



# LITURGY

SAINT ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

*Love God. Make Disciples. Serve Yakima.*



## WELCOME

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church. We are a new church in Yakima and we are glad you found us. Our hope here at Saint Andrew's is that you meet Jesus. Meeting Jesus has changed our lives, and we believe it will change yours too. Whether the idea of church is strangely foreign or old-hat familiar to you, feel free to pull up a chair and learn what it means to live life in community with Jesus.

## WHAT TO EXPECT?

This bulletin will be your guide through our worship service.

*Children:* We don't have a separate program for children during our worship services. However, we love children and understand that they aren't always able to sit quietly throughout a service, this is OK! We understand and do not mind their noises because we see our children as part of our church. We do have some clipboard and crayons available at the welcome desk that they are welcome to use if you would like.  
*Mothers:* We have a nursing mom's room to side of the foyer for those who need it.

## GIVE US SEVEN

Being new to a church is never easy. Aside from not knowing people, there are songs and customs that seem foreign. C.S. Lewis calls a church's liturgy a dance. Whenever you are learning a new dance it takes time to learn it before it becomes natural. We feel the same and ask that you would give us 7 worship services to let our liturgy and way of approaching God grow on you. We would love to meet you, please stick around and say hello!

## NEW TO SAINT ANDREW'S?

We would love to connect with you. Simply scan the QR code to fill out our visitor information form online.



### ADVENT

Purple is the color displayed during Advent and Lent. It symbolizes longing, waiting and preparation. During this season as we remember Christ's first coming, we are reminded to look forward in anticipation and hope to His second coming, when, "we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet" 1 Cor. 15:51-52



CREATION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth  
and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

**All: The Lord is our righteousness.**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God,  
when justice and mercy will be executed  
throughout the land.

**All: The Lord is our righteousness.**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways,  
and heal the world with love and mercy.

**All: The Lord is our righteousness.**

*Adapted from Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10*

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son  
Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who  
lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

# JOY TO THE WORLD



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his love, and



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 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Words: Based on Psalm 98, Isaac Watts, 1719;  
 Music: G.F. Handel, 1742; Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836



FALL

## CORPORATE CONFESSION

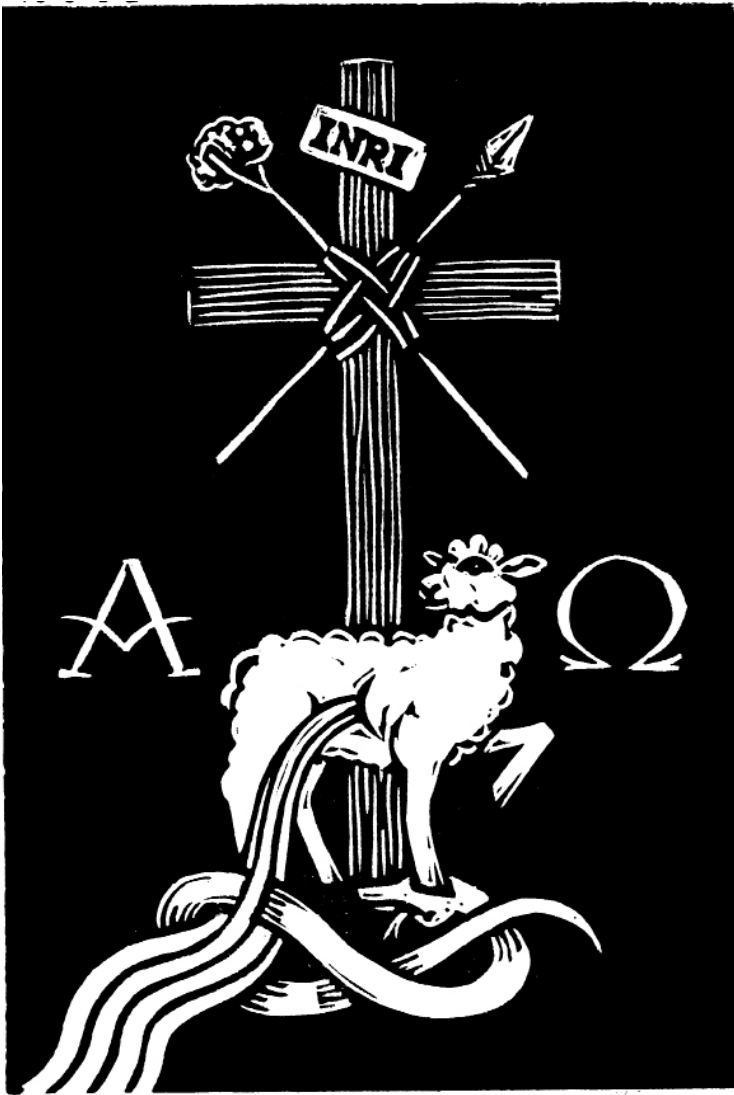
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**A: Almighty God,  
you who shaped out of nothing all that is,  
forgive us for returning empty-handed.  
You who called forth light,  
forgive our preference for the dark!  
You who sent John to be a voice crying,  
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!  
Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*adapted from 1 John 1:5-10*

