

Helpful Hints for Visitors

Every church has a different way of worshipping God. Even Christian churches vary in when and how they do things. The following might explain some of the items found in our worship bulletin.

THE PRELUDE (Music at the beginning) is a time when people can silently prepare themselves for worship.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION is where we acknowledge before God and others that we fall short of what God would have us do and who God would have us be.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON reminds us that even though we fall short, God wants us to be free from sin and guilt and is eager for us to accept his forgiveness.

THE GLORIA PATRI is an old traditional Christian hymn of praise. We praise God for who God is and what God does for us. It is found on Page 579 in the Hymnal.

GOD'S WORD is found in the scriptures — the Bible. The sermon explains and applies what is read from the Bible.

THE DOXOLOGY is often sung before or after the offering is taken, thanking God for all God has provided for us. This hymn is also used as a blessing before a meal. The words can be found on page 592 of the Hymnal.

THE LORD'S PRAYER is the prayer Jesus taught the disciples. It is found in Matthew 5:9-13 (page 1504 in the Pew Bible). This church uses the “debts-debtors” version.

THE BENEDICTION is a blessing, usually taken from the Bible, reminding everyone that God is true to his promise to always be with us.

THE POSTLUDE is a concluding musical movement played at the end of the worship service. The Prelude and the Postlude are similar to a beautiful frame around a picture. If you have any questions about how or why we worship the way we do, please feel free to ask one of the pastors.