



Sunday Worship Guidance

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New Life Mission and Vision

Mission Statement — We exist to glorify God by enjoying and loving Him, loving others and leading people to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement — God has made us to be a Welcoming, Transforming, and Sending church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ by helping people Get Connected, Get Grounded, Get Healthy, Get Strong, and Get Going.

Philosophy of Sunday Worship Services

Sunday worship services will be one of the central ways we pursue adult discipleship alongside Training Courses, and Growth Groups, and Emmaus Partnerships.

Vision

- Sunday worship services are like the family meal where all generations gather to enjoy a feast from God's Word, fellowship with one another, and spend time with our Heavenly Father in prayer and reflection.
- This is the foundational corporate gathering of the church for public worship. The primary focus will be on proclaiming the gospel and responding to the truth of God's Word through song, prayer, and the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Philosophy of Corporate Worship Services

- Corporate worship has three elements: Revelation, Apprehension, and Response.
 - Revelation — proclamation of the gospel through songs that declare truths about God, prayers that praise God, and the preaching of God's Word.
 - Apprehension — opportunities throughout the service to reflect, to intentionally allow truth to sink in, and to soften our hearts so that we are transformed by the truth of God's Word.
 - Response — specific songs, prayers, responsive readings, or celebration of the ordinances of baptism or the Lord's Supper that glorify God and reflect the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The Senior Pastor is the worship leader who shepherds the church through the stages of Revelation, Apprehension, and Response in partnership with the Elders, music leader, sound/tech volunteers, and various people involved in the service.