July 23rd, 2025

Dear Beloved Members and Friends of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We want to share a prayerful update regarding worship life across our two campuses. From the beginning of our merger journey, the Session has been guided by a deep love for music, a shared commitment to children, and a dedication to meaningful worship on both campuses. These values continue to shape our life together. However, during our process of discernment, it also became clear that worship *in its current form* on the Quail campus would not be viable for the long term. While rich in spirit and excellence, the necessary investment of time, talent, and treasure has grown beyond our present capacity.

To that end, the Worship Alignment Task Force was formed to bring a recommendation to the Session. Our charge was to explore how worship might be better aligned across both campuses—creating synergy, spiritual vitality, and opportunities for deeper connection and growth.

The changes we recommend are significant, but we are filled with hope. Trusting in God's faithfulness and our North Star Vision, we are imagining new ways to worship, grow, and serve together. We need your voice, your prayers, and your heart as we discern how best to embody God's call to worship and witness in this new season.

Our task force has worked with three primary goals in mind:

- 1. Faithful Stewardship To ensure we are employing time, talent, and resources well across both campuses, fostering collaborative leadership and aligning our capacity with the current reality and vision.
- 2. Shared Worship Life To deepen our commitment to reformed, intergenerational worship and excellent music by creating two distinct and complementary worship services, rather than parallel ones.
- 3. Unified Music Ministry To imagine a fully integrated, cross-campus music ministry that allows more members to participate, encourages creativity, and strengthens our shared worship life.

During the July Session meeting, the elders voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to shift worship on the Quail Hollow campus to 9:00am. While a variety of elders expressed excitement for the possibilities this recommendation presents, the Session also shared honest concern for the impact this change will have on members of the Quail community. While this shift impacts every member of our congregation, for those on the Quail Hollow campus, this significant change reflects a deep desire and collective hope for worship to continue and thrive on Park Road.

Below is a draft of the proposed fall schedule beginning September 14th:

Sundays

9:00–9:50am – Worship at Quail Hollow Blended Music · Intimate · Reformed · Monthly Communion · Family-Friendly

9:50–10:30am – Faith Formation at Quail Hollow *One Community gathering for study, mission, or fellowship*

9:30–10:20am – Faith Formation at Selwyn Avenue *Christian Education for all ages*

10:30–11:30am – Worship at Selwyn Avenue Traditional · Intergenerational · Corporate · Reformed

Wednesdays

10:30–11:15am – Prayer & Communion Service at Quail Hollow (First Wednesday) 11:30–12:30pm – Pastor's Bible Study at Quail Hollow

5:30–7:00pm – Music, Art, and Bible Programming at Selwyn *Children's music, art, bible enrichment, adult devotion and prayer, casual community meal*

6:30–8:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsals at Quail Hollow *Handbell Choir (6:30–7:30pm) · Chancel Choir (7:00–8:15pm)*

This new schedule invites us into rhythms of worship and fellowship that build upon the strengths of both campuses. Choirs will continue to lead worship with intention on each campus and now have opportunities to collaborate more fully. We anticipate new energy and engagement in our music ministry as we grow into this model together.

Although we are creating new pathways for members to worship on either campus at 9am or 10:30am, the existing integrity and spirit of worship on both campuses will remain. We do not take lightly the potential for change to stir grief, especially for those who hold dear the worship traditions at Quail. We honor your faithfulness, your presence, and your love for Christ's Church. While the Selwyn campus continues to grow and thrive, we move forward trusting God has great plans for worship on the Quail Hollow Campus. In fact, we hope these changes pave the way for new life and possibility on Park Road.

We know there are questions and feelings to tend along the way. That is why we are committed to listening deeply. In the days ahead, our choir members, the Quail Coordinating Team, and the Session will gather to review these plans. Also, we are inviting you and every member to community conversations, and to offer your thoughts and ideas by completing a <u>brief survey</u>.

Afterward, we'll share a full communication with the congregation on specific plans worship and programming this fall. Join us for more conversation about worship. We hope to hear your voice and see your face! Your church needs you to be a part of what God is doing among us.

Tuesday July 29th
6:30-7:15pm
On ZOOM
Choir(s) and Handbells

Sunday August 3rd 11:40am-12:20pm at Quail Hollow All Members

Tuesday August 12th
6:30-7:15pm
On ZOOM
All Members

Sunday August 17th 11:40am-12:20pm at Quail Hollow All Members

Please pray for our pastors, staff, and elders as they lead with faith and hope. Above all, remember that our unity is in Christ, who draws us together with grace, calls us forward with courage, and promises us life in abundance.

With Gratitude and Trust.

The Worship Alignment Task Force

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