

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FAMILY WORSHIP

Summer 2026





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Jesus commissions His church to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19-20). The family is an important institution in which disciples are made and grow. The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church aims to help families make disciples.

One practice is family worship. Family worship is a daily, intentional, sustained exercise of reading Scripture, prayer, asking questions, and singing with your family, so that you talk about the whole counsel of God with your family. Family worship is an old, time-tested, Scriptural practice.

In Deut. 6:7, the Lord gives responsibility to teach God's commands in a family: "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." In Ephesians 6:4, Paul gives a particular instruction to fathers: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Clement of Alexandria (153- 217) preached that husband and wife should practice united prayer and Scripture reading every morning. In a book to his wife, Tertullian (142-220) commended spiritual unity of

marriage through prayer, the Word of God, and singing. The Westminster Confession of Faith, 21.6, states, “but God is to be worshiped everywhere, in spirit and truth; as, in private families daily.”

Missionary John Paton explains the impact of family worship upon his own life: “When, on his knees and all of us kneeling around him in Family Worship, [father] poured out his whole soul with tears...for every...need, we all felt as if in the presence of the living Saviour, and learned to know and love Him as our Divine Friend.”

The Method

There are three key ingredients to family worship: Scripture, singing, and prayer. First, reading Scripture and teaching Scripture is central. Our goal should be to help all members of the family develop a love for God’s word. Asking questions, such as the catechism, are helpful. Letting the children ask questions, even read a portion, can make sure to involve them.

Second, God’s people sing! Psalm 118:15 says, “Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous.” The New Testament call to address one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19). Martin Luther once said, “next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.” Singing songs of the Psalter or the Hymnal are crucial, instructing us and our children on the truths of God’s Word.

Third, prayer is the chief way in which we show gratitude to God and give to Him our requests. Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Implementation

To help families disciple, the Session has prepared a Family Worship Guide. This guide includes daily Scripture readings and a weekly prayer. A song is suggested that will be sung during congregational worship. Hymn numbers listed are taken from the new Trinity Psalter Hymnal.

To implement family worship, we offer a few words of advice.

First, strive for simplicity. Simplicity can breed understanding instead of confusion.

Second, strive for regularity, whether it is the same days of the week or times of the day. Regularity helps clarify expectations.

Third, strive for variety. Ask children to read the Bible. Act out the story.

Our desire is to follow Jesus's commission to make disciples. This is a guide to begin with the family. We pray it will be a blessing to you.



“ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:7

Notes on the Readings for Summer 2026

The readings for Summer 2026 take you through two New Testament books, Second Corinthians and Acts. Second Corinthians was a letter written by the apostle Paul to the Corinthian church around the year 56 AD. Paul intends to defend his ministry and message, since he came under attack from those who claimed his message insufficient and his ministry as weak. Paul shows that suffering is a part of advancing the glory of God.

Acts is a historical account of Christ’s continuing work after His ascension through gospel preaching. The author is the same as that of the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a traveling companion of Paul, but not a disciple of Jesus during His earthly life. Luke’s purpose of Acts was to deepen the faith of Christians by tracing Christ’s building of the church from Jerusalem to Rome.



Week of May 31, 2026

Almighty, eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of heaven and earth and man, together with thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Word and Image, and with thy Holy Spirit: Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins for thy Son's sake, whom thou has made our Mediator according to thy wonderful counsels, and do thou guide and sanctify us by thy Holy Spirit, who has poured out upon the apostles. Grant that we may truly know and praise thee throughout eternity! Amen. (Philip Melanchthon)

Sunday	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Monday	2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 1:23- 2:17
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Thursday	2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10
Saturday	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Weekly Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (216)

Week of June 7, 2026

O Lord my God, Teach my heart this day where and how to see you, Where and how to find you. You have made me and remade me, And you have bestowed on me All the good things I possess, And still I do not know you. I have not yet done that For which I was made. Teach me to seek you, For I cannot seek you Unless you teach me, Or find you Unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire, Let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you, Let me love you when I find you. (Anselm)

Sunday	2 Corinthians 6:3-13
Monday	2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 8:1-16
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 8:16-24
Thursday	2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Friday	2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Saturday	2 Corinthians 11:1-21

Weekly Hymn: "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" (286)

Week of June 14, 2026

My God, Father, and Savior, since you have been pleased to give me the grace to come through the night to the present day, now grant that I may employ it entirely in your service, so that all my works may be to the glory of your name and the edification of my neighbors. Grant the light of your Spirit to illumine my understanding and my heart. Continue to increase your grace in me until you have led me into full communion with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the true Sun of our souls, shining day and night, eternally and without end. Hear me, merciful Father, by our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. (John Calvin)

Sunday	2 Corinthians 11:21-33
Monday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 12:11-21
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 13:1-14
Thursday	Acts 1:1-14
Friday	Acts 1:15-26
Saturday	Acts 2:1-21

Weekly Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (281)

