

CITYCHURCH

PHILOSOPHY OF WORSHIP

City Church is committed to biblically faithful, theologically rich, and spiritually formative worship that glorifies God and equips believers to live lives of worship in every context.

Theological Beliefs

1. **Worship as God-Centered**

God alone is worthy of worship. Worship flows out of gratitude for His attributes, actions, and redemptive work as revealed in the Bible. We worship in response to God's initiative. God, not us, is the focus.

2. **Worship as Our Purpose**

Created in God's image, humanity was designed to find ultimate fulfillment and purpose in relationship with and loving God. Attributing worth to God above any other person or object helps re-center us on this purpose as well as anticipate the joy of eternity with God.

3. **Worship as All of Life**

Worship is not confined to music or specific acts but encompasses every aspect of life lived in communion with God. As living sacrifices, we demonstrate devotion to God in homes, workplaces, and communities. Corporate worship equips the church for this whole-life expression of faith.

4. **Worship as Formational**

The Holy Spirit shapes us through worship by drawing us into deeper relationship with God and forming us into the image of Christ. This formation happens through songs, scripture, biblically faithful preaching, Communion, congregational sharing of stories, and prayers that foster obedience and trust in God.

5. **Worship as Witness**

Worship can be a means through which the Holy Spirit enables participants to see more clearly who God is and be drawn into life with Him. Accessibility to outsiders, while uncompromising in our faith, is valued.

Core Values

1. **Gospel-Centered**

The Story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration are central. Songs, prayers, and scripture readings are chosen intentionally to tell this story and remind the congregation of God's grace and faithfulness.

2. **Theological Depth**

Song selection is based upon theological richness over stylistic preferences, while maintaining musical excellence.

3. **Thematic Unity**

Worship is designed to create a cohesive and spiritually rich worship experience aligning Scripture text with songs, prayers, and other elements.

4. **Diversity**

Worship incorporates a diversity of musical forms, from hymns to contemporary songs, reflecting the unity and diversity of the body of Christ. We value both the historic and liturgical practices of faith as well as fresh, creative expressions that resonate with newer generations.

5. **Celebration and Lament**

Worship reflects the full range of human experience including joy and sorrow. Where appropriate, space is given for lament, while pointing to the hope found in Christ and inviting His comfort and renewal.