



WHY THE SUNDAY MORNING TIME CHANGES at CPC?

Sporadically, over the last few years conversations about Sunday morning worship times and services have arisen. Prompts for these conversations include: the enjoyment of the 10:00 worship time in the summer, concern about attendance at 8:30, and the various ways worship is meaningful.

Beginning last spring, congregation members were invited to a series of meetings with the Music & Worship and Faith Formation Ministry Area Teams. Several conversations, informal surveys and small group conversations ensued. We also looked at the changing nature of Faith Formation/Christian Education and the cultural implications of the changing church.

The most important result of this process was the voicing of, and listening to, the various perspectives and opinions. Participants had a better sense of the rich and diverse ways in which we engage in worship and learning. Whereas there are certainly preferences of styles, formats, music, etc. there was greater acknowledgement of finding ways to share in the give and take of those preferences.

Ultimately, the following plans were discerned:

8:30 Worship will be a simpler, more contemplative service. In this briefer service there will be wonderful music, but not a choir, no acolyte, or time with the children. Worship will begin with meditative music. Worshipers are encouraged to sit more closely together to enhance fellowship and singing. Ordinarily, the 8:30 service will have the same primary aspects of the later service. Communion will be served by intinction. Worship will conclude with the warm Sharing of Christ's Peace.

9:30 Educational opportunities for all ages! See the [link here](#)

10:30 Worship will continue to include many of the celebrations and special recognitions that enhance the life of the congregation. The Service of the Lord's Day order of worship may have slight modifications on any given Sunday to encompass the day's unique elements of worship.

All Together Sundays will continue to be on the last Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. with many of the all-congregation events scheduled for those Sundays (such as Youth Sunday or the Ordination/Installation of Officers).

Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world. - The PCUSA Book of Order

Thank you to everyone who participated in the conversations this summer.

We are excited to engage some new elements while holding to many of the familiar aspects of our worship life together.