Yes; nothing can be hid from God.
13. Can God do all things? Yes; God can do all his holy will.
14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? In the Bible alone.
15. Who wrote the Bible? Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

WSC:

2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.
 3. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.
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Hymns and Psalms

Wonderful Word of Life, #270

Sing them over again to me, Wonderful word of Life; Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty, Teach me faith and duty; Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all, Wonderful words of Life; Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of Life. All so freely given, Wooing us to Heaven: Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of Life.

Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of Life; Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of Life. Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever: Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful word of Life.

Other Suggested Hymns

Standing on the Promises, #271

Psalm 119

"...How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from my commandments!"

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Psalm 119:1-8 "We pray you, increase every good desire which we feel already in our hearts; let us always live as becomes your creatures, as becomes the disciples of Jesus Christ. Incline us to be more and more in love with your laws, until they are written upon our hearts. Stir up our wills to love them exceedingly, and to cleave unto them as our very life."
- John Wesley

Humanity

Genesis 1:28

Week 4

Memory Verse

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10

Catechisms

Young Children:

16. Who were our first parents? Adam and Eve.
17. Of what were our first parents made? God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.
18. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? He gave them souls that could never die.
19. Have you a soul as well as a body? Yes; I have a soul that can never die.
20. How do you know that you have a soul? Because the Bible tells me so.

WSC:

11. What are God’s works of providence? God’s works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Hymns and Psalms

All Creatures of Our God and King, #64, vs. 1-3

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia,
Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam, O
praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav’n along, O praise
Him, Alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O
praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia,
Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light, O
praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Other Suggested Hymns

He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands, #344

Psalms

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

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Ephesians 2:10: “O Lord, we desire to adore your name, which is excellent in all the earth, and whose glory is above the heavens. You are the maker and disposer of all things; and for your sovereign pleasure it is that they still exist, and were at first created. Your hands have made and fashioned us; and all that we enjoy comes from you ...” – Augustus Toplady

COVENANT OF LIFE, OBEDIENCE

Week 5

Genesis 2, John 14:23, James 1:22

Memory Verse

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it.”
Genesis 2:15

Catechisms

Young Children:

21. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve? He made them holy and happy.
22. What is a covenant? An agreement between two or more persons.
23. What covenant did God make with Adam? The covenant of works.
24. What was Adam bound to do by the covenant of works? To obey perfectly.
25. What did God promise in the covenant of works? To reward Adam with life if he obeyed him.

WSC:

12. What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created? When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.
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Hymns and Psalms

Trust and Obey, #349, vs. 1-3

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But his smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt not a fear, not a sigh nor a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief not a loss, not a frown nor a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey. Trust and obey,
for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Other Suggested Hymns

Seek Ye First, #42

Psalm 89

“... I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips...”

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Psalm 89: “Faithful heavenly Father, you are a covenant-keeping God, but we have forsaken your law and violated your statutes. We have not walked according to your rules or kept your commandments. Though you have always been faithful to us, we are unfaithful to you many times each day in our thoughts and with our words and actions. We know that we deserve to be punished for our sin... Father, because of your steadfast love, forgive us we pray.” – From Prone to Wander

SIN

Week 6

Genesis 3, Ecclesiastes 7:29, Romans 3, 1 John 3:4

Memory Verse

“... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23

Catechisms

Young Children:

26. What did God threaten in the covenant of works? To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed.
27. Did Adam keep the covenant of works? No; he sinned against God.
28. What is sin? Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.
29. What is meant by want of conformity? Not being or doing what God requires.
30. What is meant by transgression? Doing what God forbids.

WSC:

13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created? Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.
 14. What is sin? Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.
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Hymns and Psalms

I Lay My Sins on Jesus, #340

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains, white in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus – All fullness dwells in Him; He heals all my diseases, He doth my soul redeem. I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares; He from them all releases, He all my sorrows shares.

I long to be like Jesus – Meek, loving, lowly, mild; I long to be like Jesus – The Father’s holy Child. I long to be with Jesus, Amid the heav’nly throng, to sing with saints His praises, to learn the angels’ song.

Other Suggested Hymns

Just As I Am, #342

Psalm 32

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered...”

