

Directory for Worship

{ Exploring the Proposed Revision



Principles for Revision

- ⌘ uphold essentials of Reformed faith, life, worship
- ⌘ respond to changing contexts, congregations
- ⌘ provide for more flexibility, diverse expressions
- ⌘ use “we” language (vs. “they”) for people of God
- ⌘ streamline contents, user-friendly organization
- ⌘ simplify language, rewrite in more accessible style
- ⌘ eliminate redundancy and reduce length
- ⌘ enhance usefulness as a teaching document



Word and Sacrament

“Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to Christ’s institution, there, it is not to be doubted, a church of God exists” (Calvin, *Institutes*, 4.1.9).

See also Scots Confession, 3.18; Second Helvetic Confession, 5.134–5.135; Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, F-1.0303; and Form of Government, G-3.0101, 3.0201, 3.0301, 3.0401, 3.0501.



Word and Sacrament

“In Christian worship Jesus Christ is truly present and active among us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Wherever the Scriptures are read and proclaimed and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper are celebrated, the Church bears witness to Jesus Christ, the living Word, and proclaims the mystery of faith.”

—W-1.0106: Word and Sacrament



Word and Sacrament

“God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament establish and equip the Church as the body of Christ in the world. The mission of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church flows from Baptism, is nourished at the Lord’s Supper, and serves to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all. In the same way, the Church’s ministry emerges from the font, arises from the table, and takes its shape from the Word of the Lord.”

—W-1.0107: Worship and the Church



Word and Sacrament

“The Service for the Lord’s Day is a service of Word and Sacrament. We meet in the presence of the living Lord, who appeared to his disciples on the first day of the week—the day he rose from the dead—to interpret the Scriptures and break bread. Following Jesus’ example, the Church proclaims the fullness of the gospel in Word and Sacrament on the Lord’s Day.”

—W-3.0102: The Pattern of Lord’s Day Worship



Word and Sacrament

Chapter Three: The Service for the Lord's Day

⌘ W-3.01: Worship on the Lord's Day

⌘ W-3.02: Gathering

⌘ W-3.03: Word

⌘ W-3.04: Sacrament

⌘ W-3.05: Sending



Word and Sacrament

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⌘ W-3.04: **SACRAMENT**

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*Responding to
God's Word*



Word and Sacrament

Chapter Three: The Service for the Lord's Day

⌘ W-3.0301: Theology of Proclamation

“The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God ...”

⌘ W-3.0402: Theology of Baptism

“Baptism is the sign and seal of our incorporation ...”

⌘ W-3.0409: Theology of the Lord's Supper

“The Lord's Supper (or Eucharist) is the sign and seal of our communion ...”



Word and Sacrament

“The church’s primary standard and resource for Christian nurture is the Word of God in Scripture, bearing witness to Christ’s way of truth and life.”

—W-5.0203: Christian Education

“these ministries flow from and are nourished by the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, signs and seals of our relationship in the body of Christ.”

—W-5.0204: Pastoral Care



Changing Contexts, Flexibility

- ⌘ not just “Downtown First Presbyterian Church”
- ⌘ different kinds of worship spaces
- ⌘ other models of leadership and ministry
- ⌘ variety of musical styles, groups, instruments
- ⌘ multitude of cultures and languages
- ⌘ more openness, flexibility, permission to adapt



“Shall” in the Directory

current directory = 102

Authority/Use of Directory: 5

Inclusion/Participation: 5

Scripture: 12

Baptism: 17

Lord's Supper: 16

Prayer: 5

Offering: 1

Ordination: 30

Marriage: 7

Funerals: 4

proposed revision = 25

Authority/Use of Directory: 1

Inclusion/Participation: 2

Scripture: 2

Baptism: 4

Lord's Supper: 6

Prayer: 1

Offering: 1

Ordination: 4

Marriage: 4



From “They” to “We” Language

W-1.1001 current: “Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God’s claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God’s service in the world.”



From “They” to “We” Language

W-1.0101 revised: “Christian worship gives all glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving to the holy, triune God. We are gathered in worship to glorify the God who is present and active among us—particularly through the gifts of Word and Sacrament. We are sent out in service to glorify the same God who is present and active in the world.”



