

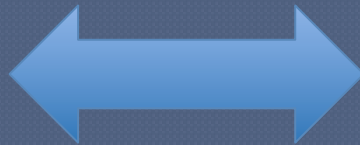
# Why We Do What We Do

## Reformed Worship

From class series written by Rev. Katelyn Gordon Cooke

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Worship is at the  
**heart**  
of the Christian community.



# Worship

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- Preparation
- Adoration
- Confession
- Proclamation
- Responding
- Sending Forth

# Preparation

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## ◉ Pre-prelude

- What are the things you do to prepare yourself for worship even before you walk through the doors of the sanctuary?

## ◉ Prelude

- What do you do during the Prelude?
- How would worship feel different without this piece?

# Adoration

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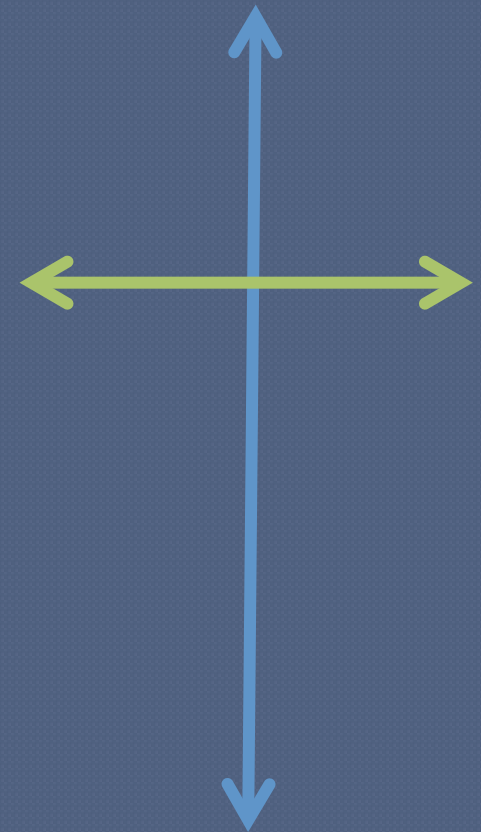
- Who do we adore? Why?
- What does this say about who we are?
- What's the negative implication?

# Adoration

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## ○ Call to Worship

- “...at its best the call to worship reinforces the ‘vertical dimension’ of worship...and the ‘horizontal dimension’ of worship” – JDW
- Participatory



What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

# SOVEREIGNTY of GOD

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God's in charge, and we are not.

This is our starting place in worship  
and our starting place in life.

# Confession

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- Call to Confession
- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon

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# Discussion Questions

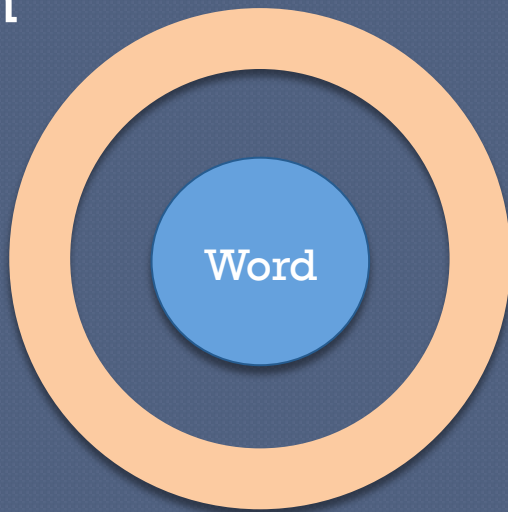
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- What difference does it make...
  - that we start worship with a focus on God's sovereignty before talking about our sinfulness?
  - that the Assurance of Pardon always comes immediately after the Prayer of Confession?
- Where else in your life do you experience this pattern of confession and forgiveness?

# Proclamation

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- Prayer of Illumination
- Scripture Reading
- Anthem
- Time with Children
- Scripture Reading
- Sermon
- Hymn



- “The church confesses the Scripture to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God’s self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ is the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit.” (BoO)

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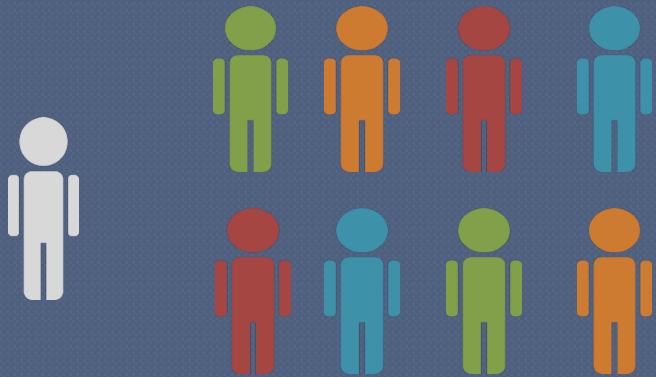
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- The word of God is at the center of worship. Is it at the center of your life?
  - The whole service is “awash in Scripture.” Are our lives?
- How do the confession and pardon impact how you hear the word read and proclaimed?
- Is there a particular form of proclamation that resonates with you more than others?

