

Worshipping Together

In a popular television show of the past decade, a character states, “I don’t object to the concept of a deity, but I’m baffled by the notion of one that takes attendance.” This reflects a common misconception about the purpose of a worship service.

The English word worship is not difficult to define. It is the act of declaring worth (worth + ship). It can be applied to anything we do which elevates a person or object as having great worth to us. Throughout Scripture, worship involves not only the elevation of the object of worship but also the lowering of yourself. The Hebrew word *hwh*, which means to bow down and those who worship a god are called *’bd*, the doer of the act of worship. In this sense, someone who makes an idol is performing an act of worship. In the New Testament, the Greek word *proskyneō* has the same sense of bowing down while *latreyō* has the sense of serving a god.

Worship is not limited to music, although music is an important vocabulary of worship. We can worship in prayer, Lord’s Table, ministry, study, love, and anything else which submits our own wills to the will of God. It is the practice of making him the focus of our words and deeds.

We are commanded to worship individually, in our homes, but also to gather in corporate settings “to stir up one another to love and good works” (Heb. 10:24–25). Our worship is not about “attendance” but about participation together in the declaration of God’s worth. Worship is as much about our shared alignment toward God as it is about our relationship with Him.

Financial Summary

2023 Budget	\$224,885	Budget to Date	\$82,175
Weekly Budget	\$4,325	Giving to Date	\$89,233

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