*Silent confession*





REDEMPTION

## COMFORTABLE WORDS

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2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

*Revelation 21:2-5*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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L: The peace of Christ be with you

A: **And also with you!**

## BAPTISM

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- L: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
A: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
L: There is one Body and one Spirit;  
A: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
L: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
A: **One God and Father of all.**
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- L: That Winchester Babcock may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.  
A: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**  
L: That Winchester may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.  
A: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**  
L: That he may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which he has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.  
A: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**  
L: That he may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever he falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.  
A: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**  
L: That he may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.  
A: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**  
L: That as a living member of the Body of Christ, he may grow up in every way into him who is the head.  
A: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**  
L: That, looking to Jesus, he may run with endurance the race set before him, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.  
A: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**



## SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, show your - self, the  
 2. Not by hu - man po - wer or seed did the wo - man's  
 3. Mar - y then was found with child, still a vir - gin,  
 4. Christ laid down his maj - es - ty, passed through dark Geth -  
 5. Christ in glo - ry in - ter - cede for your crea - ture's  
 6. Praise to you, O Lord, we sing. Praise to Christ, our



vir - gins son. Mar - vel, heav - en, won - der earth,  
 womb con - ceive; on - ly by the Spir - it's breath  
 chaste and mild. God had fa - vored her with grace  
 sem - a - ne. Though he left his Fa - ther's home,  
 suf - f'ring need. Let your re - sur - rec - ting pow'r  
 new - born King! With the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, one,



that our God chose such a \_\_\_\_\_ birth.  
 was the Word of God made \_\_\_\_\_ flesh.  
 to re - ceive the Prince of \_\_\_\_\_ Peace.  
 Christ now sits on God's own \_\_\_\_\_ throne.  
 soon com - plete the vic - t'ry \_\_\_\_\_ hour.  
 let your last - ing king - dom \_\_\_\_\_ come.

*Words: Ambrose, 4th. & Martin Luther, 1523 ; Tr.: Calvin Seervelg, 1984;  
 Music: Enchiridia, Erfut, 1524 arr. Bruce Benedict*

## ADVENT READING

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47 Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

