

BIBLIOGRAPHY: WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

This bibliography is generally based on “Our Order of Worship”, [a guide to the order of worship](#) provided by the Presbyterian Church(USA). The following bibliography uses only the main headings of that document. A more detailed breakdown of the parts of worship is available at that website.

When helpful, a brief explanation of the specific part of worship connecting to each book follows its description and is noted in italics.. A few links to books that have been reviewed on *Storypath* are also included. Our Theme Index also includes reviews tagging topics like praise, communion, baptism, prayer, etc. We hope you will add additional suggestions in the comments.

WE ENTER

dePaola, Tomie. [The Song of Francis](#). G. P. Putnam’s Sons, 2009. Francis is inspired to sing a song of praise because he is filled with God’s love.

Gal, Susan. [Please Take Me For a Walk](#). New York, NY: Knopf, 2010. Describing all the wonderful things that will happen on a walk, a dog awaits the reader’s response. *As the service begins, we are called to respond to God through the act of worship.*

Schlein, Miriam. [Hello, Hello](#). New York, NY: Simon, 2002. Explores the way various animals greet one another when they come together. *As we gather for worship, we greet one another in love.*

Stoop, Naoko. [Red Knit Cap Girl](#). New York, NY: Little, 2012. A girl and her friends discover the way to meet with the moon is through darkness and silence. *In moments of silence and meditation, we seek to meet with God.*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND RESPONSE

Ashman, Linda. [Peace, Baby!](#) San Francisco: Chronicle, 2013. Children are encouraged to share peace following difficult experiences with loved ones and to spread peace to everyone near and far. The refrain “Peace, baby!” could easily be replaced with the words “Peace be with you,” or whatever phrase is traditionally spoken in your congregation.

Dyckman, Ame. [Horrible Bear!](#) New York, NY: Little, 2016. In her anger, a girl is cruel to a bear after he accidentally breaks her kite; after she accidentally breaks her ‘stuffie’, she apologizes to the bear. *Sin results in broken relationships with one another and with God, realizing that we are all sinful, we turn to God in confession, seeking repair and transformation.*

Freedman, Deborah. [Blue Chicken](#). New York: Viking, 2011. Chicken is so sorry after she makes a mistake, turning the farmyard and animals blue. Water washes the blue away, returning the farm to its intended state of being. *In the Assurance of Pardon we may be reminded of God's forgiveness through the touching, pouring, or lifting of the waters of baptism.*

Kirk, Daniel. [You are Not My Friend but I Miss You](#). New York, NY: Abrams, 2014. A sock monkey thinks the dog has not been a good friend to him. When monkey realizes he hasn't been a good friend to dog, he seeks to restore their friendship. *Through confession we seek to restore broken relationships with God and one another.*

TO HEAR A WORD FROM THE LORD

Archer, Micha. [Daniel Finds a Poem](#). New York, NY: Paulsen, 2016. Daniel hears poetry through his experience of nature at the park. *We hear God speaking to us through our experience of the proclamation of the Word.*

Fan, Terry and Eric. [The Night Gardener](#). New York, NY: Simon, 2016. William watches his neighborhood transform night after night and the trees are shaped into beautiful topiaries. In the same way the night gardener opened up the wonder of the trees to the people of Grimloch Lane, *we pray for God's Spirit to open up and illuminate scripture for us.*

Ray, Mary Lyn. [A Lucky Author Has a Dog](#). New York, NY: Levine, 2015. An author's dog inspires her writing, helping her look and listen for stories. *The Holy Spirit inspires our listening and the preacher's words as we listen for the voice of God in the proclamation of the Word.*

RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE

Barnett, Mac. [Extra Yarn](#). (Review at:<http://storypath.upsem.edu/extra-yarn/>)

Elliott, David. [The Two Tims](#). Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2016. Tim and Tim must stretch and grow to welcome Tom into their circle of friends. *Welcoming new members into our church family also requires us to stretch and grow.*

Gold, August. [Thank You, God, for Everything](#). New York, NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2009. After hearing her dad thank God every day, Daisy wonders about what could cause her to give thanks. From sunrise to sunset, God fills each day with people, places, and experiences for which we can give thanks.

Light, Steve. [Swap!](#) Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2016. Through a journey of swapping, a young pirate with limited resources is able to restore an old ship. *We bring our*

tithes and offerings to God, confident that God can do much with the money we place in the offering plate.

Meng, Cece. [*Always Remember*](#). New York, NY: Philomel, 2016. After old turtle dies, his friends remember his actions and that he made his ocean world a better place. *When we gather around the table for communion, we share the stories of Jesus, remembering him and the way he changed the world.*

Messer, Claire. [*Grumpy Pants*](#). Chicago, IL: Whitman. Penguin can't shake his grumpy mood until he takes a bath; he emerges renewed, knowing tomorrow will be a good day. *We experience renewal when we are washed in the waters of baptism and each time we remember our baptism.*

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. [*Plant a Kiss*](#). New York, NY: Harper, 2012. After planting a kiss, a girl shares the fruits of her harvest abundantly, creating endless bliss. We likewise are called to share abundantly, giving and working for a world that reflects the glory of God.

Scotton, Rob. [*Splat Says Thank you!*](#) New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2012. Splat writes a friendship book to Seymour remembering the things for which he is thankful that Seymour has done. *In prayers of thanksgiving we share our thanks and gratitude alongside the details of all that God has done for us.*

Wood, Douglas. [*The Secret of Saying Thanks*](#). New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005. This book serves as a litany of thanksgiving for the world that surrounds us and the relationships we share.

Yamada, Kobi. [*What Do You Do With a Problem?*](#) Seattle, WA: Compendium, 2016. A child is overcome with worries over a problem until they determine that every problem holds an opportunity for something good. Illustrations move from dark and worrisome to light-filled and hopeful. *We share our problems and worries with God through prayers of intercession, seeking to experience God's light even in the midst of darkness.*

GO FORTH AND SERVE

Croza, Laurel. [*I Know Here*](#). Toronto: Groundwood, 2010. As a little girl prepares to move to an unknown city, she creates a map of her beloved home to help her hold on to her beloved home. *As the worship service comes to a close, we take what we know, the blessing that we are God's beloved children, and we carry it into the world with us.*

De La Peña, Matt. [*Last Stop on Market Street*](#). (Review at: <http://storypath.upsem.edu/last-stop-on-market-street/>)

Won, Brian. [Hooray For Hat!](#) Boston, MA: Houghton, 2014. After grumpy Elephant receives a wonderful gift, he shares its joy with the other animals. *We have received the good news of the gospel and are called to go into the world and share it.*