Language, Style, and Structure

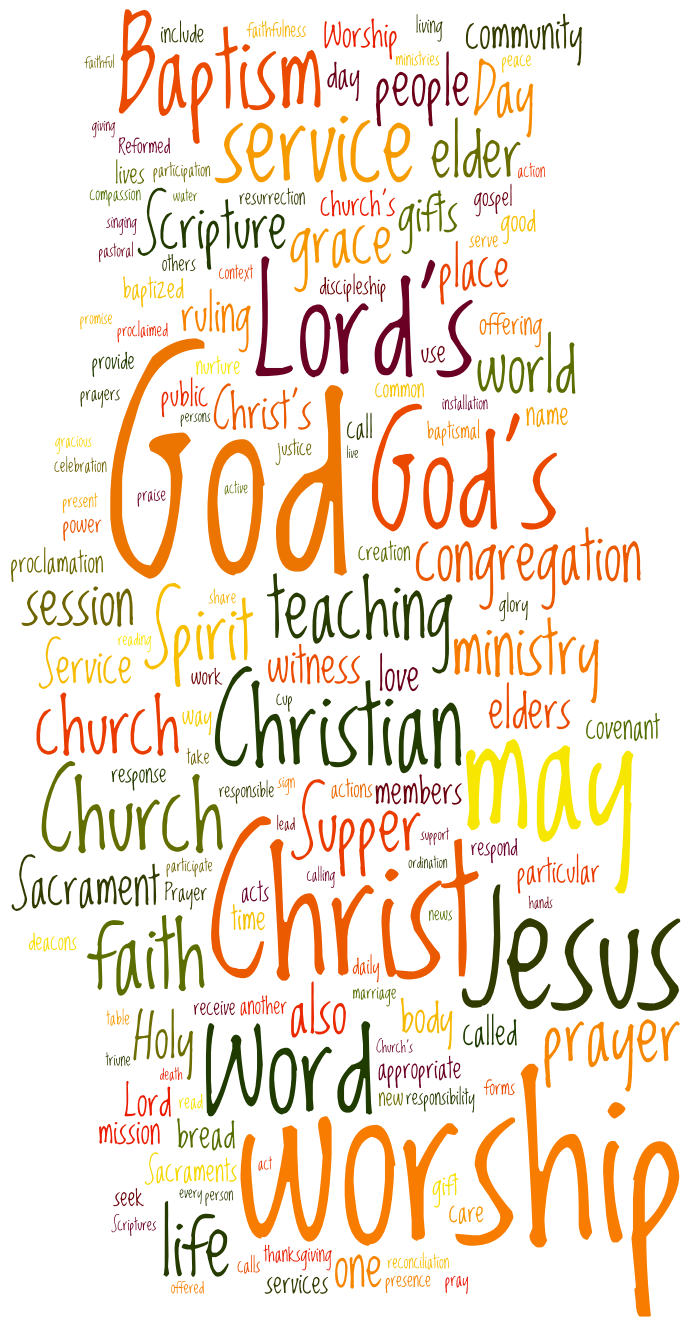
- ⌘ revision is shorter: from 27,000 words to 18,000
- ⌘ Flesch Reading Ease: from Fairly Difficult to Standard
- ⌘ Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: from 12th to 10th
- ⌘ move from numbered/lettered lists to narrative style
- ⌘ seminarians, worship committees, new members



Current Version of the Directory for Worship



Proposed Revision to the Directory for Worship



Language, Style, and Structure

Current Directory for Worship

seven chapters

- (1) The Dynamics of Christian Worship
- (2) The Elements of Christian Worship
- (3) The Ordering of Christian Worship
- (4) Ordering Worship for Special Purposes
- (5) Worship and Personal Discipleship
- (6) Worship and Ministry within the Community of Faith
- (7) Worship and the Ministry of the Church in the World



Language, Style, and Structure

Revised Directory for Worship

five chapters

- (1) The Dynamics of Christian Worship
- (2) The Elements of Christian Worship
- (3) The Ordering of Christian Worship
- (4) Ordering Worship for Special Purposes
- (5) Worship and Christian Life
 - Personal Life
 - Church's Ministry
 - Church's Mission



Language, Style, and Structure

Revised Directory for Worship

five chapters

- (1) The Dynamics of Christian Worship
- (2) The Elements of Christian Worship
- (3) The Ordering of Christian Worship
- (4) Pastoral and Occasional Services
- (5) Worship and Christian Life
 - Personal Life
 - Church's Ministry
 - Church's Mission



Language, Style, and Structure

Revised Directory for Worship

five chapters

- (1) The Dynamics of Christian Worship
- (2) The Elements of Christian Worship (theology)
- (3) The Ordering of Christian Worship (practice)
- (4) Pastoral and Occasional Services
- (5) Worship and Christian Life
 - Personal Life
 - Church's Ministry
 - Church's Mission



Language, Style, and Structure

Revised Directory for Worship

five chapters

(1) The Dynamics of Christian Worship

(2) The Elements of Christian Worship (theology)

(3) The Ordering of Christian Worship (practice)

