

What is Worship. Really?

Worship is recorded in English before AD 900 (spelled *worthscipe*). The suffix *-ship/-scipe* is related to the word *shape*, with both coming from Dutch, meaning a form. (The same word underlies the word *landscape*).

In other words, worship has at its deepest root the idea of how we shape or form our declarations of worth. In the church setting, these are the declarations of God's worth.

In both Hebrew and Greek, there are two types of actions defined as worship. One is to bow down (Heb. *hwh*; Gen 24:26; Gk. *proskyneō*, Acts 24:11) and the other is to take action, to create (Heb. *śh*, Deut 12:4; Gk. *latreyō*, Phil 3:3). Without a whole lot of examination, we can see that worship consists of two elements:

- Yes! We need to set aside time, both individually and corporately, when we bow before God and declare his worth through prayer, song, thanksgiving, confession. This is a necessary thing for us, because it centers us, reminds us of how we got here, who we are called to serve. We elevate God above ourselves and our wants and we join with the choir of the centuries in extolling his greatness.
- But our worship must also manifest itself in action, in work and creativity. Worship is not just something that we get for ourselves, a feeling or an emotion or intellectual realization. True worship moves us to do something about it—to declare God's worth through our own movement, creation, service, and proclamation.

At the end of the day, what we see and declare about God should become something that brings glory to Him in our daily lives. What that is, and what it looks like is not a definite thing; but we should give form or shape to our worship. Remember, there are no graven images in our faith. **You were created in the image of God. You are the depiction of God's glory that others see.**

Financial Summary

2023 Budget	\$224,885	Budget to Date	\$125,425
Weekly Budget	\$4,325	Giving to Date	\$130,633

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Welcome

*Creating environments where people
encounter Jesus and journey together*

Today's Worship

“Your Grace is Enough”

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“Good Good Father”

© 2014, Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett, CCLI# 7036612

“He Reigns”

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- Lord's Table -

“Doxology”

“Even If”

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- Exploring the Scriptures Together -

Upcoming Events

Autumn Bible Study

Beginning on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00pm, we will be having a 10-week study entitled “Perspectives on the Church: Biblical Theology and History.” Everyone is welcome to be a part. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the foyer.



July

23 Members Workshop after worship.

August

5 Southern NH Rescue Mission

13 God's Backyard “Soft” Relaunch

Youth Group Ice Cream Social [tentative, details TBD]

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The Mess They'd Made of Their Liberties

(1 Corinthians 8:1-11:1)

Series of horizontal lines for notes.

The Big Idea:

Nursery is provided 9:30-11:30am for children ages 0-3.
Our children's ministry (God's Backyard) is on a summer hiatus.
We will be doing a “soft opening” of the updated program in August,
with the full program returning on September 10.