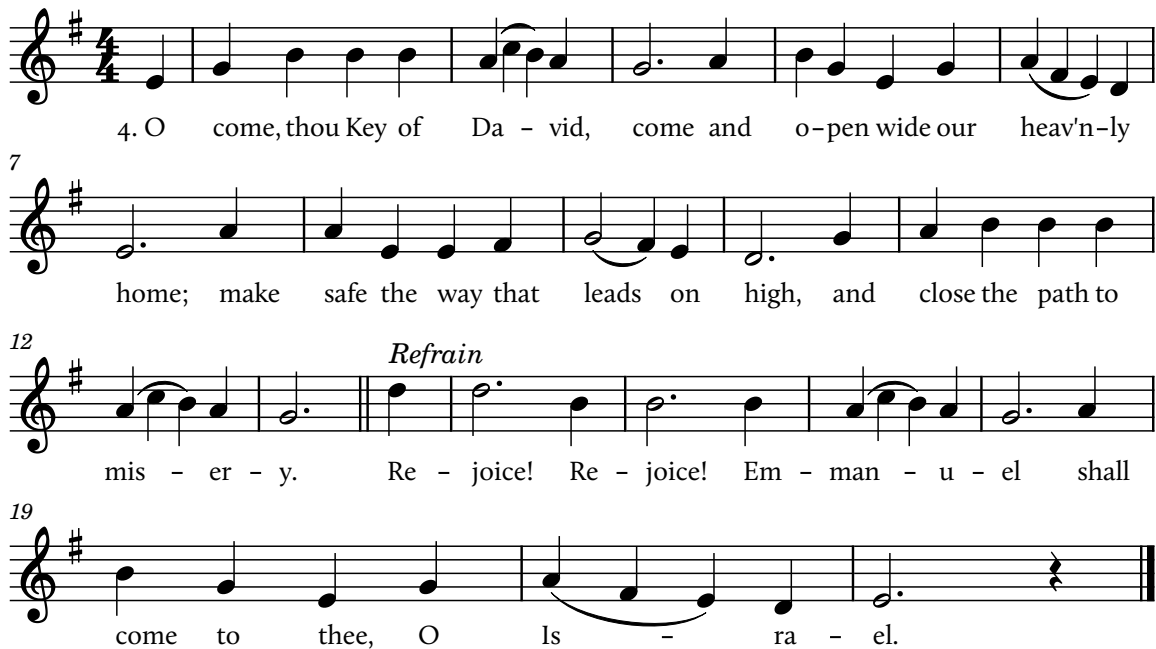
3 Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. 5 Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. 6 And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. 7 As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. 8 And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. 9 And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. 10 Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. 11 But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. 12 And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

*Ezekiel 47:1-12*

L: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.  
A: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

## O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our heav'n - ly

7  
home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to

12 *Refrain*  
mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall

19  
come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: *Latin antiphones, 12th cent.; hymn, 1710; Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961*  
Music: *Plainsong, 13th cent.; Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856*

# SERMON

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*Pastor Craig Harris*

46 And Mary said,  
    “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
    For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
    and holy is his name.  
50 And his mercy is for those who fear him  
    from generation to generation.  
51 He has shown strength with his arm;  
    he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
    and exalted those of humble estate;  
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,  
    and the rich he has sent away empty.  
54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
    in remembrance of his mercy,  
55 as he spoke to our fathers,  
    to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”  
56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her  
    home.

*Luke 1:46-56*

L:     The grass withers and the flowers fade  
A:     **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**





## NICENE CREED

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**A: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## GIVING

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You can give through our website at [saintandrewsyakima.org/give](http://saintandrewsyakima.org/give), or in person with the box at our greeter table.

## PRAYER

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**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

## LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and  
 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on  
 Bank on bank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard  
 At his feet the six-angled ser-aph; cher-u-bim, with  
 trem-ling stand; pen-der oth-ing earth-ly mind-ed,  
 earth far stood, Lord of lords, in fu-man ves-ture,  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de-scend-eth  
 sleep-less eye, veil their fac-es to the pres-ence,  
 for with bless-ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de-  
 in the bod-y and the firm, he will give to all the  
 from the stains of soul-less day, that the pow'rous hell may  
 as with cease-less voice they cry, "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
 scand - eth, our full hon-our to de-scend  
 faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - ish as the dark-ness clears a - way.  
 la - la, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High"

Words: *Library of St. James, 5th cent., Adapted by General Mendryk, 1885;*  
*Misses French Melody, 17th cent., Also Vaughan Williams, 1905;*



CONSUMMATION

## EUCCHARIST

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- L: The Lord be with you  
A: **and also with you.**  
L: Lift up your hearts.  
A: **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
A: **It is right to give thanks  
and praise.** *Sursum Corda*
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- L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we  
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
A: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**  
L: Great is the mystery of Faith:  
A: **Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

## DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

## BENEDICTION

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- L: May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. *based on Numbers 6:24-25*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **Christmas Eve at Saint Andrew's- Dec. 24th 5-6PM**

Make plans to join us us tonight for Christmas Eve service beginning at 5pm. We have invite cards available in the foyer to use to friends and neighbors to join us. After the service we will have cookies and cocoa. Please bring Christmas cookies to share!