# CONFESSION

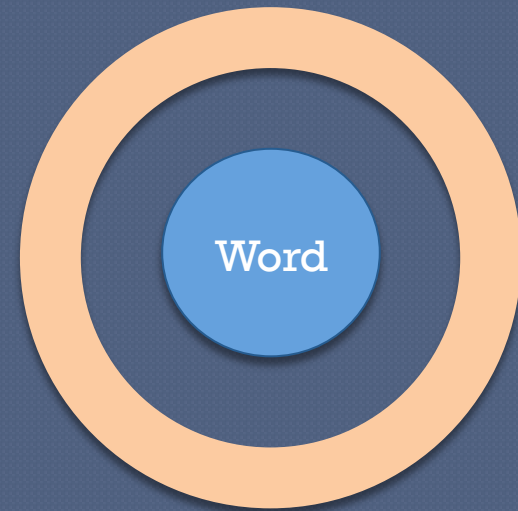
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# PROCLAMATION

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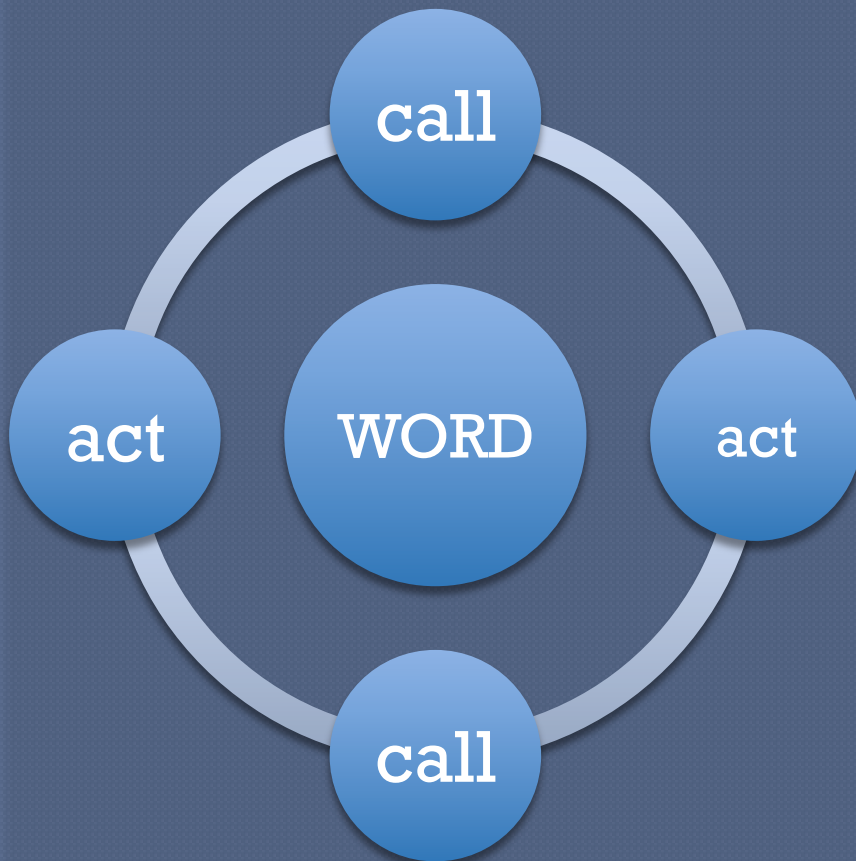
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# Responding

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- Affirmation of Faith
- Prayers of the People
- Stewardship of Life
  - Tithes & Offerings
- Doxology
- Prayer of Dedication & Lord's Prayer

# Sending Forth

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- ⦿ Hymn
- ⦿ Charge and Benediction
- ⦿ Benediction Response
- ⦿ Postlude

Great Commission – “Go and make disciples of all nations...”

The point is not to stay in the sanctuary.

Worship :: Life of Faith

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