

## The “Look” of Worship at Trinity Covenant Church...

**The essence of true worship is covenant renewal.**

**The *rhythm* of worship is antiphonal:** Throughout the service, God speaks to us and we respond. Worship is a conversation between God and His gathered body.

**The *mode* of worship is spiritual and incarnational:** We worship God with our spirits, our hands, and our voices, employing various appropriate bodily postures, and we do all this together, in unity.

**Call to worship:** God comes near and calls His people out of the world to gather in His presence. He graciously takes hold of us and brings us near to Himself.

**Confession and Forgiveness:** God reminds us what He has done for us in Christ and declares His interest in restoring us again to His favor *in Christ*. We confess our sins and God absolves us of guilt. God graciously reminds us that we bear the name Christian and are members of His family in Christ. He tears us from our old sinful ways and renews His love for us in Christ.

**Consecration:** God speaks to us through His Word read, sung and preached. We, His people, respond by giving ourselves, our worship and our gifts as fitting offerings.

**Communion:** God invites us to commune with Him at His Table, and we respond by memorializing His covenant and enjoying His faithful provisions at the family feast.

We invite all who have put on the Lord Jesus Christ in the water of baptism to partake of this covenant feast with us, for great are the blessings promised to those who receive this meal by faith.

And we would invite any who are eager to sit and sup with the Lord Jesus and all who love him, but have not been identified with Christ in the water of baptism, to seek it at once, and *then* to come join us at this Table. Remember as well, you baptized saints, that you are not authorized to disqualify yourself from this table. You are a guest at, not the Lord of, this sacred feast. If you suspect that you should abstain from communion due to your sin and ongoing impenitence, then contact one of the elders immediately for counsel and direction regarding the same.

**Commission and Benediction:** God blesses us and charges us to extend His kingdom into the future and into the world, making disciples of all nations. We are dismissed from God's special presence in Lord's Day corporate worship, renewed and equipped for this task.