## **Epiphany Party! Jan. 6th**

Make plans to attend our Epiphany Party on Jan. 6th at the Hayter's Home. The Christmas season ends with Epiphany. Epiphany is the day where we celebrate the wise men coming to greet Jesus. What makes this occasion so stunning is that the wisemen are not Jewish, and yet they are coming to acknowledge the King. This is the fulfillment of prophecies that the light was coming to the gentiles. So we celebrate epiphany by celebrating the light that has finally come and is shining around the world. One way we will celebrate this as a church each year is by burning our Christmas trees. Yep, you read that right. Save your trees and bring them for a big bonfire. We will read scripture, sing a song and celebrate the light that has come into the world.

**When:** January 6th, come anytime after 3pm, trees will be burned when it gets dark so be sure to be there by then!

**Where:** The Hayter's (It is a ways out there so plan accordingly!)  
4031 Stephenson Rd. Harrah, WA 98933

**What to Bring:** Your old Christmas tree, warm clothes, appetizer/snack

## **2024 Men's Reading Group:**

Starting in January, we will be going through John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. This is a seminal work of theology for our particular theological tradition.

We will meet at 6am on Wednesday mornings and will take a large portion of the year to read through. If you are interested, please let David know.

## **Home Groups**

We hope you will consider joining a Home Group to experience rich Christian fellowship in the context of a meal, the Word, and prayer. Home Groups meet every other week throughout the school year. Sign up in the foyer.

## **Church Center**

Connect with Saint Andrew's on Church Center to stay connected during the week. Sign Up at [standrewsyakima.churchcenter.com](http://standrewsyakima.churchcenter.com)

## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**12/24 - Christmas Eve Services- 10AM & 5PM**

**1/6- Epiphany Party 3PM**

**1/20- Work Day to clear out future Nursery/Nursing Mom's Room 9AM-12PM**

**1/21- Annual Members Meeting 5:30PM**



#### COVER ART:

*The Shepherd King*, Pete Williamson 2021

The symbol on the cover represents Christ, our Shepherd-King, ruling and guiding all things, by the work of the cross, for our good and His glory. This symbol combines 3 traditional symbols used in Christian history. 1. The orb-cross represents Christ ruling the world through the cross. 2. The staurogram, ancient shorthand for the words “cross” and “crucify” in Greek, focus our attention to the necessity of Christ’s cross for our redemption. 3. The shepherd’s crook reminds us that Christ is not an authoritarian ruler, but a King who lays down his own life to shepherd his people through green pastures and by still waters.



#### LITURGICAL ART:

*Creation, Fall, Redemption, Consummation; Liturgical Symbols*, Ned Bustard, 2022

Our worship service follows the rhythms and narrative of Scripture, divided into 4 main sections. 1. *Creation*: We recognize God as almighty, holy, and glorious, who speaks and by the power of His word creates all things good. He is far above and beyond us. Therefore we worship, praise and glorify Him. 2. *Fall*: Humanity, through Adam and Eve, sinned against the holy God through their rebellious disobedience. We, being born in their likeness, confess our sins, idolatries, and forgetfulness of God in hope, knowing all is forgiven in the finished work of Christ. 3. *Redemption*: In the person of Jesus Christ, God who is far above all creation, becomes incarnationally bound to it. In response to our confession of sins, Christ beckons us to see that His being lifted up on the cross and rising from the grave pardons, forgives, heals, and restores all things. 4. *Consummation*: When we come to the eucharist table we look forward to the marriage supper of the lamb. In a very real sense heaven is most present among us as we break bread and drink wine together, anticipating the day when all things are perfected in Christ. Being reminded of this, we are sent out to introduce people to Jesus and invite the world into this same rhythm of worship.