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Romans 2:4: “Look with mercy on the sins we have this day committed and in mercy make us feel them deeply, that our repentance may be sincere and our resolution steadfast of endeavoring against the commission of such in future. Teach us to understand the sinfulness of our own hearts, and bring to our knowledge every fault of temper and every evil habit in which we have indulged to the discomfort of our fellow creatures, and the danger of our own souls... – Jane Austen

Adam and Eve's Sin

Week 7

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6-8, Psalm 14, Romans 5

Memory Verse

"Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned ..." Romans 5:12

Catechisms

Young Children:

31. What was the sin of our first parents? Eating the forbidden fruit.
32. Who tempted them to sin? The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.
33. What befell our first parents when they had sinned? Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.
34. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of works? No; he represented all his posterity.
35. What effect had the sin of Adam on all mankind? All mankind are born in a state of sin and misery.

WSC:

15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was the eating the forbidden fruit.
 16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.
 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.
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Hymns and Psalms

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #334, vs. 1, 4

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Other Suggested Hymns

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, #335

Psalm 14

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God ..."

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Ephesians 2: "Heavenly Father, we admit to you today that we often live as though we were still dead in our sins. You have made us alive in Christ and given us your Holy Spirit ... Give us true grief for our sin and sweet repentance, and then draw us to the cross to find cleansing, healing, and great joy in our salvation ..." - From Prone to Wander

Original Sin

Romans 3 and 5

Week 8

Memory Verse

"None is righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10

Catechisms

Young Children:

36. What is that sinful nature which we inherit from Adam called? Original sin.
37. What does every sin deserve? The wrath and curse of God.
38. Can any one go to heaven with this sinful nature? No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.
39. What is a change of heart called? Regeneration.
40. Who can change a sinner's heart? The Holy Spirit alone.

WSC:

18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell? The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.
 19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell? All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.
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Hymns and Psalms

Jesus, I Come #336, vs. 1,2

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come; Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus I come to Thee. Out of my sickness into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wrath, out of my sin and into Thy self, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, into thy glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm, out of life's storms and into Thy calm, out of my distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Other Suggested Hymns

Whiter Than Snow, #436

Psalms 103

"... For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children..."

Historical Prayer

... Help me to humble myself before thee by seeing the vanity of honour as a conceit of men's minds, as standing between me and thee; by seeing that thy will must alone be done..."
-From the Valley of Vision

Covenant of Grace

Week 9

Genesis 3:15; 9:9-17; 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; 2 Samuel 7:9-16; Hebrews 8

Memory Verse

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah..." – Jeremiah 31:31

Catechisms

Young Children:

41. Can anyone be saved through the covenant of works? None can be saved through the covenant of works.
42. Why can none be saved through the covenant of works? Because all have broken it, and are condemned by it.
43. With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace? With Christ, his eternal Son.
44. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace? His elect people.
45. What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace? To keep the whole law for his people, and to suffer the punishment due to their sins.

WSC:

20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery? God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation, by a Redeemer.
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Hymns and Psalms

God Will Take Care of You, #47

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you; Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, thro' every day, o'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you; Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. God will take care of you, thro' every day, o'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Other Suggested Hymns

I Gave My Life for Thee, #453

Psalm 50

"... He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Genesis 12:1-9: "... To thy grace and the care of thy covenant I commit myself, in sickness, and in health, for thou hast overcome the world, fulfilled the law, finished justifying righteousness, swallowed up death in victory, and taken all power everywhere. Mark this covenant with thine own blood in the court of forgiving mercy; Attach it unto thy name in which I believe, for it is sealed by my unworthy mortal hand."

- The Valley of Vision

Justification

2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 1:7

Week 10

Memory Verse

“... we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ...” Galatians 2:16a

Catechisms

Young Children:

46. Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever commit the least sin? No; he was holy, blameless, and undefiled.
47. How could the Son of God suffer? Christ, the Son of God, became man that he might obey and suffer in our nature.
48. What is meant by the Atonement? Christ’s satisfying divine justice, by his sufferings and death, in the place of sinners.
49. What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace? To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.
50. What is justification? It is God’s forgiving sinners, and treating them as if they had never sinned.

WSC:

21. Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect? The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.
 33. What is justification? Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.
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Hymns and Psalms

Nothing But the Blood, #195, vs. 1-2

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For my cleansing, this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Other Suggested Hymns

There is a Fountain, #196

Psalms

“... But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with favor as with a shield.”