(4) Pastoral and Occasional Services

(5) Worship and Christian Life

– Personal Life

– Church's Ministry

– Church's Mission

} The Service for
the Lord's Day



Language, Style, and Structure

Revised Directory for Worship

five chapters

(1) The Dynamics of Christian Worship

(2)

(3) The Service for the Lord's Day (elements and order)

(4) Pastoral and Occasional Services

(5) Worship and Christian Life

- Personal Life
- Church's Ministry
- Church's Mission



Language, Style, and Structure

Revised Directory for Worship

five chapters

- (1) The Dynamics of Christian Worship
- (2) Christian Worship in the Reformed Tradition
- (3) The Service for the Lord's Day
- (4) Pastoral and Occasional Services
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Language, Style, and Structure

Revised Directory for Worship

five chapters

- (1) The Theology of Christian Worship
- (2) Christian Worship in the Reformed Tradition
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Glory to God / Reign of God

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ACTION

(1) The Theology
of Christian Worship

(2) Christian Worship in
the Reformed Tradition

(5) Worship and
Christian Life

Mission in the World
Ministry in the Church
Personal Life

PARTICULAR

(3) The Service for
the Lord's Day

(4) Pastoral and
Occasional Services

Theology of Christian Worship

Chapter One: The Theology of Christian Worship

⌘ W-1.01: Christian Worship: An Introduction

— distinct sections on Grace and Gratitude, The Holy Spirit

⌘ W-1.02: Time, Space, and Matter

— combines two sections on Christian year (liturgical calendar)

⌘ W-1.03: Language, Symbols, and Culture

— distinct section on Culture: Christian worship is contextual, cross-cultural, transcultural, countercultural, intercultural



Worship in the Reformed Tradition

Chapter Two: Christian Worship in the Reformed Tradition

⌘ W-2.01: Sources and Principles

— Sources of Order, Form and Freedom

⌘ W-2.02: The Worshiping Assembly

— Royal Priesthood, Prayerful Participation

⌘ W-2.03: Leadership in Worship and Ordered Ministries

— gifts of all the baptized, particular calling in ordered ministry
deacons, ruling/teaching elders; music, shared responsibility



The Service for the Lord's Day

Chapter Three: The Service for the Lord's Day

⌘ W-3.01: Worship on the Lord's Day

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⌘ W-3.04: Sacrament

⌘ W-3.05: Sending



Living into / out of Baptism

Chapter Four: Pastoral and Occasional Services

- ⌘ W-4.01: Flowing from Baptism
- ⌘ W-4.02: Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
- ⌘ W-4.03: Commissioning for Service
- ⌘ W-4.04: Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning
- ⌘ W-4.05: Marking Transitions
- ⌘ W-4.06: The Covenant of Marriage
- ⌘ W-4.07: Death and Resurrection

“In Baptism each Christian ...”



Worship and Christian Life

Chapter Five: Worship and Christian Life

⌘ W-5.01: Worship and Personal Life

“We respond to God’s grace ...”

⌘ W-5.02: Worship and the Church’s Ministry

“God calls the Church [in the name of Jesus Christ] ...”

⌘ W-5.03: Worship and the Church’s Mission

“God sends the Church [in the power of the Holy Spirit] ...”



Worship and Christian Life

Chapter Five: Worship and Christian Life

⌘ W-5.01: Worship and Personal Life

Christian life springs from / flows back into worship

⌘ W-5.02: Worship and the Church's Ministry

The church's ministry springs from / flows back into worship

⌘ W-5.03: Worship and the Church's Mission

The church's mission springs from / flows back into worship



Usefulness in Teaching

John Calvin and the “Third Use of the Law”

(1) “Convicting” or “Theological” Use

to impress upon us the holiness of God, convict us of our sin

(2) “Political” or “Civil” Use

to promote order, restrain evil, facilitate life in society

(3) “Regenerate” or “Teaching” Use

for instruction and guidance in faithful living

(Calvin, *Institutes*, 2.7.6–12)



Usefulness in Teaching

The “Third Use” of the Directory for Worship

(1) “Convicting” or “Theological” Use

to point to the holiness of God, inadequacy of human worship

(2) “Political” or “Civil” Use

to promote orderly worship, designate roles, mediate disputes

(3) “Regenerate” or “Teaching” Use

for instruction and guidance in faithful worship

(Calvin, *Institutes*, 2.7.6–12)



Appreciation for the Revision

- ⌘ “marvelous job condensing, simplifying, clarifying”
- ⌘ “beautifully written and inviting”
- ⌘ “robust theology,” “strongly Reformed”
- ⌘ “more clear than the existing document”
- ⌘ “excellent work,” “more accessible and useful”
- ⌘ “clear, inviting, informative text”
- ⌘ “teaching document,” “advantageous guide”

