**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)