

## Grounds for Approval of FPR by Presbyteries

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5 1. The FPR more consistently explicates the implications of the fact that public worship is "divine" (II.4)  
6 and that it is "before all else a meeting of the triune God with his chosen people" (II.2).

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8 2. The FPR more nearly adheres to the Westminster Standards in applying "ordinary" and "occasional" to  
9 different services of worship, not to different elements of Lord's Day worship.

10 a. In accord with WCF XXI.5, the FPR includes the worthy receiving of the sacraments instituted  
11 by Christ as part of *the ordinary worship of God* as distinguished from *special occasional worship*  
12 whereas the present *Directory* identifies the sacraments as "occasional elements of the public worship of  
13 God," which use of these terms was an innovation.

14 b. Also in accord with WCF XXI.5 and the Westminster Assembly's *Directory for the Publick*  
15 *Worship of God*, the FPR provides guidance for "solemn fasting and thanksgivings upon special  
16 occasions."

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18 3. The FPR more fully spells out that the Lord's Supper is a means of grace by which our Lord applies  
19 himself and his benefits to those who receive it in faith to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

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21 4. The FPR puts greater emphasis upon the corporate implications of the sacraments.

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23 5. The FPR more explicitly details the positive commitments of the responsibilities of church membership  
24 in the membership vows.

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26 6. The FPR shows greater conformity to the fact that, according to our Standards, baptized covenant  
27 children are members of the church, albeit non-communicant members.

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29 7. The FPR clearly expresses the integral relation between the Sabbath day and public worship that is  
30 implicit in the *Directory*, but not stated explicitly.

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32 9. The FPR more explicitly states the regulative principle of worship.

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34 10. The FPR helps clarify certain issues surrounding the conduct of worship.

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36 11. The FPR surveys the elements of worship in a more complete fashion.

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38 12. The FPR shows greater care in its allusions to Scripture.

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40 13. The FPR is organized in a more logical manner for increased ease of use.  
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