

## #GCICHURCHHACKS

### Order of Service

The ultimate goal of our worship services is proclaiming the good news of Jesus. Through a variety of worship actions, we gather as one body, listen to God's Word, commune with Him, and then are sent out to be the church in our community.

The order below creates a flow for both members and guests to meaningfully participate and respond throughout the service. For each portion of the service below, there should be gifted, equipped, and prepared individual(s) to lead the congregation. Communication and integration of the teams involved in the service is crucial to an inspirational time of worship.

<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	A hymn of praise or scripture reading, and opening prayer.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Greet the congregation, draw attention to the announcement bulletin, and update the congregation on necessary issues. Use Announcements to project the vision and values of the congregation.	
<b>INTERCESSORY PRAYER</b>	Intercessory prayer should be brief, mentioning the names of those who have requested prayer and, only if also requested, a short phrase describing the need. Requests should be made before the service. Detailed sharing of requests and updates should be done during small group gatherings and not the Sunday service.	
<b>CONGREGATIONAL SONGS</b>	A selection of psalms, hymns, and/or spiritual songs, that tie in with the theme of the sermon and rest of the service. The offerings are received and brought forward before the congregation.	
<b>OFFERING</b>	Appropriate music may accompany the offering. A prayer of thanksgiving may follow. This is also a good time to dismiss children and youth to their respective classes.	
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Key passage for the sermon read to the congregation. A moment of silence for the congregation to transition and prepare for the reading and hearing of God's Word may be appropriate.	
<b>SERMON</b>	A 30-minute sermon based on a passage of Scripture is given. Check out our RCL sermon outlines at <a href="http://equipper.gci.org">equipper.gci.org</a> to preach in alignment with the Christian Calendar. A brief prayer may conclude the sermon.	
<b>COMMUNION</b>	Each congregation is free to determine how often it will offer Communion, whether quarterly, monthly or weekly.	
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	The congregation rises for to receive a blessing, acknowledging they are now being sent out to bless others. An optional closing hymn may be sung before the closing scripture or prayer.	