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Isaiah 52:13-53:12: “You have exalted your mercy above all things, and have made our salvation, not our punishment, your glory; so that there, where sin abounded, not death, but grace superabounded ... Blessed Savior! - George Herbert

Adoption and Sanctification

Week 11

John 1:12, Ephesians 4:20-24, 2 Thessalonians 2:13b

Memory Verse

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are ...” 1 John 3:1a

Catechisms

Young Children:

51. What is sanctification? It is God’s making sinners holy in heart and conduct.
*What is adoption? Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, by which we are received into the company of God’s children and have a right to all the privileges of his sons. *
52. For whom did Christ obey and suffer? For those whom the Father had given him.

WSC:

34. What is adoption? Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.
 35. What is sanctification? Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.
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Hymns and Psalms

Take Time to Be Holy, #441

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in Him always, and feed upon His Word. Make friends of God’s children; help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; much time spend in secret with Jesus alone; by looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide; and run not before Him whatever betide; in joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord, and looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Other Suggested Hymns

Children of the Heavenly Father, #44

Psalm 73

“Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory...”

Historical Prayer

“Help me to walk as Jesus walked, my only Savior and perfect model, his mind my inward guest, his meekness my covering garb. Let my happy place be amongst the poor in spirit, my delight the gentle ranks of the meek. Let me always esteem others better than myself, and find in true humility an heirdom to two worlds.”

- The Valley of Vision

Christ's Humiliation

Week 12

Isaiah 53:3, Luke 2:7, Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19

Memory Verse

"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Philippians 2:8

Catechisms

Young Children:

53. What kind of life did Christ live on earth? A life of poverty and suffering.
54. What kind of death did Christ die? The painful and shameful death of the cross.
55. Who will be saved? Only those who repent and sin, believe in Christ, and lead holy lives.

WSC:

27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.
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Hymns and Psalms

The Old Rugged Cross, 186

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown. *Refrain.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction to me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see;
'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me.

Other Suggested Hymns

At the Cross, #188

Psalm 22

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me,
from the words of my groaning?"

Historical Prayer

"... Jesus had to be lifted up on the cross because of our unwillingness to lift up our eyes to you. Yet Christ's life and death on our behalf is the very comfort to which we are habitually so unwilling to look. Forgive us, Father, for our rejection of this beautiful gospel story into which you have invited us..." - from Prone to Wander

Repentance

Week 13

2 Chronicles 7:14, Joel 2:13, Matthew 4:17, Acts 2:38

Memory Verse

“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.” 2 Corinthians 7:10

Catechisms

Young Children:

56. What is it to repent? To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.
57. What is it to believe or have faith in Christ? To trust in Christ alone for salvation.
58. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power? No; I can do nothing good without the help of God’s Holy Spirit.
59. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit? God has told us that we must pray to him for the Holy Spirit.

WSC:

85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin? To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.
 87. What is repentance unto life? Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.
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Hymns and Psalms

I Lay My Sins on Jesus, #340, vs. 1, 3

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains white in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

I long to be like Jesus – meek, loving, lowly, mild; I long to be like Jesus – The Father’s holy Child. I long to be with Jesus, Amid the heav’nly throng, to sing with saints His praises, to learn the angels’ song.

Other Suggested Hymns

Lord, I’m Coming Home, #341

Psalm 51

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin...”

Historical Prayer

“...I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness ... Father, forgive me, and thou are always bringing forth the best robe...” - from The Valley of Vision

Faith

Week 14

2 Chronicles 7:14, Joel 2:13, Matthew 4:17, Acts 2:38

Memory Verse

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

Catechisms

Young Children:

60. How long ago is it since Christ died? More than nineteen hundred years.
61. How were pious persons saved before the coming of Christ? By believing in a Savior to come.
62. How did they show their faith? By offering sacrifices on God's altar
63. What did these sacrifices represent? Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die for sinners.

WSC:

86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the gospel.
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Hymns and Psalms

My Faith Looks Up To Thee, #410

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strengthen to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire; As thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide; Bid darkness turn today, Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

Other Suggested Hymns

Have Faith in God, #408

Psalms 31

"...But I trust in you, O LORD; I saw, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hand..."

Historical Prayer

"... I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness ... Father, forgive me, and thou are always bringing forth the best robe..." - from The Valley of Vision

Christ's Offices

Week 15

Isaiah 9:6-7, Acts 3:22, Hebrews 5:6

Memory Verse

"As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." Psalm 2:6

Catechisms

Young Children:

64. What offices has Christ? Christ has three offices.
65. What are they? The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

WSC:

23. What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer? Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.
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Hymns and Psalms

Adoration, #165

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!

Fear not to enter His presence in poverty, bearing no gifts to present as your own. Bring truth in its beauty and love in its purity – these are the offerings to lay at His throne.

