

## WORSHIP

How often do you go to worship services at this congregation?

2.0%	This is my first time
1.8	Hardly ever/special occasions only
1.6	Less than once a month
2.7	Once a month
18.3	Two or three times a month
69.0	Usually every week
4.6	More than once a week

How long have you been going to worship services or activities at this congregation?

6.8%	Less than 1 year	12.6	6-10 years
7.5	1-2 years	17.4	11-20 years
11.4	3-5 years	41.3	More than 20 years
2.2	I am visiting from another congregation		
0.8	I am visiting and do not regularly go anywhere else		

Do you personally have any specific role in worship here such as planning or leading worship, reading Scripture, serving Communion, being in the choir, or being an usher or acolyte?

24.7%	Yes, frequently
21.4	Yes, occasionally
52.4	No
1.5	I do not regularly attend here

Before you were 12 years old, how often did you attend worship services?

1.4%	Never
8.6	Hardly ever or special occasions only
2.1	Less than once a month
3.8	Once a month
13.0	Two or three times a month
61.7	Usually every week
9.4	More than once a week

What was the denomination of the congregation where you attended prior to age 12?

3.5%	Assembly of God	1.0	Nazarene
3.3	Baptist	0.9	Non-denominational
12.8	Catholic	0.3	Pentecostal
1.4	Episcopal	4.5	Presbyterian
60.9	Lutheran	0.0	Seventh-day Adventist
7.1	Methodist	1.4	United Church of Christ
0.3	Other (please specify): _____		
2.6	I did not attend worship services prior to age 12		

Before you were 12 years old, how often did your parents (or guardians) attend worship services?

52.3%	Both parents attended regularly
17.4	Only my mother attended regularly
2.1	Only my father attended regularly
17.4	One or both parents attended occasionally
8.2	Neither parent attended
2.6	Don't know

How often did you attend worship services or congregational activities at each of the following ages? (Please mark **one** circle on each line.)

	At Least Weekly	Occas- Monthly	Not ionally at All	Not Applicable	
At age 16? . . . . .	66.2	14.5	11.4	6.7	1.1
At age 20? . . . . .	41.2	19.7	27.0	7.9	4.2
At age 30? . . . . .	58.5	15.4	15.0	5.3	5.7
At age 40? . . . . .	68.2	11.2	8.4	2.1	10.1

How many different congregations have you regularly attended over the last 10 years?

54.2%	Just this congregation
40.6	2 to 4 congregations
3.1	5 or more congregations
2.1	Don't know

Has there ever been a period of two years or more when you did **not** attend worship services or participate in congregational activities (apart from weddings, funerals, or special occasions)?

35.1%	Yes
61.4	No
3.5	Can't remember

How many of your close friends attend worship services here or elsewhere on a regular basis?

6.7%	All
46.0	Most
40.0	Some
4.9	None
2.5	Don't know or not applicable

Does your spouse attend worship services once a month or more often?

59.7%	Yes, at this congregation
3.9	Yes, at another congregation
9.3	No
27.1	I do not have a spouse

How many of your close friends attend worship services on a regular basis?

4.9%	None	6.2	All
44.4	Some	4.9	Don't know
39.7	Most		

Think about the worship services you attended here in the last year. How often did they . . .

	Often	Some- times	Rarely/ Never
Make you feel closer to God? . . . . .	69.6%	28.1%	2.3%
Challenge you to lead a more faithful life? . . . . .	63.9	33.0	3.1
Encourage you to respond to the needs of others? . . . . .	55.5	41.4	3.1
Deepen your understanding of your faith? . . . . .	56.6	39.9	3.5
Make you want to learn more about God? . . . . .	53.1	42.2	4.7
Prepare you to face life's challenges? . . . . .	51.7	44.6	3.7
Help you grow spiritually? . . . . .	58.1	38.4	3.5
Make you want to share your faith? . . . . .	40.6	50.8	8.7
Give you an opportunity to thank God? . . . . .	82.0	16.3	1.7
Help you relate your faith to society? . . . . .	44.8	49.5	5.7

How often do you experience the following during worship services at this congregation? (Mark *one* response in each row.)

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
A sense of God's presence	40.5	37.6	18.2	3.8
Inspiration	25.9	48.8	22.8	2.5
Boredom	1.0	3.5	31.1	64.4
Awe or mystery	4.4	16.1	51.6	28.0
Joy	26.1	49.2	21.9	2.8
Frustration	0.9	2.9	25.7	70.5
Spontaneity	4.8	18.7	50.4	26.1
A sense of fulfilling my obligation	16.9	48.7	26.0	8.4

While all worship services include some of these aspects, which is usually *most important* to you? (Mark *one*.)

- 10.4% Mystery and awe in the presence of God
- 36.4 Clear and relevant preaching of God's word
- 39.6 Feeling moved by the power of God's Spirit
- 10.2 Being moved to care for others
- 3.5 None of the above

What are the two main reasons you attend worship services? (Mark up to *two*.)

