

In our Reformed and Liturgical worship, we also observe the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the seasons of the liturgical calendar and colors.

Our Communion table has different colors associated with seasons

PURPLE Preparation & Penitence during Lent and Advent

WHITE Celebration, joy, victory. Used for Easter, Communion and other festivals

RED Passion of Christ & Fire of the Holy Spirit

GREEN Growth & Mission



Worship Guide *for* **FIRST EPC**



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On the Lord's Day.

the first day of the week, First EPC opens its doors for a worship service. We welcome members of our church family and visitors alike to join with us at the invitation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here on the First Day of the week we meet with Him who loves us and gave himself for us -- who was lifted high on the cross to die for our sins, raised from death to conquer the grave, and exalted to heaven's throne to rule over an everlasting kingdom. In this worship service our Lord Jesus renews us in the covenant bond of love and loyalty so that, Christ being formed in us, we go forth in the power of the Gospel to proclaim by word and deed the truth of his gracious rule. We believe our time of worship is central to our mission of

*"Leading Generations to Bless
the World through
the Redeeming Love of Jesus."*

This is all accomplished
in the worship service
through the following five actions
in which Christ takes the initiative
and **we respond** in the obedience of faith:

- 1) CHRIST *Calls* US;
- 2) CHRIST *Cleanses* US;
- 3) CHRIST *Creates* US ANEW;
- 4) CHRIST *Communes* WITH US;
- 5) CHRIST *Commissions* US.

LORD'S DAY OF WORSHIP AT FIRST EPC

PRELUDE

[musical instruments will be played as the worshipers gather and take their seats]

Christ Calls Us

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

[come, let us worship. Words from the Bible by which Christ calls us to meet for worship]

SONGS OF PRAISE

[songs, psalms or hymns by which we express our joy of being in the Lord's presence]

Christ Cleanses Us

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

[words from the Bible by which Christ shows us our need for cleansing and renewal]

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

[we admit to doing that which displeases the Lord and failing to do what pleases him, seeking God's forgiveness]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[the Lord impresses His promise on our hearts that we have a merciful and forgiving God, for Jesus' sake]

Christ Creates Us Anew

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

[text is read from the Bible that is the basis for a message that explains and applies it to our life]

THE MESSAGE

[based on chosen Bible text which the Lord empowers with His Spirit to form Christ in us, equipping us for kingdom service]

SONG OF COMMITMENT

[a psalm or hymn which appropriately resonates with the chosen text and message]

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[asking of the Lord to heal us, and this broken world, so that His kingdom will come as we serve Christ's cause]

THE OFFERTORY

[the gifts -- tithes & offerings -- are presented as we offer them up to the Lord in support of First EPC and ministry partnerships]

Christ Communes With Us

(first Lord's Day of each month)

CHRIST INVITES US TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

[we celebrate the Lord's death and promise of his return in glory]

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

[in faith we together eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation, participating in Christ's great communion meal]

Christ Commissions Us

THE GREAT COMMISSION

[having cleansed and created us anew, the Lord charges us to go into all the world with the life-transforming gospel]

PARTING SONG OF PRAISE

[renewed and strengthened, we sing with fresh resolve to serve Christ our King with all of our hearts]

THE BLESSING

[the blessing of the Lord is put upon us so that we might bless all generations with the redeeming love of Christ]

POSTLUDE

[musical instruments will be played as worshipers depart]