

# What is *Reformed* Worship

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## Summary

This unit of study is intended to teach you the basic outline of the “liturgy,” causing an appreciation for the beauty and benefits of the liturgy.

## *Liturgy: A Four-Letter Word?*

*leitourgia* (n.) and *leitourgein* (v.)

- “service” in general (e.g., Phil. 2:17, 30; 2 Cor. 9:12)
- official religious “service” of the priests (Num. 8:22, 16:9, 18:4; Luke 1:23; Heb. 9:21)
- “servant/minister/liturgist” (Heb. 8:2)

## *Liturgical v. Non-Liturgical?*

Liturgy is what people do when they worship...Every church has a liturgy, whether it worships with set forms inherited from the ages or whether it worships in the freedom of the moment. The only question is whether we have the best possible liturgy: it is never whether we have a liturgy. (“Liturgical Committee Report.” *Acts of Synod of the Christian Reformed Church* (Grand Rapids: Christian Reformed Church, 1968), 135-6)

Liturgy in heaven – Revelation 4-5

*What is the Purpose of a Biblically Reformed Liturgy?*

- The liturgy focuses our minds and hearts upon the glory of God in Jesus Christ, while taking our minds and hearts off our selfish selves and sins.

- The liturgy gives us a foretaste of heaven.

- The liturgy also shows us the unity of God's redemptive work by tying Old Testament promise and New Testament fulfillment together in a unified whole.

- The liturgy is an invaluable teaching tool for our children and for unbelievers.

*The Basic Flow*

**Entrance – Word – Sacrament – Sending** (Ex. 24:1-11; Josh. 24; Isa. 6; Luke 24)

*A Walk through Our Liturgy*