- 3.8% It is my duty
- 4.2 Out of habit
- 61.2 To worship or experience God
- 28.5 To receive Holy Communion/Eucharist/Lord's Supper
- 14.2 I need a time of prayer or reflection
- 3.4 I like to keep the family together
- 13.5 To make sure my children are exposed to the faith
- 13.7 To learn more about the faith
- 27.6 For encouragement and inspiration
- 6.7 To feel a sense of community
- 2.6 It is wrong to miss worship without good reason
- 1.3 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

While you may value many different styles of music, which of the following do you prefer in congregational worship? (Mark up to *two*.)

- 72.1% Traditional hymns
- 27.4 Praise music or choruses
- 31.9 Contemporary hymns
- 12.0 Other contemporary music or songs (not hymns)
- 4.4 Sung responsorial psalms
- 9.4 Classical music or chorales
- 1.1 Contemplative chants (Taizé, Iona)
- 7.3 Music or songs from a variety of cultures
- 2.9 African-American gospel music
- 0.3 No music or songs
- 2.1 Don't know

If others who worship here wanted a different style of worship, what do you think the congregation should do? (Mark *one*.)

- 15.9% Include different styles in one service
- 40.7 Offer different services with different worship styles
- 12.6 Offer the style that the majority of worshipers want
- 17.3 Continue with the way we currently worship
- 13.5 Not sure

To what extent does this congregation offer opportunities for worshipers to help plan and lead worship services?

- 39.9% Those who worship here play an **important role** in planning and leading worship
- 35.7 Those who worship here are **somewhat** involved in planning and leading worship
- 3.9 Those who worship here are **not** involved in planning or leading worship
- 20.6 Don't know

To what extent does each of the following make a worship service meaningful for you?

	Very Much	Some	Not At All
Congregational singing . . . . .	71.8%	26.5%	1.7%
Other music . . . . .	50.9	45.1	4.0
Sermon or homily . . . . .	82.3	17.3	0.4
Prayer . . . . .	78.3	20.9	0.8
Communion/Eucharist/Lord's Supper	82.6	16.3	1.1
Reading of Scriptures . . . . .	64.9	33.0	2.1
Traditional symbols or rituals . . . . .	31.4	58.8	9.9
Contemporary worship or informality	30.6	54.3	15.1
Sharing the experience with others . .	42.3	49.9	7.8
The setting where worship takes place	39.4	48.3	12.4
Baptisms, confirmations, and other similar rituals . . . . .	43.9	51.3	4.8
Call to public commitment/altar call .	12.6	53.5	33.8

While both may be important to you, which do you **most** prefer?

- 35.8% Worship that is quiet and reflective
- 46.8 Worship that is enthusiastic and energetic
- 17.4 No preference

While both may be important to you, which do you **most** prefer?

- 40.3% Worship that is consistent from week to week
- 44.0 Worship that offers new experiences each week
- 15.7 No preference

How often are the sermons here . . .

	Often	Sometimes	Never
Educational . . . . .	59.0%	40.1%	0.9%
Inspirational . . . . .	71.0	28.1	0.9
Comforting . . . . .	61.9	37.4	0.7
Challenging . . . . .	48.1	49.1	2.7
Relevant . . . . .	67.2	31.6	1.2

I look forward each week to coming to worship here.

- 47.7% Strongly agree
- 43.4 Agree
- 7.1 Neutral or unsure
- 0.3 Disagree
- 0.2 Strongly disagree
- 1.4 I do not regularly attend here

Worship services here need to be more appealing to youth.

- 19.8% Strongly agree
- 37.2 Agree
- 31.7 Neutral or unsure
- 10.4 Disagree
- 0.9 Strongly disagree

The worship services here appeal to those who do not usually attend anywhere.

13.7%	Strongly agree
43.8	Agree
34.7	Neutral or unsure
6.7	Disagree
1.1	Strongly disagree

Overall, people here welcome new styles of worship.

8.2%	Strongly agree
40.0	Agree
38.6	Neutral or unsure
12.3	Disagree
0.9	Strongly disagree

To what extent do the worship services or activities of this congregation help you with everyday living?

42.0%	A great extent
46.6	Some extent
9.3	A small extent
2.1	Not at all

I can worship God as well on my own as with others in a worship service.

6.5%	Strongly agree
34.8	Agree
39.9	Disagree
13.8	Strongly disagree
4.9	Not sure

Which of these is *most* important to you about receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion, Eucharist, or Lord's Supper? (Mark *one* only.)

51.0%	Recalling that Christ died for us
38.3	Receiving the sacramental presence of Christ
8.2	Sharing Christian unity in a common meal
0.0	We do not have this sacrament
2.4	Don't know