



WORSHIP GUIDE

YOUR “HOW AND WHY” OF WORSHIP AT JENKINS CHURCH

WORSHIP IS A PATTERN OF LIFE IN WHICH WE CALL OURSELVES TO WORSHIP, REPENT OF OUR SIN, OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD, HEAR GOD’S STILL VOICE, AND RESPOND TO GOD THROUGH ACTS OF LOVE.

THIS BROCHURE EXPLAINS OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. PLEASE TAKE IT FOR LATER REFERENCE, IF YOU CHOOSE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PASTOR. THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS HE LOVES!

JENKINS CHURCH

**Loving God and Neighbor,
just as Jesus commanded us to do.**

A Note From The Pastor

My hope today is that you worship. That's what this hour is about: Worship of God.

Today we come together as a community of Christ to lift up the name of God. It is an ancient practice, one commanded by God to people of faith. In worship, we proclaim that this is our God, and it is to this God we will serve in all of our life.

While we do not come to worship for what we can get out of it, we do understand that by God's grace we are shaped, reminded, and led during worship to be people of faith once we leave the doors. Our worship is a pledge to God that we will follow God no matter what.

That makes this hour important, and beautiful. I pray we create a space that allows your worship of God and that you leave here a changed person, following God in every way.

In Peace,

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Elements of Worship

SOME OR ALL OF THESE PRACTICES WILL OCCUR DURING WORSHIP. WE PRAY YOU FIND MEANING IN WHATEVER MANNER DRAWS YOU CLOSER TO GOD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — We take time before the service to talk about events in the life of the church.

PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF CANDLES— Beginning our service, the Prelude allows space to focus on our reason for worship. The candles represent Christ's entrance into the sanctuary, reminding us of our purpose here.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Together we state our intent to worship God. It often is in the form of a call and response scripture reading, with the text displayed on the screens.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION— Our first prayer asks for God's active presence in the worship service. We also know that God is always with us, and it is our eyes that must be open to God's revelation.

SONG OF WORSHIP — Our first song is a song that identifies God as one worthy of worship. There is strength in numbers, so please lift your voice to your God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — During our prayer time we pray for our own repentance, the hurts and pains of others, and thanksgiving for God's care for creation. We also listen for God's voice so that we may aid the Kingdom by doing the God's will. We end with the Lord's Prayer using the debts/debtors version.

Elements of Worship

SONG OF PRAISE – After praying to God, we sing a song of praise in thanksgiving for God’s grace and mercy.

OFFERING OF TITHES, GIFTS, MUSIC
We offer our tithes and gifts to God recognizing that as we do, we must also offer ourselves. Music and other offerings performed at this time are a similar expression.

SCRIPTURE – We read the scripture aloud that prompts the sermon which follows.

SERMON – An exhortation of scripture, the sermon often leads to an invitation toward greater discipleship. Feel free to “Amen” or respond otherwise, as you feel led.

SONG OF INVITATION – After the sermon, we sing a song to God, inviting ourselves into closer relationship with our Creator.

APOSTLES’ CREED – We sometimes recite the Apostles’ Creed communally to state what we believe.

BENEDICTION – The Benediction is a blessing to release us into the world, following God’s will.

THE LIGHT TAKEN INTO THE WORLD
We follow the light of Christ out into the world, so that we may do the work of Christ.

POSTLUDE – Our musical postlude sends us from worship and into the world to serve.

Elements of Occasional Worship

COMMUNION (LORD'S SUPPER – EUCHARIST) – Communion is the physical representation of the grace with which God blesses believers. When we take communion, we participate in the ancient ritual that blends taste (grape juice) and touch (bread) with faith, recognizing that we all are fed by the same Christ. This sacrament is open to all believers, and all ages, and we encourage you to participate, allowing yourself to know God's grace. We often follow with a potluck meal to continue our communion together in Christ's name. Please join us!

BAPTISM – The sacrament of Baptism in the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination is encouraged for all people, including the children of believers. Normally baptism is administered by sprinkling water on the head, but we believe it is not the mode that provides salvation. It is God's own Spirit. For child baptism we recognize that as an adult they must grow into accepting the faith. Therefore, we baptize children into the community of Christ, promising to raise and educate them in Christian discipleship.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS – Occasionally there will be special offerings for us to worship God through music, poetry, or any other gift. If you have a gift you'd like to share, let us know.

Worship FAQ

My child is crying. What should I do?

Children always welcome in the sanctuary. If you wish to step out, a nursery room where the service is being streamed is available.

Where are the children during worship?

Our children's ministry, Jenkins Kids, provides a time of Christian learning during the sermon for children 3 to 6th grade. Children are also welcome to stay in the Sanctuary if preferred.

Why all the standing and sitting?

There are times when we stand to honor God, and times we sit for contemplation. Worship ought to be a full body activity, as we are able. If you are unable to stand, please do so in spirit. If you want to raise your hands in worship, or bow at the altar, you are welcome to do so.

Is this a "traditional" service?

It all depends on what you mean by traditional. It is not traditional compared to ancient practices but is traditional in cultural terms. We believe there is great strength in some traditions and follow them where they aid our worship.

What is Cumberland Presbyterian?

Cumberland Presbyterian is a denomination whose focus is on God's grace in this world. We formed out of the Second Great Revival and believe that all creation is called into relationship with God and each other.