

As a church community, we need to excel at two things: loving God and loving one another. What does this look like? Scripture exhorts us to demonstrate our love for God by being obedient to his word:

“As the Father has loved me (Jesus), so have I loved you (His disciples.) Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” (John 15:9-12)

Did you get that bit about the way that joy is contagious when obedience to God’s word is happening? Jesus transfers his joy into our hearts – and it completes us. So, in order to know this joy, and to grow in our love for God and one another, the most important thing is to **discern** and **obey** God’s word. That is our job #1 this season.

It is because God is graciously moving and speaking afresh (we have seen at least three profound divine physical healings lately as well as several pointed and powerful prophetic words), we are going to alter the format of our Sunday morning service so that we can make time for God to lead us.

Starting Sunday April 25th, here’s how things will change:

1. **Timeliness** We will start on time with a sense of urgency to better steward our worship time together. What this means to you, then, is that I ask you to upgrade your intentionality in your preparation for coming to the Sunday service.
 - a. Come earlier and get ready to meet with God (and to help fortify you, snacks/coffee will be ready by 9:45am). An atmosphere of prayer will be fostered in the meeting room.
 - b. Big note: We will have a couple of songs to open the service and then go straight into the sermon. This is an important change. If you come in late, you will likely be interrupting the message! Don’t miss out on anything, come early and get ready.
 - c. We will remove most announcements from the service, asking you to pay more attention to the blue page and to sign up for the e-bulletin by either visiting our website www.pgcc.org or by contacting Emily in the office and giving her your info. We will also have a monitor in the lobby that will have announcement slides. Again, our focus will be on stewarding our time to hear God.
 - d. Worship and offering will flow as a *response* to the preached word. We will still have lots of musical worship; it will be relocated to a time of ministry response rather than at the beginning.
2. **PowerZone Kids Ministry** Big note: the kid’s program begins promptly at 10am; drop your kids off before 10am. In other words, we will be starting our kid’s ministry right at the start of the worship time.
 - a. If you have kids 6 to 12, please drop them off (and sign them in) straight at Bayview School (we won’t be dismissing the kids anymore in the worship service). Likewise, sign in kids 3 to 5 years old upstairs in the Bible Circle class BEFORE 10am.
 - b. Donna and team will return the kids from Bayview School to the church as a group after 11am and direct them to sit with their families during the time of worship in response. From time to time we will have the Lord’s Table during this time.
3. **Prophetic anticipation** Big note: our priority together will be to discern the Word of God. I ask you to be prophetically prepared as you come to the church community time and to listen attentively during the service for a word or nudge from God. If you sense that you have a word for the church, simply come up and talk to me or one of our Elders and ‘test’ it as we wait in worship after the sermon. This may be a new thing for you – this may feel overdue for you. Wherever you are coming from, I welcome you to have an open mind to what God may be saying to his church community here at PGCC.

Looking forward to everything that God has in store for us, and that His promised joy will overflow into our city,
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