

# GEPC MARCH WORSHIP TEAM MEETING - MINUTES

4/24/2025 @ 7:00pm

**Team Members:** Michael Morefield (Senior Pastor) / Kelly Hackleman, (scribe) / Tech Lead Bill Leuenberger / Tech lead Chris Schupp / Bob Williams / Carl Carney

## I. Opening Prayer (Michael)

## II. Opening Business

A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda: **none**

B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes: no baptism

## III. Opening Devotional – Bill “collaborative discussion”

5 ideas why we worship

Bill’s thoughts: connect with God, say thank you, confess, learn, renewing of the mind, praise God

Carl’s thoughts: Praise God, connect with others in God’s presence, lead the congregation in worship, focus on coming week, hope and assurance,

Call to Worship - calls people to praise God - lead people to connect with scripture

*Calls to worship, Invocations and Benedictions* - Kelly

Bob - Westminster Confession, EPC order - Chief end is to glorify God; opportunity for worshipers to worship together; Romans 12 - worshipping is part of my commitment and service to God; to acknowledge that He is the head of the church.

Larry - Submission by email:

### **Why We Worship**

Thoughts from Larry Harris

We are commanded to worship.

Psalms 95: 6	Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
Exodus 20	The first four of the ten commandments
Matthew 22: 37	The greatest commandment

We worship to submit and acknowledge our dependence on God.

We worship to be reminded and to remind others of God’s blessings upon his people.

We worship to bring our prayers before God as a community of saints.

We worship to display our thanksgiving and praise -  
Through our offerings and our commitments  
Through our singing of hymns and spiritual songs

Michael - worship is submission - in the Garden of Eden - they rebelled against God because they wanted to exalt themselves; in worship we are submitting to the rule and reign to God - he is our King; **we are designed to worship**. We are created as worshipers. Glory - weight or weightiness. We worship him because he is glorious; we can’t help but want to worship the glory of God; we are not our own. We belong to our redeemer. We worship because it is the natural response to God’s grace.

#### **IV. Session and Pastor Report**

Recap - Palm Sunday - success

Carl suggested that we might have the children process with palms next year.

Maundy Thursday - Bob says that it didn't feel like a Maundy Thursday service. Beans and sausage vs. lamb. Just felt like Conversations.

Good Friday - Chris: one complaint that it didn't stream (accident) We never promised we would, but people have come to expect it.

Easter Sunday - Booklets need to be revised. Keep services separate - titles in bold, bigger print, better delineated headings. Higher contrast.

#### **V. Worship and Tech Leader Reports**

##### **A. 1st Service: Kelly**

New Hymnals - discussion on Trinity and Christian Life Hymnal

- a. Michael's comparison of these two - Trinity has 400 hymns that are different than the Christian Life Hymnal. CLH is multi-denominational - loosely Evangelical. We are in that pocket, but we nuance that because we are reformed. We recognize the sovereignty of God, which is absent from the Christian Life hymnal. There is a theological significance of the reformed faith. there is not a depth or feast of theology that we strive to teach and preach at Gashland in CLH.
- b. The Trinity Hymnal pairs with our theology hand in hand here at Gashland.
- c. Bob - Hymns are a theological repository of the church.
- d. Larry: (by email) Weighted Comparisons for Hymnal Considerations
  - i. 1. Hymns & Spiritual Songs with accurate theological texts
  - ii. 2. Hymns & Spiritual Songs for each liturgical season
  - iii. 3. Hymns & Spiritual Songs with Biblical texts
  - iv. 4. Hymns & Spiritual Songs with familiar melodies
  - v. 5. Print that is easily readable - font style and size, etc.
  - vi. Other considerations
  - vii. Singability - vocal ranges, voice parts, etc.
  - viii. Medleys / Choral Endings / Last Refrain settings, etc.
  - ix. Congregational Readings
  - x. Psalms
  - xi. Seasonal Scriptural selections
  - xii. Creeds and Confessions
  - xiii. Doctrinal Statements
  - xiv. Tools for Worship

xv. Calls to Worship

xvi. Benedictions

xvii. Choral Responses to elements of worship

xviii. Offerings / Prayers / Calls to worship

e. Kelly would agree to either the Trinity or Christian Life hymnals

## **B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Service- Carl -**

1. Great Easter service
2. No sound issues
3. “Bill Box” - Carl has put stuff in there for Bill. (see #4 for last month’s discussion.)
4. Put the “Box” in the wings. The wings off-stage are littered with junk. Some can go to the rummage sale. Need to utilize the space better for stands, and other musical items. John Wopata suggested shelves, but that’s not enough. “We need to have intention.”

### **Tech Leaders-Bill L and Chris**

- **Bill** - bring in an audio and video doctor (if Ritchey leaves the area, we need to have guidance for A/V.)
  - Wants to buy mic cables on Amazon that he can splice into other cables. \$85 cable with connector and they’re in stock. Mic as headset and comes with cable. Pops and problems can be very distracting, not just for congregation, but for preacher. Bob suggested that we buy one and then see if we can get another working with the other remaining three, and if not, then buy another. Bill will email details to Worship, Michael, Carl, Kathy,
  - Projector that didn’t work on Easter. Maybe Landon did something? Maybe a bulb is burnt out. Replacement bulbs came with each projector. We need to find them. The projectors would not be cheap to replace. More to come on that.
  - Mic for \$135 where sound changers can talk to Carl. Carl said that he doesn’t think we need to buy that. Bob says to advance slides about three syllables ahead.
  - Equipment sales will start this week. 6-7 components. At Guitar Center.
  - Should we resurrect the elders praying with people at the end of service. Let’s put it on the agenda for next month. Maybe it was just second service....
  - Hearing assists - making progress. Will report next month. Present system is clunky and big and screams ‘old.’ If we get a new system in place, we can sell the old system. The Greeters (First Team) should know how to use them and teach people how to use them.

Adjourn in Prayer.

Signed: *Kelly Hackleman, scribe*

**NEXT MEETING - May 15, 2025 at 7:00**