

What?

We are excited to welcome worshippers of all ages to our service! We believe that when the entire family of God gathers to worship together, reconciliation between generations begins to happen, unity is honored and God is glorified.

Why?

We have Biblical warrant from Deuteronomy 31:11-13, 1900 years of church history and empirical research supporting the idea that children belong with the rest of the body of Christ in corporate worship. During service, children watch their parents model authentic worship, and this valuable experience allows children to witness and participate in all the elements of corporate worship. Additionally, parents and children worshipping together provides a key avenue for more fruitful discipleship in the home through discussion and application of the sermon during the week.

How?

We have designed some elements of our worship service to be more accessible to children. However, it is not a children's service. We are trying to help children learn to worship with passion and depth, not get adults to worship in a childish manner. We will help provide activity sheets related to the sermon to help children to listen and learn. We also are keeping our services to 65 minutes in length by incorporating the most effective, clear and concise communication. If you are not a parent, we ask that you exercise patience and extend grace when children are noisy or disruptive and rejoice together that the collective worship of the church is a pleasing and glorifying act to our Lord.

Parents

We thank you for worshipping with us as a family! We have provided a few tips on how to help your children feel welcome and engage with the Lord during the service:

- Talk with your children about what to expect before you arrive
- Explain to them the different elements in the service and why we do them
- Have your children bring their own Bibles and ask them to look up the Scripture reading and follow along
- Pick up the WKids' Worship Notes and help your children stay engaged
- Model attentive and sincere worship
- Pray for them!

As a note, some of you may be wondering about the use of electronics or food/snacks during service. At this time, we ask that you do not use electronics as a form of entertainment during the service. Also, children are welcome to have food or snacks either before or after the service, as we want them to approach this time of worship with respect and reverence for the Lord.

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP GUIDE

Corporate worship for all ages
Sundays from 11:00am - 12:05pm

Elements of Our Service

Before we look at the elements of the Sunday Service, let's consider what the Sunday Service is. We come together on Sundays to renew the New Covenant that God has made with his people through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God renews the vows of His covenant with us through the preaching of the Word and through the offer of the Lord's Supper, and we renew our acceptance of this covenant through praise, prayer, confession, and active reception of His Word. Each element of the service is either God speaking to us, or us responding together to God.

Singing

The proper response to the forgiveness of sins and new life we have in Jesus Christ is to worship God, and singing is one of the best ways we can do that. Singing worship songs allows us to speak the glorious truth about God and His promises to us with the right words, and to express them with the right emotions. Speaking those words only cannot touch or express the true feelings we should have towards God in the way singing can, and so God has commanded us to sing "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

Confession

The confession of our sin is an admission to God and reminder to each other why we as a church need a new covenant – why we need our sins forgiven and new life in Jesus Christ. The New Covenant promises are then repeated to us by God through the reading of the Scripture. We remember then that we are indeed forgiven, and that we have peace with God.



Preaching the Word

The preaching of the Word is not "classroom instruction." It is a word from God to us, speaking through His Word by means of a preacher to His people. We are taken deeper into our understanding of the New Covenant, of the promises God has made, of the work of Jesus to enact that covenant, and of the power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live a life worthy of our New Covenant status. It is to be received for what it truly is – God speaking words of life directly to the hearts of His people.

Communion

Communion is an ordinance or command given by Jesus to His people in order that we remember His death and sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins and new life in Christ. It is more than that, though. Jesus Christ is spiritually present for all who take the Lord's Supper in faith. He is truly present through the Holy Spirit in the bread and wine (or grape juice) when we eat and drink in faith. Jesus spiritually nourishes us as we participate in communion, bonding us together with Him and each other by sharing in the sufferings of Jesus which are represented in his body and blood. We do not permit anyone who has not yet been joined to Christ or his church through baptism to take communion, as the Lord's Supper is reserved for His people. We believe those who have not been baptized can be blessed by God by praying silently during the Lord's Supper, and we trust that He is using that prayer for people to come to Him through baptism.



何為跨代崇拜?

我們熱烈歡迎各個年齡段的敬拜者參加我們的主日崇拜！我們相信，當整個神的家庭聚集在一起敬拜時，世代間的和解就開始發生，合一得到尊重，神得著榮耀。

為什麼要跨代崇拜?

