

So Now What?

If you're ready to worship with us, then we're excited to have you. Here is some information you might like to know before Sunday morning:



- **Time:** The Service starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning in the Sanctuary and usually ends around 11:30.

- **Nursery:** We provide nursery care for children under the age of 6.

- **Fitting In:** You will not be asked to raise your hand or be publicly identified during the service—we respect your right to anonymity and privacy. It is our custom for each person in worship to sign the register pad when it is passed and we invite you to do the same.
- **Offering:** We will pass an offering plate as part of our worship—a time for us to proclaim God's worth by giving—but you are NOT expected to put anything in it.
- **Clothing:** Worship participants typically wear clothes ranging from khaki pants and a "golf/polo shirt" to suits and ties/dresses.
- **Communion:** We typically offer communion once every three months. All confessing Christians are invited to partake with us but no one is obligated to do so.

Five Steps of Discipleship

1. Sunday Morning Worship
2. Wednesday Night Gathering
3. Small Group Participation
4. Service in the Church
5. Service in the World

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.
Forever.

Amen.



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Worship at FBC

Come, Let Us Worship

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. ~Psalm 95:6-7

At FBC, we believe that we experience God through worship. So, worship is the first and most important step in becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. If a person cannot learn to love God—for this is what we are doing in worship—then they will never be able to follow after Jesus.

Furthermore, we know that worship is not something that comes and goes like seasons in the life of a disciple. Instead, it is a rock that constantly reconnects us to the one whom we are following after. It is our response to God's worthiness. So, we never stop worshipping and we must learn to worship before we can learn anything else.

At FBC, we believe that worship is a special time in which we respond to God—not only what God has done but, also, what God is doing and what God will do.

*“And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation...’”
~Revelation 5:9*

Pastoral Greeting

At the beginning of each service, the pastor will begin by proclaiming: “The Lord is with you.” It is our practice to respond: “And also with you.” The pastor will then offer some words of reflection and welcome to guide us into our worship service.

Invocation

This is a prayer offered to invite the Holy Spirit to be a part of our worship service and to remind us worship is a spiritual discipline with spiritual methods.

Music

At FBC, we mostly sing music from our hymnals (which you will find on the back of the pew in front of you). Also, musicians join together in presenting music that helps focus our minds on God.

Scripture

We believe that God is revealed in (and that these revelations are recorded in) the scripture. At the end of a reading, the reader will proclaim: “The Word of God for the people of God” to remind us what it is that we're listening to. It is our practice to respond: “Thanks be to God.”

Discipline of Silence

This is a brief moment that we take in our worship service to listen for God's “still small voice” and reflect upon what it is that we are doing.

Morning Prayer

Every Sunday, a minister will voice a prayer as a representative of the congregation. You are invited to pray

along silently knowing that others are, too. It is the practice at FBC to say the “Lord's Prayer” in unison at the end of the Morning Prayer. This prayer can be found on the back of this brochure.

Offering

The offertory is not simply the collection of money. It is a chance for us to respond to God by prayerfully offering a part of ourselves.

Sermon

In the sermon, a minister will speak to the congregation on the theme and scripture of the day. It is a time to reflect upon and be challenged by words concerning God.

Response

We feel that every service of worship should give an opportunity to respond to how God is speaking to us. Some come forward during the “Hymn of Decision” to respond by speaking to a minister or praying at the altar. Others respond in their seats. Either is appropriate.

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