

Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Common Ground Café
9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
10:45 a.m. Worship

Tuesday

- 9:00 a.m. Wisdom of the Word (WOW)
Bible Study (call or check website for dates)

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. commUNITY Life & Dinner
(call or check website for dates & menu)
6:45 p.m. Bible studies for adults
Youth PULSE
Children's Ministries
Choir rehearsal
English Language Learners
(ELL classes run on rotation; see website or call the office for schedule)

Fridays

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study
Hardee's at 105th and Metcalf

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About Our Worship



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what is worship?



Early Christians gathered on the first day of the week to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In response to God's gracious invitation, we gather as a Christian community each Sunday to give glory to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus.

Worship is our central act as a community. The Church's mission in the world flows from our encounter with God in worship. Our prayer is that the worship we offer will glorify God, instruct and encourage the Church, and engage seekers.

Worship FAQs

When does the service begin?

Worship services begin at 10:45 am and typically last about an hour and fifteen minutes.

What should I wear?

There is no dress code. Some people dress up in suits and dresses or skirts while others wear jeans or slacks. Wear what is most comfortable to you.

What is available for my children?

Childcare for infants through four years is offered in our nursery facilities (lower level - rooms #109 and #110). Preschool - Kindergarten Church meets during the worship service in room #102. Children in 1st through 6th grade are invited to sit together in the sanctuary for the first part of the morning worship service. After a dismissal, children are invited to continue their worship in room #103 on the lower level. On the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, there is no children's church. Children are encouraged to worship with their families.

"Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness, nourishment of mind by His truth, purifying of imagination by His beauty, opening of the heart to His love, and submission of will to His purpose."

-William Temple

Welcome!

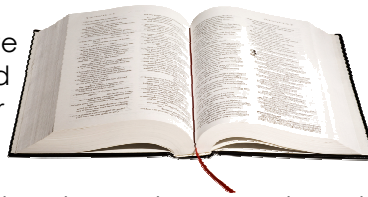
Expect to be welcomed by a greeter as you enter the building. On the upper level, you will find a large room called the sanctuary. This is where we gather weekly as a community for worship. You may hear music as you enter the worship space. Some worshippers will be using the time to visit while others may be praying or sitting silently. Feel free to simply observe or participate as you are comfortable.

Music and Corporate Responses

At various times during the service, the community is invited to sing, speak or pray together. Words can be found on the screen at the front of the sanctuary. The use of music in our worship allows us to lift our voices together in thanks and praise. The lyrics of the hymns and songs we sing also serve to teach us various aspects of the Christian faith. The spoken words we share together like the greeting, the Lord's Prayer, and the creeds, are meant to engage us in the worship service, root us in the history of our faith, and draw us into God's presence.

Scripture

We believe the message of the Bible communicates everything we need to know about how to live in right relationship with God and each other. It is God's word to us. Therefore, each week, we hear readings from the Old, or First Testament (the story of ancient Israel) and the New Testament (the story of Jesus and the early Church).



After the readings, we offer a brief response of silence so that our hearts can hear what God wants to say to us through his word. We use the Revised Common Lectionary, which is a three-year table of scripture readings, to guide us through the biblical story. During the worship service, one of our pastors will offer comments and interpretations of Scripture in a sermon. A copy of the Bible can be found in the pew racks if you would like to follow along.

Sacraments

Sacraments are outward rituals that symbolize the grace of God at work in our lives. The Church of the Nazarene celebrates two sacraments: baptism and Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper. Baptism is a one-time ritual that symbolizes, among other things, one's identification with the death and resurrection of Jesus and entrance into the Christian community. We practice both infant and adult baptism. The Lord's Supper is reminiscent of the last supper Jesus shared with his followers before his crucifixion. Communion is meant to be celebrated often and is a means for us to experience God's continual grace at work in our lives. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month and on various special days throughout the year. You do not need to be a member of Overland Park Church to receive Communion. All who desire to turn away from their sins and believe in Jesus Christ are invited to the Lord's Table.



Why do you "pass the peace"?

Each week during our worship, we greet one another with a handshake and the words, "Peace of Christ." The tradition of passing the peace has its origins in the New Testament. Several places in Scripture reference Christians greeting one another with "a holy kiss" to symbolize their relationship with one another as God's people (1 Peter 5:14; Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:26). Jesus also greeted his disciples by offering them his "peace" (Luke 24:36; John 14:27; John 20:19,21,26).

As time went on, the greeting found a significant place within the pattern of Christian worship. While the "holy kiss" has become a "holy handshake" or a "holy embrace," the symbolism is the same. When we share the "peace of Christ", we are doing more than saying "hello." We are making a declaration about the quality of our life together as a community. The peace acts as a visible demonstration that we belong to one another as members of Christ's Body. We are praying that our relationships with God and with one another will be marked not by strife, but by the "peace of God, which passes all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

Why are the pastors dressed like that?

The pastors' robes serve several functions for the worshipping community. They help keep us from becoming distracted by the clothing of the pastor and point towards the event being celebrated. They remind the church of the role of the pastors as spiritual leaders in the congregation. The stole worn around the neck symbolizes the "yoke" of obedience to serving Christ and his Church. The colors of the stole correspond with the season of the Church year.

We use calendars to mark events, seasons and certain celebrations in our daily lives. Likewise, the Christian Church, following earlier Jewish traditions, has set aside sacred time to guide the Church in worship. The Christian Church year centers around the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Following the seasons of the church year allows us to focus and reorient our lives around the life of our Lord, both as individuals and as a community of faith. Different colors associated with each season serve as visual proclamations of the events of our faith.

Advent	Late November and December; a season of waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ and his second coming
Christmas	12 days celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ
Epiphany	Celebrates Christ revealed as Lord and church's mission to "reveal" Christ to the world
Lent	Beginning with Ash Wednesday, 40 days marked by penitence, fasting and preparation for Easter
Palm Sunday and Holy Week	Observes the last week of Christ's life before his crucifixion
Easter	50 days of celebrating Christ's resurrection
Pentecost	The birth day of the Church; the sending of the Holy Spirit
Season after Pentecost (ordinary time)	Observes teaching of the church and the work of the Holy Spirit