Jesus is Lord of All, #359, vs. 1

All my tomorrows, all my past, Jesus is Lord of all. I quit my struggles, contentment at last, Jesus is Lord of all. King of kings, Lord of lords, Jesus is Lord of all; All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all.

Other Suggested Hymns

Crown Him with Many Crowns, #234

Psalm 2

'I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession ..."

Historical Prayer

"... Jesus, thank you for worshiping your Father with unwavering faith and unshakable hope on our behalf. Fully knowing and cherishing his true character, you submitted to his wisdom and trusted him completely in all circumstances of your life. You ran to him often in your times of need and never turned toward false gods. The brokenness that entered this holy family was not the result of self-promotion or idolatry, but came from the willing sacrifice you made to be separated from your Father in an eternal payment for our sin. Now your obedience is ours, and we are so grateful to be united to you and defined by your righteousness instead of our own... - from Prone to Wander

Christ as our Prophet

Week 16

Matthew 21:11, John 1:18, 15:15, 1 Peter 1:10-12

Memory Verse

“... these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. – John 20:31

Catechisms

Young Children:

- 66. How is Christ a prophet? Because he teaches us the will of God.
- 69. Why do you need Christ as a prophet? Because I am ignorant.

WSC:

- 24.. How does Christ executeth the office of a prophet? Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.
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Hymns and Psalms

O Word of God Incarnate, #269, vs. 1-3

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky; We praise Thee for the radiance that from the hallowed
page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from her dear Master received the gift divine, and still that light she
lifteth o'er the earth to shine. It is the golden casket where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

It floateth like a banner before Christ's host unfurled; it shineth like a beacon above
the darkling world. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, 'mid mists
and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

Other Suggested Hymns

Standing on the Promises, #271

Psalm 119

“... My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your Word...”

Historical Prayer

“O Lord, I hang on thee; I see, believe, live, when thy will, not mine, is done; I can plead
nothing in myself in regard of any worthiness and grace, in regard of thy providence and
promises, but only thy good pleasure ... help me to pray in faith and so find thy will, by
leaning hard on thy rich free mercy, by believing thou wilt give what thou hast promised ...
so shall I wait thy will, pray for it to be done, and by thy grace become fully obedient.”
- from The Valley of Vision

Christ as our Priest

Hebrews 2:17, 7:25

Week 17

Memory Verse

“... Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many... – Hebrews 9:28a

Catechisms

Young Children:

67. How is Christ a priest? Because he died for our sins and pleads with God for us.

70. Why do you need Christ as a priest? Because I am guilty.

WSC:

25. How does Christ executeth the office of a priest? Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Hymns and Psalms

There is a Fountain, #196, vs. 1, 3,4

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

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r, till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more: be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die: and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die.

Other Suggested Hymns

Lamb of Glory, #197

Psalm 110

'... The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek..."

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Hebrews 7-8: "Oh! Grant that with Manasseh we may find favor and mercy; remember that you have not spared your own only dear Son Jesus Christ, but have given him for us all, to die for our sins, to rise for our righteousness, to ascend for our taking possession of heaven, and to appear before you for us forever, a high priest after the order of Melchizedek, that through him we might have free access to come to your throne, now rather a throne of grace than of justice." - John Bradford

Christ as our King

Week 18

Psalm 2, Isaiah 33:22, 1 Corinthians 15:25, Ephesians 1:20-21

Memory Verse

“... the Lamb will conquer them, for he is the Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called chosen and faithful.” – Revelation 17:14

Catechisms

Young Children:

- 68. How is Christ a king? Because he rules over us and defends us.
- 71. Why do you need Christ as a king? Because I am weak and helpless.

WSC:

- 26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king? Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.
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Hymns and Psalms

O Worship the King, #10

O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing His wondrous love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Other Suggested Hymns

Majesty, #74

Psalm 61

‘... Prolong the life of the king; may his years endure to all generations! May he be enthroned forever before God; appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!’

Historical Prayer

“Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the King who rules in truth and grace. You are the first and the Last, the Lord of the nations, worthy of the praises of all peoples. Thank you that you bore the curse of Adam’s sin and ours, and that through your perfect obedience you bring unbounded blessing to all those who trust in you ... thank you that you, the Eternal One, took flesh and died for us, and that you are now alive forevermore, ruling over the entire universe...” – from Prone to Wander

The 10 Commandments

Week 19

Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, 10:14

Memory Verse

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” – Matthew 5:17

Catechisms

Young Children:

72. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? Ten commandments.
73. What are the ten commandments sometimes called? The Decalogue.
74. What do the first four commandments teach? Our duty to God.
75. What do the last six commandments teach? Our duty to our fellow men.

