

PHILOSOPHY OF (CORPORATE) WORSHIP

GOD-DIRECTED (FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT)

Glorifies God, the Father, who is “the audience” (the people are active participants)

Driven by the Word of God, empowered by the Spirit of God, extolling the Son of God

Setting a pattern of dialogue with God that flows into a life of worship in God’s presence

BUILDS UP GOD’S PEOPLE

Confessing our historic faith through creeds, songs, and prayers

Meaningful to Christians new and experienced, young and old

Capable of moving hearts

Balancing individual & corporate expressions

INCLUDES MOST ELEMENTS EVERY WEEK

Call to worship, invocation, profession of faith, confession of sin, assurance of pardon, offering, pastoral prayer, reading of scripture, preaching of scripture, benediction

Sacraments as appropriate

Using music and song as a mode of worship through which we profess, pray, exhort, etc.

EMPLOYS THE GIFTS OF OUR COMMUNITY

To enhance the worship experience of this congregation

It is *our* worship, not another church’s, so it should represent all of us, not just some

God wants to use the gifts of the people he has brought into this body

FLOWS WITH THEMATIC HARMONY

Among and between the elements & with the main theme(s) of the sermon (at some level)

No jarring transitions in tone, content, etc.

Leader leads, but does not dominate or become the focus (distracting)