

GUIDE FOR HOME WORSHIP 06/21

Worship is an essential part of the Christian life. Here are **a few tips** for participating at home:

- **Push through the awkward.** Worshiping this way gets more comfortable with time.
- **Take turns leading** different sections below (Call to worship, prayer, benediction).
- **Take heart!** (if you have small children). They might not make it through the entire service and that's okay! They may need to have **a break to get some wiggles out.** You can also use the kids resources posted at: opcmilford.org/kidsresources/

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read aloud before clicking play on the musical worship:

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:6)

PRAYER

Gracious Father, today is a great day to be reminded that “salvation is of the Lord.” You’re the one who begins the “good work” of redemption in our lives. You’re the one who is carrying it on, even when you’re not working according to our timetable and agenda. And you’re the one who will complete our redemption on the day Jesus returns to finish making all things new.

This is incredibly good news, we recognize as we ponder our stories and the lives of other people you’ve placed in our lives. We can’t be our own savior, and neither can we be anyone else’s savior. The pressure is off! What a great relief, but also what a critical truth to remember. This good news, this best of all news, leads us to offer these earnest prayers . . . Father, give us the same confidence for our friends you gave Paul for the Philippians.

Sometimes irritation, worry, and fear loom larger in our lives than patience, trust, and hope. When this happens, I’m pretty worthless as a friend. Teach us how to wait on you without falling into self-protective passivity or self-validating activity. Only the gospel is sufficient for the demands of loving well, so we abandon ourselves to you and your resources. We pray in Jesus’ compassionate name. Amen.

STREAM THE SERVICE

BENEDICTION *Read Philippians 1:6 again.*

NOTES FOR THE SERMON

Philippians 1:1-2: Living a Life Worthy of the Gospel

1. Paul is an APOSTOLIC FATHER

2. God is our HEAVENLY FATHER

3. Dads as HUMAN FATHERS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

(to be used in community with others. more on the next page)

GET STARTED Pray for God to lead your group by His Word and Spirit.

READ Philippians 1:1-11 slowly as if for the 1st time. Mark down what you observe as you read/hear. Use the [COMMA Questions](#) and [Daily Devo](#) for additional insights.

ASK

Pick a few of these questions and ask them as a group as you study the passage together.

CONTEXT:

What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?

What do verses 1-2 tell us about how Paul views himself?

OBSERVATION:

What seems to be the main point or points?

What supporting points does the author make?

What surprises you?

What sort of change does the author seem to be trying to bring about in the audience? In us?

MEANING:

How does this text relate to other parts of the book?

How does the passage relate to Jesus? How does He fulfill this command/ ideal/principle?

What does this passage teach you about God?

Why do you think God put this in the Bible?

How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

MEDITATION:

Adoration: How can I love and praise God on the basis of what I've read? E

Repentance: How do I fail to realize this in my life? What wrong behavior, harmful emotions or attitudes result when I forget this?

Gospel Thanks: How can I thank Jesus as the ultimate revelation of this attribute of God and the ultimate answer to this sin or need of mine?

Application: See below...

APPLICATION

How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?

Is there some attitude you need to change?

How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

How would you be different if this truth were powerfully real to you?