

Welcome to Emmanuel Church

A Brief Explanation of Our Worship Service

Worship as Covenant Renewal

Worship at Emmanuel Church takes place in a five-fold covenantal pattern as we remember and renew the covenant of grace in which God has placed His people.

- 1. Call to Worship:** God comes near and calls His people out of the world to Himself.
- 2. Confession and Forgiveness:** God reminds us what He has done for us in Christ. We confess our sins and God absolves us of guilt.
- 3. Consecration to the Lord:** God speaks to us through His Word. His people respond by giving themselves and their gifts.
- 4. Communion with the Lord:** God invites us to commune with Him at this covenant Table and we enjoy His provision. This is the goal of worship, communing with Christ.
- 5. Commission:** God blesses us and charges us to extend His Kingdom, making disciples of all nations.

What is Our Worship Like?

Our worship is joyful, reverential and focused on the pleasure of God and the renewal of the Covenant of Grace.

We believe the goal of worship is to be served by the Lord for the growth of His people and Kingdom. Because we believe this, children are welcome to the service for the Kingdom of God most certainly includes them (Matthew 19:14-15)!

We do not believe that worship is for evangelism, education, the experience of the individual, or simply the praise of God. Although worship does all of these things, none of them are the goal of worship on the Lord's Day.

Because of this we also believe that the form and content of worship matter, therefore we strive to remain faithful to the movements of Scripture and the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the age of Christendom.

This means we sing the Psalms and the great hymns of Christendom, as we joyfully engage robust historic liturgy.

Worship Matters

Here at Emmanuel Church, we believe that worship matters because it is God's ordained means of changing the world. By singing His Word, praying His Word, preaching His Word, and partaking of the Table of the King, we are calling upon God to take action according to what He has promised.

The means by which we tear down demonic strongholds and fight the giants of the land is by worshipping God and calling Him to fight on our behalf.

Our worship may seem different to many, however this is not due to novelty but a loss of historic consciousness. Emmanuel Church is not attempting anything new, rather we are recalling our unity with the historic church, standing with the saints of the centuries already gone.

We are pleased to have you join us for worship this morning and look forward to knowing you!

“Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Give to the Lord glory and strength.
Give to the Lord the glory due His name;
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Tremble before Him, all the earth.”
Psalm 96:7-9