

Contemporary Worship--What Will it be Like?

Trying to define "contemporary worship" is like trying to predict the weather. You know that something is going to happen and you may have a rough idea of what that will be. However, just when you think you have it figured out something will change on you. While we may establish some pattern of activities during this portion of our morning worship, one of the blessings of this format is that parts of it can be unpredictable.



You can be certain that we will sing, pray and fellowship with each other...maybe even all at the same time! The screen will be used so that our hands will be free and our gaze lifted up, helping us to lift our hearts to the Lord in the company of friends and family. A time of sharing will enable us to pray with and for each other, both in the service and throughout our week.

The music will be a mixture of current and classic contemporary songs. This will also include occasional hymns that have been re-written with a more contemporary feel. We will be continuing to use guitar and backing instruments, as we have been, while seeking to add more instruments and singers. As live instrumentalists are worked into the worship team, we will be reducing the number of "tracks" used. Initially, we are looking for a keyboard and bass player to add to the team. Players should be accomplished enough on their instruments to be able to ad-lib during the song time.

The opportunity to meditate on and discuss the message could also find its way into the "structure" of the contemporary portion of our Sunday morning. On non-communion Sundays, the message discussion could lead into a time of application to our lives which could include confession and absolution. Much of what the contemporary time becomes will be determined by those who attend.

Initially, the season of Advent will be influencing our music choices. Since we all love to sing the classic carols and Christmas hymns--and realizing there are so few weeks during which we get to do so--we will be making sure to include a number of those each week.

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Preschool Connection Opportunity--Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Our Preschool children will be presenting their Christmas Program on the morning of Monday, December 21. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with the families of our preschool students.

We have the opportunity to help with the brunch which will follow the program. We will be helping to decorate for the occasion, provide the "Happy Birthday, Jesus" cake and assist with the meal. Pastor Jim will even be making an appearance as a "special guest" who will help bridge the gap between the Real Meaning of Christmas and the commercial holiday as it has come to be known.

Sign Up outside of Michael's office or simply call the church office (324-4070) Michael's Cell (330-492-2583) or email him at sjlcdfy@windstream.net, in order to offer your assistance.



Merry Xmas IF YOU SEE THIS...
PUT A P IN IT! Merry ~~X~~mas

THE CHI RHO REPRESENT JESUS, AS THEY ARE THE FIRST TWO LETTERS OF THE NAME CHRIST. WE OFTEN SEE THE "XMAS" SPELLING REPRESENTING CHRISTMAS. SOMETIMES THIS IS A MATTER OF EXPEDIENCY BUT OTHER TIMES IT IS DONE INTENTIONALLY TO ELIMINATE THE CHRIST FROM THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS. WHATEVER THE REASON...WHENEVER YOU SEE "XMAS," MENTALLY--OR LITERALLY IF YOU ARE NOT DEFACING PROPERTY--PUT A "P" IN IT!