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A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES

TRUE TO THE REFORMED FAITH

OBEDIENT TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

Lord's Day 31

August 2nd, 2026

Evening Service

"The Rule of Worship"



Assertion of Liberty of Conscience

John Rogers

Herbert (1847)

EVENING WORSHIP

CATECHETICAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Picardy (17th cent. French Melody)

Arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Prayer| *For Guidance*

The acceptable way of worshipping the true God is instituted by himself, and so limited to his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imaginations and devices of men, or the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.

Westminster Divines | *WCF 21.1, Of Religious Worship*

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

St. Luke| *Acts 2:42*

Now, when the true God is known, and the certain and sure rule of worshipping him is understood, there is nothing more equal than that which God commandeth in his law...Nothing is more absurd than to leave the worship of God to men's choice.

John Calvin | *Commentary on Jeremiah*

Try the [bishops'] precepts by the sure rule of God's Word; and when we find that they require of us anything in the worship of God which is either against or beside his written Word, then to modestly refuse obedience, which is the only way of order.

George Gillespie | *A Dispute Against the English Popish Ceremonies*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GREETING

1 Peter

1:1-2

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm

134

*PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 134 – Come Bless the LORD

with One Accord



*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

READINGS & RESPONSES

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

WCF 21.1

~ WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH ~

CHAPTER 21, PARAGRAPH 1

OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP,
& THE SABBATH DAY

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus

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*PSALM OF RESPONSE

Psalms 99 – God the Lord is

King GOSPEL READING

John 2:13–25

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PREACHING OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts

2:42–46

SERMON

Of

Religious Worship & the Sabbath Day:

The Reformed Rule of Worship in History

1. The Rule of Worship in Biblical History

2. The Rule of Worship in the Ancient Church

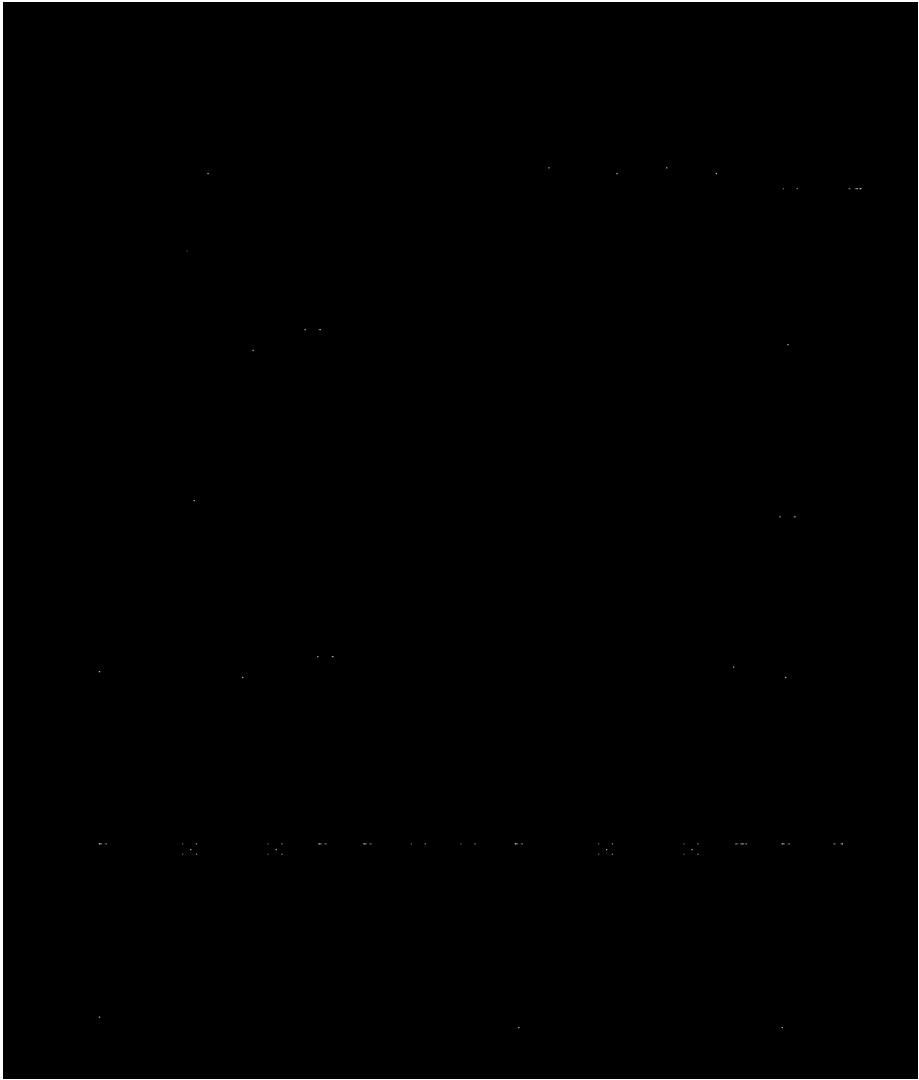
3. The Rule of Worship During the Reformation

4. The Revival of the Rule of Worship in Modern History

5. Application: What's at Stake?

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

Praising



the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) and the *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM).

These journals are among the most prestigious in the field of medicine, and their inclusion in the list of sources used in the study is a testament to the high quality of the research.

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THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

WLC

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Minister: How hath Christ appointed bread and wine to be given
and received in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

†Congregation: **Christ hath appointed ministers of his Word,
in the administration of this Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper,**

**to set apart the bread and wine from common use,
by the word of institution, thanksgiving, and prayer;
to take and break the bread,
and give both the bread and the wine to the
communicants;**

**who are, by the same appointment,
to take and eat the bread, and drink the wine,
in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ
was broken and given,
and is his blood shed for them.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles'

Creed

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a major factor in the overall growth of the economy.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum

Corda

Minister: Peace be with you.

†Congregation: **And also, with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

†Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

†Congregation: **It is good and right for us to give thanks.**

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians

11:23–26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*DOXOLOGY

Psalms 72 - Now Blessed Be the Lord

Our God

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.

And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

*BENEDICTION

Numbers

6:24–26

