

Hey Friend!

We're excited that you are thinking about gathering together with us for worship! We know that its hard to walk into a new place without knowing what to expect. Below are some common questions and information to help you as you visit for the first time. God bless you!

What should I expect at your worship?

Our worship gathering is laid back, with a come-as-you-are kind of feel to it. So, unless you really feel the need to dress up, we do not expect this of you. Our music is contemporary based. We have a keyboardist, guitars, drums and other rhythm instruments. However, we do frequently add in traditional hymns as well as other styles of music.

Order of Service

Our service has much the same feel from week to week. Here is a typical order of worship:

Invitation to Worship
2 Worship Songs
Welcome & Church Announcements
Scripture Reading
Worship Song
Offering
Worship Song
Prayer Time
Dismiss kids to children's church
Sermon
Closing Worship Song

We are not liturgical but we do use some liturgical elements from time to time. For instance, we participate in Advent (traditional preparation for Christmas) and Lent (traditional preparation for Easter). We are not charismatic so you will not see tongue-speaking or other charismatic displays in our worship events. The service generally runs an hour and fifteen minutes.

How Can My Kids Participate?

We think it is very important for our kids to see their parents worship, to learn the songs we sing, and to begin to be aware of what worship gatherings look and feel like so we begin each Sunday with our school age kids in service with us. They will spend about 25 minutes in worship before we dismiss them to Children's church if they wish to attend. We do, however, offer preschoolers (age three to kindergarten) Sunday school and nursery care for even younger kids for the whole worship time.

What Does Your Church Believe?

* We are a Christian church so we support and adhere to the basic beliefs of the Christian faith (Trinity, divinity and humanity of Jesus, salvation comes through Christ, Scripture is inspired by God).

* We are a Protestant church so we are not Roman Catholic and see Scripture as our primary source of authority (though we also rely on tradition, reason and experience to help us understand Scripture and God's will for our lives).

* We are an Evangelical church so we emphasize the need for each person to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

* We are Wesleyan so we emphasize God's love and the freedom you have to choose to accept that love or deny it. God does not make that choice for us.

* We are a holiness church so we believe that there is more to being a Christian than "being saved." Our desire is to grow in our relationship with Jesus so that we become more like him daily.

You can find more out about our denomination by visiting www.nazarene.org



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