



"Snow Church" Worship Service

**First Presbyterian Church
Kannapolis, North Carolina**

This service is suggested as a tool to carry out our spiritual life together as a church even when the regular worship service is canceled due to weather or other emergency. Try to conduct this service in your home at 11:00 a.m. Then we will still be joined in the body of Christ although we cannot be physically together.

1. The New and Old Testament selections will be available on the church answering service, by calling 704-938-4623 and choosing extension 5.
2. Although this service is designed to be about 20 minutes long, the worshiper should set his or her own pace.
3. If you are musically inclined, feel free to include songs or hymns during the service!
4. If there are two or more of you participating in this service together, you may want to do the Call to Worship responsively, and take turns reading the other prayers and parts of the service.
5. For the meditation, you may read an article, essay or devotion from a source of your choice, or spend some time reflecting on and discussing the scriptures used in the service.

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Order of Worship

Moments for Quiet Reflection

Call to Worship (From Psalm 29):

Give honor to the Lord, O mighty ones,

Give honor to the Lord for his glory and strength.

Give honor to the Lord for the glory of his name.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

The God of glory thunders.

The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord gives his people strength.

The Lord blesses them with peace.

Prayer of Praise:

O Lord, our God, you are great and glorious, and we do bow our minds and our hearts in your presence. You are holy and true, and we are humbled in your presence. You are powerful and majestic, and we rejoice to be in your presence. We do seek your strength, and your peace. May you be blessed by this time of worship. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (to be announced, or use Micah 6:1-8)

Prayer of Confession (silent)

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 1:18)

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Prayers of the People

(Spend time praying for your church, your community, your nation, and church around the world. Conclude with the Lord’s Prayer)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

New Testament Reading (to be announced, or use John 4:19-26)

Meditation (of your choice)

Prayer of Response and Dedication

Charge and Benediction

(from Colossians 3:12-14 and Philippians 4:7)

As God’s own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

Alleluia! Amen.

As you conclude the service, plan an act of kindness or compassion that you could initiate today beyond your immediate family.