

Gospel Flow of the REPC Worship Liturgy¹

Every week we rehearse the Gospel through sequential liturgical practices which move us from adoring God's glory, to confessing our sinfulness, to restoring joy in our forgiveness, to redirecting our life by God's Word, to pleading for God's help, and to devoting our lives to God's mission all by God's grace! These practices form a dynamic dialogue between God and His people. He initiates an invitation to worship, we respond in praise. He forgives us in the Gospel, we respond in confession. He assures us of pardon, we respond in thanksgiving. He teaches us His Word, we respond in affirmation of faith and prayer. He provides resources, we respond in offering to Him. He sends us out in His benediction, we respond by living on mission.

- ❖ **The Call to Worship:** An Invitation by our gracious God to behold His glory and worship.
Formation: This practice increases our reverence and boldness to draw near to God in worship.
- ❖ **The Hymn of Praise/Prayer of Adoration:** Adoration of God's glory and grace.
Formation: This practice stirs our affections with a deeper love for God's character and awe regarding His glory.
- ❖ **Confession:** Acknowledgement of our sin and need of grace.
Formation: This practice humbles us by revealing our unrighteousness before a righteous God, Who loves us.
- ❖ **The Assurance of Pardon:** Affirmation of God's provision of grace through Christ's forgiving work.
Formation: This practice strengthens our trust in God's forgiveness and acceptance of us in Christ.
- ❖ **The Acclamation of Praise:** Expression of praise and thanks for God's gracious forgiveness.
Formation: This practice cultivates gratefulness to God for His mercy and steadfast love.
- ❖ **Fellowship of the Peace of Christ:** We extend grace and welcome to others as God has extended grace and welcome to us in Christ.
Formation: This practice unites us to each other and expands our need and desire for community.
- ❖ **Reading of Scripture/Sermon:** God speaks through His Word and calls us to trust, obey, and grow in grace.
Formation: This practice equips us with the knowledge and know-how to Love the Lord and live our calling.
- ❖ **The Affirmation of Faith:** Reciting of the historic creeds and foundations of grace.
Formation: This practice roots our lives in the security of God's truth.
- ❖ **The Gloria:** A Trinitarian song of praise for all three persons of the Trinity for their glorious grace.
Formation: This practice stirs a greater love and affection for each person of the Trinity.
- ❖ **The Pastoral Prayer:** Expression of our dependency on God's grace for local and global concerns.
Formation: This practice cultivates dependency on God for all of life's challenges.
- ❖ **The Offering:** Offering of our lives and resources for the expansion of God's gracious kingdom.
Formation: This practice reminds us that all we are and have belongs to God and should be stewarded for His purposes.
- ❖ **The Benediction:** God sends us into the world with God's gracious promise.
Formation: This practice empowers us to continue to grow in maturity and serve on mission throughout the week.

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