從《申命記》31章11-13節中的聖經依據，以及1900年的教會歷史和實證研究，都支持這樣一個觀念：兒童與成人同屬基督肢體，應當一起參與集體崇拜。在崇拜過程中，孩子們目睹父母示範真誠的敬拜神，這種寶貴的經驗讓孩子們見證並參與到團體崇拜中。此外，父母和子女不僅一同崇拜、聽道，並在周間能有關於講道的家庭討論和應用，在家中開啓有果效的門徒訓練。

如何來崇拜?

我們重新設計了崇拜儀式的一些元素，為了讓孩子們更容易參與，希望借此機會孩子們能學習如何有熱情、有深度地敬拜神。此外，我們也為孩子們提供與講道相關的活動表，幫助他（她）們道並學道。我們採用最有效、清晰和簡潔的溝通方式，將崇拜時間控制在 65 分鐘之內。如果孩子們有吵鬧時，也請您見諒。讓我們同心合意獻上集體崇拜，願主悅納我們的敬拜，一切榮耀歸於我們的主。

親愛的家長們:

歡迎您全家一同參加崇拜！我們提供了一些小貼士，來幫助您的孩子在崇拜中能與主互動：

- 在來之前與孩子談談崇拜中會發生什麼
- 向他們解釋崇拜中的不同環節以及為什麼我們這樣做
- 鼓勵您的孩子帶上自己的聖經，並請他們找出講道經文並跟著一起讀
- 領取兒童事工預備的每周講道筆記，幫助您的孩子持續參與
- 示範何為專注且真誠的敬拜
- 為孩子們禱告！

請注意，有些人可能會對在崇拜中使用電子產品或食物/零食感到疑惑。目前，我們要求您不要在崇拜中使用電子產品作為娛樂形式。另外，我們歡迎孩子們把食物或零食在崇拜前或崇拜後享用，因為我們希望他們能以尊敬和虔誠的態度來參加這個崇拜的時刻。

跨代崇拜指南

面向所有年齡段的跨代崇拜
主日 11:00am 至 12:05pm

主日崇拜環節

探討主日崇拜的各環節之前，我們要思考什麼是主日崇拜。每個星期日我們聚集在一起，來更新神通過主耶穌從死裏復活與祂的子民所立的新約，

神透過傳講聖言和獻上聖餐，更新祂與我們所立的聖約。我們藉著讚美，禱告、認罪和積極領受神的話語來重新接受領受這個聖約。主日崇拜的每個要素或是神對我們說話，或是我們對神的回應。

唱詩頌歌

我們感恩在耶穌基督裏罪得赦免和領受嶄新的生命，自然流露的反應就是來敬拜神。唱讚美詩歌是我們能表達的最好方式之一。唱敬拜讚美歌可以讓我們用合適的話語講述關於上帝的榮耀真理和祂對我們的應許，並用正確的情感來表達。僅僅用言語並不能像歌唱那樣觸及我們內心對神的真實感受並表達出來，所以神吩咐我們唱「詩篇、詩歌、靈歌，心裡感謝神」

(歌羅西書3: 16)

認罪

我們向神認罪，並在教會肢體間彼此提醒，我們為何需要神與我們所立的新約，為何需要罪得赦免，在耶穌基督裏得著新生命。神透過讀經向我們重申新約的應許。讓我們確信我們確實蒙了寬恕，並與神合好。



宣講聖言

宣講神的道不是「課堂教學」。這是神對我們說的話，透過傳道人向祂的子民說話，帶我們更深入地明白新約、神的應許、耶穌為新約所做的工作，以及聖靈的能力，使我們能夠活出與新約地位相稱的生活，真實領受神對祂的子民所說的生命之言。

聖餐

領受聖餐是主耶穌給屬祂的子民的一項命令。為的是讓我們紀念祂的死和為我們的罪所作的犧牲，使我們罪得赦免，在基督裏獲得新生命。不僅如此，耶穌基督在靈裏與每一位憑信心領受聖餐的人同在。當我們憑信心吃喝主的餅與酒（葡萄酒）時，耶穌基督藉著聖靈與我們同在。當我們守聖餐時，主耶穌在靈裏滋養我們，透過分享耶穌的身體和血所代表的苦難，將我們與主以及彼此緊密聯繫在一起。

我們不允許任何尚未透過洗禮加入基督或祂的教會的人領受聖餐，因為聖餐是為祂的子民預備的。我們相信那些沒有受洗的人可以透過在聖餐期間默禱而得到上帝的祝福，我們相信神也透過禱告來帶領人接受洗禮、歸向主。

