

WHAT HAPPENS IN WORSHIP

Here is a brief explanation of what happens in each part of the order of corporate worship at Crossroads Presbyterian Fellowship.

Two aspects of this order are important to notice:

(1) **Worship Service is God's Service**

The primary actions in the service are God's actions by which he serves us. Our worship is always a response to God's movement toward us and his gifts to us.

(2) **Relational Rhythm**

The service is an act of communion between God and his people, and thus the whole service has a responsive structure. It is a back-and-forth exchange in which God offers himself to us to serve us in various ways, and we offer ourselves in response.

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS SPECIAL PRESENCE	
God Calls Us to Worship	God summons us to his heavenly throne room for a special audience with him.
We Praise God	We respond to God's call by honoring his greatness in song.
We Pray for God to Help Us Worship	We ask the Lord to give us the ability to respond to him in the service by the supernatural power of his Holy Spirit.
GOD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST	
God Calls Us to Confession	God summons us to confess our sins to him and offers us his promises of mercy.
We Confess Our Sin Together	We turn away from our sin, confess it to God, and ask for his forgiveness.
God Declares Our Forgiveness	God responds to our repentance and prayer of confession by forgiving our sins.
We Praise God	Having been assured of God's favor, we join the angels and saints in heaven and the whole church on earth in praising God's heavenly majesty & holiness, and his grace toward us in Jesus Christ.

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GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

We Pray for the Ministry of God's Word	We ask God to help us understand and respond rightly to his word read and preached.
God Speaks (Scripture Reading)	God speaks to us through the Bible to instruct, encourage, correct, comfort, exhort, and equip us.
God Speaks (Sermon)	God speaks to us through the pastor to explain what his word means and how to respond to him with honor and loving obedience in our daily lives.
We Offer Ourselves in Offerings and Song	We respond to God's word by offering ourselves to God with renewed love and commitment both in song and in gifts of money to support the God's mission in the church and the world.
We Confess Our Faith	We respond to God's word by professing our renewed trust and loyalty to God using creeds that express our faith in the Triune God and his mighty works of creation and salvation.
We Offer Our Prayers for the Church and the World	We respond to God's word by speaking back to him, interceding for the needs of the church and the world.
The Lord's Prayer	We conclude our prayers with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, which is a fitting summary of the mission of God's kingdom.

GOD FEEDS US AT HIS TABLE

God Serves Us the Bread of Christ's Body God Serves Us the Wine of Christ's Blood	Jesus serves us a meal at his table, which is a victory feast celebrating Jesus' triumph over sin, Satan, and death through his death and resurrection. It is a time to rejoice in our peace, friendship, and union with God and with one another. In the meal, we are united to God and one another because we receive the very life of Jesus himself by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
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GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

We Praise God	We respond to all the ways that God has served us in the liturgy with praise and thanks.
God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out	God sends us out into the world with his blessing to serve him and the mission of his kingdom with the power of his life in us.