

Worship: Prayer – Language of the Heart

In our six week series on worship we first focused on music, which is the expression of the soul. In the coming weeks we will consider, scripture, offering, communion and our minds. Today we look at prayer through the lens of worship. Two aids will be helpful: the order of worship in our bulletin and the acronym “ACTS” for the various types of prayer.

Adoration

Praise, delight in and glorify who God is

Psalms, Ephesians 1, Romans 11:33-36, Revelation 4 & 5

What three characteristics of God do you adore today?

Confession

Acknowledge our sin and God’s grace

Psalms 32, 51, Luke 18:9-14, James 5:16

What (and how) do you need to confess today?

Thanksgiving

Express gratitude for what God does

Psalms, Philippians 4:4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 5:18

What are three things you are thankful for today?

Supplication

Offer prayer for specific needs to the God who acts

Psalms 50:14-15, Luke 18:1f, 1 Timothy 2:1-3

What new prayer commitment do you make today?