Week of June 21, 2026

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the sun of the world, evermore arising, and never going down, which by your most welcome appearing and sight, brings forth, preserves, nourishes, and refreshes all things, as well that are in heaven as also that are on earth; we beg you mercifully and faithfully to shine in our hearts, so that the night and darkness of sins, and the mist of errors on every side may be driven away; with you brightly shining in our hearts we may all our life go without stumbling or offense, and may decently and seemly walk as in the day time, being pure and clean from the works of darkness, and abounding in all good works which God has prepared us to walk in; you who with the Father and with the Holy Ghost live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.
(Thomas Cranmer)

Sunday	Acts 2:22-36
Monday	Acts 2:37-47
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-5:11
Wednesday	Acts 5:12-26
Thursday	Acts 5:27-42
Friday	Acts 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:15- 7:16

Weekly Hymn: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (222)

Week of June 28, 2026

My God, let me know and love you, so that I may find my happiness in you. Since I cannot fully achieve this on earth, help me to improve daily until I may do so to the full. Enable me to know you ever more on earth, so that I may know you perfectly in heaven. Enable me to love you ever more on earth, so that I may love you perfectly in heaven. O God of truth, grant me the happiness of heaven so that my joy may be full in accord with your promise. In the meantime let my mind dwell on that happiness, my tongue speak of it, my heart pine for it, my mouth pronounce it, my soul hunger for it, my flesh thirst for it, and my entire being desire it until I enter through death in the joy of my Lord forever. Amen. (Augustine)

Sunday Acts 7:17-29

Monday Acts 7:30-43

Tuesday Acts 7:44-8:1

Wednesday Acts 8:1-13

Thursday Acts 8:14-25

Friday Acts 8:26-40

Saturday Acts 9:1-9

Weekly Hymn: "O Worship the King" (210)

Week of July 5, 2026

I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

Sunday	Acts 9:10-19a
Monday	Acts 9:19b-31
Tuesday	Acts 9:32-43
Wednesday	Acts 10:1-16
Thursday	Acts 10:17-33
Friday	Acts 10:34-48
Saturday	Acts 11:1-18

Weekly Hymn: "How Great Thou Art: (227)

Week of July 12, 2026

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday	Psalm 150
Monday	Acts 11:19-30
Tuesday	Acts 12:1-17
Wednesday	Acts 12:18-25
Thursday	Acts 13:1-12
Friday	Acts 13:13-25
Saturday	Acts 13:26-43

Weekly Hymn: “Worship Christ, the Risen King” (369)

Week of July 19, 2026

O God, who hast made all those that are born again in Christ to be a royal and priestly people, grant us both the will and the power to observe Thy commandments, that we who are called to eternal life may share a common faith in our hearts, and a common discipline in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday	Psalm 103
Monday	Acts 13:44-52
Tuesday	Acts 14:1-18
Wednesday	Acts 14:19-28
Thursday	Acts 15:1-11
Friday	Acts 15:12-21
Saturday	Acts 15:22-35

Weekly Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible” (224)

Week of July 26, 2026

*Grant, O almighty God, that we may be able continually to shake off the yoke of Egyptian servitude and sin, and to appear before Thy majesty in our heavenly country; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Ambrose)*

Sunday	Psalm 8
Monday	Acts 15:36- 16:5
Tuesday	Acts 16:6-15
Wednesday	Acts 16:16-24
Thursday	Acts 16:25-40
Friday	Acts 17:1-15
Saturday	Acts 17:16-34

Weekly Hymn: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (239)

Week of August 2, 2026

O God, the Author of peace and Lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us Thy humble servants from all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in Thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversary; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Thomas Cranmer)

Sunday	Psalm 96
Monday	Acts 18:1-11
Tuesday	Acts 18:12-28
Wednesday	Acts 19:1-10
Thursday	Acts 19:11-20
Friday	Acts 19:21-41
Saturday	Acts 20:1-16

Weekly Hymn: “Come Christians Join to Sing” (379)

Week of August 9, 2026

Almighty and everlasting God, who has revealed Your glory by Christ among all nations: preserve the works of Your mercy; that Your Church, which is spread throughout the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday	Psalm 19
Monday	Acts 20:17-38
Tuesday	Acts 21:1-14
Wednesday	Acts 21:15-26
Thursday	Acts 21:27-36
Friday	Acts 21:37- 22:16
Saturday	Acts 22:17-29

Weekly Hymn: “All Creatures of our God and King” (248)

Week of August 16, 2026

Lord, grant unto us an unceasing perseverance in praying to You; that as You do not forsake us when we are bowed down in tribulation, so You may cherish us with more abundant grace when we continually ask Your majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday	Psalm 145
Monday	Acts 22:30-23:11
Tuesday	Acts 23:12-24
Wednesday	Acts 23:23-35
Thursday	Acts 24:1-23
Friday	Acts 24:24- 25:12
Saturday	Acts 25:13-27

Weekly Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (212)

Week of August 23, 2026

I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Martin Luther)

Sunday	Psalm 113
Monday	Acts 26:1-23
Tuesday	Acts 26:24-27:8
Wednesday	Acts 27:9-26
Thursday	Acts 27:27-44
Friday	Acts 28:1-16
Saturday	Acts 28:17-31

Weekly Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (245)

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