



Chapel Service Concept

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Westwood introducing/considering/developing this new worship experience?

We are developing a new worship experience to offer an alternative to the existing 'modern' service. We see this as an opportunity to engage people where they may want to be met – with the love of Jesus Christ in a classic worship experience.

What is the goal of the Chapel Service?

- To reach people with the love of Jesus Christ in bold new ways
- To make disciples for those that come to serve and worship
- To steward and maximize the space that God has given us
- To meet the energy and enthusiasm that is present in our congregation and community

What will be different from the current 'modern' worship service?

There are 3 main differences that you will see / hear:

- Music: the worship music will feature timeless hymns and songs that are familiar to many. The service will include participative singing focused on the congregation and led by a choir.
- Sound: Voices and instruments will be less amplified and more acoustic in nature. The overall sound level will be lower than the current modern service.
- People: the use of volunteer instrumentalists and vocalists will be the focus.

What will be the same?

Services will be thematically planned, and we will experience the same great teaching and participate in the same service elements as well as hear the same invitations to next steps of involvement.

Will the Chapel Service be at all Westwood Multisite Campus locations?

At this point, the Chapel Service will only be at the Chanhassen campus in the Woodside Worship Center.

Will the Chapel Service be available via livestream / Facebook Live?

The service is being designed for real-time in-person engagement/participation and at this time, there is no plan to livestream or record the service.

Who can participate in the music groups for the Chapel Service?

Groups will be multigenerational and open to musicians that can demonstrate the ability to contribute to the overall sound in a favorable way and who are open to learning what it means to live and be like Jesus.

If I am a vocalist or instrumentalist, how often would I likely be asked to participate in a worship service?

It is our intention to utilize a choir and instrumentalists on a regular basis. Some will not be available for all service opportunities and some will hope to sing and play every week. We will need to remain fluid as we take into consideration current governmental restrictions on churches meeting in large numbers and singing in close proximity.

Will there be paid instrumentalists?

The Chapel Service Concept is based on a full utilization of volunteers. There will however be times when an invitation will be given for a guest musician to fill an open spot that a volunteer is not able to fill.

Will there be an official worship leader?

What we typically call a worship leader will function more as a “song leader” in the chapel service concept. The piano will be the leading instrument. A song leader will lead from the piano or be positioned near it. When a full choir and orchestra is used in the service we will also have a conductor who might function as the “song leader” as well. We plan on having multiple pianists, song-leaders, and conductors.

Is this a pilot or could it be cancelled at some point?

The Chapel Service Concept is not a pilot and our intention is that this service would be offered in addition to the current modern service until it is no longer our best strategy to reach people with the love of Jesus.

When will the first service happen?

The Chapel Service Concept will begin on August 2, 2020.