WSC:

40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience? The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.
 41. Wherein is the moral law summarily comprehended? The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.
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Hymns and Psalms

Living for Jesus, #372, vs. 1, 3

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do; yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee; For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me. I owe no other Master, My heart shall be Thy throne. My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in His holy name; willing to suffer affliction and loss, deeming each trial apart of my cross.

Other Suggested Hymns

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord, #395

Psalms 19

‘... The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes ...’

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Exodus 3: “So long, Lord, have I lived in this world of yours, which you made, and not I, as if I might do in it, and with myself, what I pleased! I have usurped upon your unquestionable right in me, have lived to myself and not to you; I am now convinced this was a very undutiful way of living ... Turn me and I shall be turned; you are the Lord my God. – John Howe

The Sum of the 10 Commandments

Week 20

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Matthew 22, Mark, 12

Memory Verse

“Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.” – Ecclesiastes 7:20

Catechisms

Young Children:

76. What is the sum of the ten commandments? To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.
77. Who is your neighbor? All my fellow men are my neighbors.
78. Is God pleased with those who love and obey him? Yes; he says, “I love them that love me.”
79. Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey him? Yes; “God is angry with the wicked every day.”
103. Can any man keep the ten commandments perfectly? No mere man, since the fall of Adam, ever did or can keep the ten commandments perfectly.
104. Of what use are the ten commandments to us? To teach us our duty, and show the need for a Savior.

WSC:

42. What is the sum of the ten commandments? The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord your God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind: and our neighbor as ourselves.
 82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God? No mere man, since the fall, is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.
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Hymns and Psalms

A Charge to Keep I Have, #448, vs. 1-2

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my pow'rs engage to do my Master's will.

Other Suggested Hymns

He Leadeth Me, #461

Psalm 33

“... For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord...”

Historical Prayer

My Father, I could never have sought my happiness in thy love, unless thou had'st first loved me. Thy Spirit has encourage me by grace to seek after thee, has made known to me thy reconciliation in Jesus, has taught me to believe it, has helped me to take thee for my God and my portion ... I thank thee for giving me the desire to live as such ... strengthen me inwardly for every purpose of my Christian life...” – from the Valley of Vision

Prayer

Week 21

Nehemiah 1, Matthew 6:5-15, Luke 11: 1-4, John 16:23, Philippians 4:6, James 5:14-18

Memory Verse

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” – Matthew 6:9b-13

Catechisms

Young Children:

105. What is prayer? Prayer is asking God for things which he has promised to give.
106. In whose name should we pray? Only in the name of Christ.
107. What has Christ given us to teach us how to pray? The Lord’s Prayer.

WSC:

98. What is prayer? Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.
 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer? The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called The Lord’s Prayer.
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Hymns and Psalms

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, #435, vs. 1-2

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our Refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

Other Suggested Hymns

Sweet Hour of Prayer, #433

Psalm 143

“Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness...”

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Matthew 6:9-13: “As by this word Father I am taught to glory of you and in you, and all that ever you have, for you are wholly mine, my Lord, my God, and my Father...”
– John Bradford

Sacraments

Week 22

Genesis 17:7, Mark 14:22-24, Acts 2:38, 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Memory Verse

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” – Matthew 28:19

Catechisms

Young Children:

122. How many sacraments are there? Two.
123. What are they? Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.
124. Who appointed these sacraments? The Lord Jesus Christ.
125. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments? To distinguish his disciples from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.

WSC:

91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation? The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them, that by faith receive them.
 92. What is a sacrament? A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.
 93. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament? The sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord’s Supper.
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Hymns and Psalms

Jesus Paid It All, #210, vs. 1, 4

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small! Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all.” Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain – He washed it white as snow.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, “Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall repeat. Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain – He washed it white as snow.

Other Suggested Hymns

All the Way My Savior Leads Me, #460

Psalm 73

“Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory ... my flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever...”

