

# THE PREPARATION

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“Our great-grandparents called it the holy Sabbath. Our grandparents called it the Lord’s Day. Our parents called it Sunday. And we call it the weekend.”

Robert J. Morgan

## Preparing for Worship

“Worship...initiates with God and ends upon him to the praise of his glory.”

Robert Saucy, *The Church in God’s Program*,” 171

## What is worship and why do we do it?

“We are, ultimately, liturgical animals because we are fundamentally desiring creatures. We are what we love, and our love is shaped, primed, and aimed by liturgical practices that take hold of our gut and aim our heart to certain ends.”

James K.A. Smith, *Desiring the Kingdom*, 40

<b>What is worship?</b>	<b>Why do we worship?</b>	<b>For example.</b>
<b>Life</b>	Created to worship.	Creation. Gen. 2:1-3
<b>Liturgy</b>	Commanded to worship.	Re-Creation. Acts 20:7; Luke 24:1-6
<b>Lordship</b>	Covenanted to worship.	New Creation. Rev. 1:6-10

## **When to prepare for worship?**

“We are called to appear before the Lord, to worship, every seven days. In the old covenant, this was the seventh day, but in the new covenant, that day's been moved to the first day of the week.”

Douglas Wilson, *Rules for Reformers*, 217

1. The 7<sup>th</sup> day of creation.
2. Sunday.
3. Monday through Saturday.

# The song of praise

“The congregation is the chief instrument of worship.”

Kent Hughes, *Worship by the Book*, 171

1. What is it?
2. Why do we do it?
3. What does it do to us?
4. What do I (you) do with it?

“The preparation is not random or arbitrary. The components of the worship service prior to and after the sermon league the heart through the various stages of all, humility, assurance, and thanksgiving to make this receptive and responsive to the instruction of the word. There is a strategy to the liturgy.”

Bryan Chapell, *Christ-Centered Worship*, 20