

## WORSHIP ELEMENTS EXPLAINED

### Prelude:

The Prelude is a time for silent reflection and preparation before the congregation appears before God. During these few moments, an atmosphere of reverence should be established and maintained by all present in the sanctuary. Prayer, the reading of Scripture and simple quietness are appropriate activities as the Church anticipates God's call into His presence.

### Invocation Prayer / Call to Worship:

In the **Invocation Prayer**, as the name implies, the minister makes an appeal to God to receive those assembled; to enable their worship and to cause it to be orderly and honorable throughout. The **Call to Worship** is an affirmation of God's majesty which implies a due response from His creatures. Normally, we will employ a Psalm for the Call to Worship, but not always. As the Scripture recounts God's wonderful attributes or mighty works, those assembled are reminded of His perfections and encouraged to honor and praise the LORD with thanksgiving for His excellence.

### Opening Hymn of Praise / Responsive Hymns:

Having heard of God's greatness extolled in the Call to Worship, the congregation now joins in singing an Opening Hymn of Praise. **Responsive Hymns**, as the name implies, are used throughout the Order to highlight some aspect of the element(s) preceding it. Since hymns are vehicles for the declaration of truth concerning God and our relationship with Him, it is our belief that, above all else, Hymns should be theologically precise; always restating the truths of Scripture plainly and faithfully.

### Corporate Confession of Sins:

Having declared in word and song many of the wonderful attributes and works of God, reflection upon one's own character is inevitable. Public or silent confession is a an acknowledgement of the truth that, although we are redeemed, we continue to sin. Confession of sins reminds us of our duty to live in a manner which brings honor to God, and serves as an affirmation regarding the status of the word of God as our rule for faith and conduct.

### Assurance of Pardon:

Immediately following our Public Confession of sin, the minister reads an appropriate portion of Scripture that declares God's pardon of His people in and through Jesus Christ. This reading by the minister is God's response to our Confession of Sin; it is a promise to His people that their sins have been paid for by our Savior and that they, therefore, are acceptable in Christ before Him.

### Responsive Reading:

The Responsive Reading is based upon the antiphonal character of worship. In the Responsive Reading, a statement is made by the minister to which the congregation responds. In the congregational reply, the truth just declared is confirmed or elaborated upon. Responsive Readings may originate directly from the Scriptures, or may incorporate an historically-confirmed Confession of Faith as Affirmation of our Beliefs.

### Reading of the Word:

With the exception of a brief introduction, the text is read without comment in accordance with the instructions of the Apostle Paul: "Give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching." (1 Tim. 4:13) This act of reading the Word without comment emphasizes our conviction that the written word of God is authoritative and sufficient. In this manner, the central significance and unique character of the written word of God are visually demonstrated. It is our practice to read 2 portions from Scripture: An Old Testament reading and a New Testament Reading.

### Sermon:

The sermon consists of the reading and expository treatment/explanation of Scripture, following the pattern of the Levites: "And they read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading." (Neh. 8:8) Moreover, great value is placed upon the practical application of that which is preached and instructed. Therefore, the sermon includes remarks designed to identify the ever-relevant application of God's Word to the lives of His people.



## THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 4, 2011

*"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant" --Heb 8:6*

**Sunday School: 9:45a—10:30a / Worship: 10:45a—12:15p**

### STATEMENT

*Legacy Baptist Church exists to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of the gospel. To that end, we are committed to systematically teaching the Word of God, in order to equip one another toward greater expressions of personal holiness, and to mobilize one another toward the sacrificial exercise of interdependent works of service, to the building up of the body of Christ. It is our desire to foster a greater collective embrace of sound Christian doctrine, and a deeper, more intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ by way of an immovable commitment to the clear proclamation of God's Word.*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD – DECEMBER 4, 2011

– WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

PRELUDE / INVOCATION

## **1ST ELEMENT: WE ENTER HIS PRESENCE**

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP....REVELATION 1:8

*Minister: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

WE SING HIS PRAISES:

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"  
"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

## **2ND ELEMENT: WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

*All: "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. " -Revelation 1:5b-6*

*(SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON....MICAH 7:18

*Minister: "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love."*

WE SING HIS PRAISES:

*"He Hideth My Soul"*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION.....Greg Johnson

–PASSING OF THE PEACE–

## **3RD ELEMENT: WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS**

(CORPORATE THANKSGIVING)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.....Scott Taylor

## **4TH ELEMENT: WE HEAR HIS WORD**

GOD EXALTS HIS WORD:

OLD TESTAMENT READING..... EXODUS 25:1-8..... Scott Mathews  
NEW TESTAMENT READING..... EPHESIANS 2:11-22.....Griffin Mathews

GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD:

PASTORAL PRAYER / SERMON.....Jeremy Clarke  
*(TEXT: HEBREWS 9:1-5)*

WE SING HIS PRAISES:

*"Jesus Paid it All"*

COMMUNION

## **5TH ELEMENT: WE RECEIVE HIS COMMISSION**

*(1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)*

***Minister:** "And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints."*

CLOSING HYMN:

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

– BENEDICTION –