

GEPC MARCH WORSHIP TEAM MEETING - MINUTES

3/27/2025 @ 7:00pm

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

I. Opening Prayer (Michael)

II. Opening Business

A. Additions/Corrections to Agenda: none

B. Additions/Corrections last month Minutes: none

III. Opening Devotional – Bill “collaborative discussion” “What are you learning in your quiet time?”

Bob - I would like this group to lead by worshipping beyond Sunday morning.

Larry - Be prepared - lessons and scripture help prepare/guide us for “out in the world.”

Michael - it is our duty as Christians to be prepared. God saves us - salvation belongs to the Lord, but work out your faith with fear and trembling. God initiates, but we respond in faith.

Bob - I think it can be something as simple as starting with, “What is worship?” or “Why do we do this?” Just for a minute or two. Each week a different why. Some instruction. If someone comes in who hasn’t had the church experience, how do we answer the why? Think about the newcomers. They’re thinking about logistics, but beyond that, they need to know why.

Michael - next meeting, each of us should come with 5 ideas for why we worship.

Bill - we’ll use the devotional time to discuss our 5 things

IV. Session and Pastor Reports

A. 5-minute summary this Sunday for the reason to change from intinction. Michael has purchased the communion trays for little cups, as well as a device to fill the cups. He will also send out an email to Elders and Deacons to remind them that they will be holding trays with little cups.

B. Everyone will come up and get their piece of bread and little cup and take it back to their seats and we will all partake together. Discussion about how to do the music in the second service - no song, just instrumental - end when distribution is over and everyone is seated.

C. In first service, there are more people who might have trouble carrying the two items if they need to use a cane. We may need more roamers.

D. Michael did a summary of the change for those who were not here last month.

1. Holy week Schedule:

- a. Palm Sunday - children will sing in both services - near the end of the first service and near the beginning of the second service - two anthems

- b. Maundy Thursday - 6:00-7:30 Meal, communion and then Josh will lead discussions 6:30-7:30 will use the chapel. Won't be in the sanctuary. No musical needs.
- c. Good Friday - 7:00 pm "I am Barrabas" - need to talk through this.
- d. Sunrise Service - 6:30 am Sun will rise 6:34 - will try to keep it at under an hour. Finish by 7:15 or 7:30 at the picnic shelter, will have chairs and sound system. Bill will have two mics and hookup for piano. Kelly will lend Carl her folding 88-key keyboard.
- e. Michael and Larry and Kelly will meet to discuss Good Friday and Easter services

V. Worship and Tech Leader Reports

A. 1st Service: Kelly and Larry

New Hymnals - discussion on Trinity and Christian Life Hymnal

- a. Larry offered comparison via a spreadsheet. Bob suggested that we need to have weighted criteria. Take out all comparisons where there are yeses for both, narrow down to fewer components and weigh them.
- 2. Larry brought up that he has heard complaints that the livestream for 1st service has problems with sound that make people leave the livestream.

Bill explained about our signal in terms of LUFS* - music and sermon are different levels. Need a third person to help with sound in the first service. Bill and Chris have a list of people to ask. With changes in personnel, that could change things. But that could be fixed. They will try to normalize the output to the internet by the next meeting. That said, there are going to be glitches once in awhile. If it's the internet, there's nothing we can do about it. Screen or preacher - don't have the depth of field that we need to get both.

*LUFS stands for Loudness Units Relative to Full Scale and is a unit of measurement for the perceived loudness of audio, taking into account human hearing and the average level over time.

B. 2nd Service- Carl -

- 1. Sound issues - Derek was too loud and then he was too soft. Bill suggests that the sound guys need earmuffs.
- 2. Bill suggested that 1st service needs to be fixed first, then the 2nd service.
- 3. 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

- **Chris** -Trying to finish tech manual for newbies - standard for doing things for new volunteers. Lights, camera, sound, internet.

- Bill will start selling equipment. Might sell keyboard that Chuck bought - not touch sensitive.
- Old iPads need to be reset to factory and then they can be sold.
- Bill asks that if we hear complaints, to send them to him.
 - Other reports - Missions Proposal:
 - want to play video once a month. They wanted to do a zoom meeting during a service, but Michael suggests a pre-recorded video that they do monthly - 2nd Sunday of the month.
 - The last video that played the quality of the video wasn't good - sound cut out. We need to develop a standard of quality of videos we play. It may not be feasible to have a video once a month. We get a lot of requests from a lot of groups. We should maybe make it quarterly. Much more feasible. Better to just have a monthly video in the Link - with a link in the Link. It could add too much length to the service.
 - or maybe just have a separate email once a month with a link to the video.
 - Monthly email or quarterly video in service.

A. Baptism: Brooks Morefield getting baptized this Sunday in the second service right after announcements.

Adjourn in Prayer.

Signed: *Kelly Hackleman, scribe*

NEXT MEETING - April 24, 2025 at 7:00