

SUMMARY: WORSHIP PLANNING GUIDELINES

FIRST HOUR

1. Gathering

Usually includes: chimes, peace lamp, call to worship, gathering hymn(s), welcome, introduction to morning, introducing children with birthdays

2. Praising and adoring God; confessing and reconciling

Usually includes: hymns of praise/thanksgiving, scripture, spoken, sung or silent prayers

3. Offering ourselves and our gifts

Usually includes: offering (2% and Window offerings on the first Sunday of the month) and prayer

May also include: covenanting or commissioning, baptism, parent-child dedication.

4. Hearing God's word (or Proclaiming)

Usually includes: Scripture, children's time, sermon.

5. Responding to the Word

Usually includes: silent, sung or verbal response to the sermon, sharing of joys and concerns and prayer.

May also include: Communion or other corporate rituals

6. Sending Usually includes: introduction of guests, announcements, sung or spoken benediction May also include: farewells, commissioning, instructions for unusual second hours

ADDITIONAL NOTE:

Children and teachers are dismissed for Sunday School at the end of the service. Please wait to dismiss until after announcements so that everyone can hear and make announcements as needed. Please dismiss the teachers and children before everyone else is dismissed (ie: before/during the sending song).