

## **WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE INFORMATION SHEET** **1/15/22 Congregational Handout**

The Church Council has been working since September on future goals for our ministry together. One of those goals is presented here. At its meeting on January 9, 2012 the Council unanimously approved combining our two present worship services into one and beginning an alternative worship service.

### **Tentative Proposed Schedule**

9:30 AM – Traditional Worship Experience beginning February 19  
Children’s Ministry during the worship.  
Choir, Acolytes, Ushers - Maintain present traditions.

10:30 – 11:00 Fellowship / coffee time between services.

10:45 or 11:00 Adult SS Classes presently meeting would continue.

11:00 AM – “*The WAY*” (working title) – Alternative Worship Experience  
*Whose Are You? – Identity* Children’s Ministry during worship.  
Begins Easter Sunday.

### **Notes:**

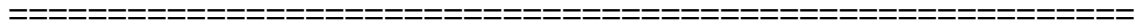
- Would not change Adult SS for present classes unless they choose to – they continue to meet after the traditional worship service. (Shaffer, Findley, Gordon, Farside, Koinonea)
- All the details are not worked out at this time. The various ministry groups (Christian Education, Worship, Music, etc.) are working on the specifics.
- Preserves the Worship / Sunday School Model for those who prefer it.

### **Why are we doing this?**

- **Preservation** – Traditional worship style is preserved and enhanced, bringing those who prefer traditional worship together. Resources and people will be focused on one service instead of two.
- **Evangelism** – The alternative worship style will help us reach more people for Christ. We are not subtracting, we are adding.
- **Growth** – Differing worship styles is an essential element of growing congregations. We expect growth in both services.
- **Faithfulness** – We are following Christ’s command to “make disciples.”
- Not aware of churches of any denomination consistently growing without two things: First, some sort of Alternative Worship Style. Second, consistent Adult Small Group Discipleship Gatherings. This is a “fact of life” in today’s world.

**Implementation Schedule:**

- January 15 – Announce change in worship services.
- January 22 – Congregational Meeting 9:45 AM – 10:30 AM
- February 19 – Combine worship services and begin 9:30 Traditional Worship Time. Children’s ministry begins during service. No alternative worship service.
- February 19 – March 25 11 AM Prayer and Team Training for “*The WAY*”
- Palm Sunday – April 1, 2012 – “Soft” Launch (Dress Rehearsal). Practice all elements of “*The WAY*” schedule including Children’s ministry.
- Easter – April 8, 2012 – Full Scale Launch of “*The WAY*”



**PRESENT TRANSITION TEAM MEMBERS** – Pastor Chris, Susan Murphy, Sharon Young, Beth Crago, Bob Green, Jessica George, Linda Rose, Shelly Holsopple, Paul Huey, Bill Bauman, Pat Miller

**INFORMATION MEETING** – Everyone is invited to a question, answer, and feedback time next Sunday from 9:45 to 10:30 AM in the sanctuary with members of the Church Council and Pastor Chris.