Historical Prayer

“Lord, teach me the nature of a sacrament as a seal and pledge of love, that Christ is faithful to make himself a present reality to his own who are guests at his table. Assure me by it that his Word is made good to my faith, that he by sacramental union is given to me ... heal me now, as I approach thy table, and fill me with grace, with thyself.” – Valley of Vision

Baptism

Week 23

Matthew 3:13-17, 28:19, Romans 6:3, Acts 2:38-39, 16:14-15, 33

Memory Verse

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit ...” – Acts 2:38

Catechisms

Young Children:

126. What sign is used in baptism? The washing with water.
127. What does this signify? That we are cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ.
128. In whose name are we baptized? In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
129. Who are to be baptized? Believers and their children.
130. Why should infants be baptized? Because they have a sinful nature and need a Savior.

WSC:

94. What is baptism? Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.
 95. To whom is baptism to be administered? Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ and obedience to Him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.
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Hymns and Psalms

Nothing But the Blood, #195, vs 1-2

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain: Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus; for my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Other Suggested Hymns

Take My Life and Let It Be, #369

Psalm 98

“Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth...”

Historical Prayer

“Shine on me, O my God, to make me fit for life's desert places ... Not at all times I am worthy of the wilderness; I am worthy after the splendors of Jordan. Nothing but the Son's vision can fit me for the Spirit's burden; only the glory of the baptism can support the hunger of the desert.” – George Matheson

The Lord's Supper

Week 24

Matthew 26:16-29, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:14-20, John 6:35, Acts 2, 20:11, 1 Corinthians 11

Memory Verse

".. This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." – 1 Corinthians 11:24b

Catechisms

Young Children:

133. What is the Lord's Supper? The eating and drinking of wine in remembrance of the sufferings and death of Christ.
134. What does the bread represent? The body of Christ, broken for our sins.
135. What does the wine represent? The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.
136. Who should partake of the Lord's Supper? Only those who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation, and love their fellow men.

WSC:

96. What is the Lord's Supper? The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.
 97. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper? It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.
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Hymns and Psalms

The Church's One Foundation, #277, vs. 1-2

The Church's one foundation, is Jesus Christ her Lord: she is His new creation by water and the Word: from heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth: one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Other Suggested Hymns

Let Us Break Bread Together on our Knees, #323

Psalm 116

"What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD ..."

Historical Prayer

Inspired by John 6: "We taste you, O you living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from you to fill." – Bernard of Clairvaux

Christ's Resurrection and Return

Week 25

Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20:1-10, Hebrews 7:25, 1 Thessalonians 4-5, Revelation 19-20

Memory Verse

".. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here..." – Mark 6:6

Catechisms

Young Children:

137. Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion? No; he rose from the dead on the third day after his death.
138. Where is Christ now? In heaven, interceding for sinners.
139. Will he come again? Yes; at the last day Christ will come to judge the world.

WSC:

28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation? Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.
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Hymns and Psalms

Worship Christ the Risen King, #225, vs. 1-3

Rise, O Church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell. Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the Risen King!

See the tomb where death has laid Him, empty now, its mouth declares; "Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of Life He shares." Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the Risen King!"

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r; all hell's minions may assemble but cannot withstand His hour. He has conquered, He has conquered, Christ the Lord, the Risen King!

Other Suggested Hymns

The King is Coming, #238

Psalms 16

"I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption ..."

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Revelation 11:15-18: "Keep me from falling and preserve me in your fear, that I may be worthy to appear before the Son of Man at his coming to judgment, and then may not be put to shame, but hear the welcome sound, 'Enter you into the joy of your Lord,' and dwell with you forever and ever." – Johann Habermann

Eternal Life

Week 26

1 Samuel 2:6, Daniel 12:2, John 3:16, 14:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 21:1

Memory Verse

“... our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ ...”
Philippians 3:20

Catechisms

Young Children:

- 142. What will become of the wicked in the day of judgment? They shall be cast into hell.
- 143. What is hell? A place of dreadful and endless torment.
- 144. What will become of the righteous? They shall be taken to heaven.
- 145. What is heaven? A glorious and happy place, where the righteous shall be forever with the Lord.

WSC:

- 37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.
 - 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection? At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.
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Hymns and Psalms

I'll Fly Away, #554, 1, 3

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away; to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away; when I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away; to a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.

Other Suggested Hymns

Soon and Very Soon, #551

Psalm 148

“Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts...”

Historical Prayer

Inspired by Revelation 22:6-21: “Above all, long-expected Messiah, do come! Your ancient people who despised you once are waiting for you in your second coming, and we, the Gentiles, who knew you not, neither regarded you, we, too, are watching for your advent ... Earth travails for your coming. The whole creation groans in pain together until now. Your own expect you; we are longing till we are weary for your second coming. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen and Amen.” – Charles Spurgeon