

Fresh Spirit: Ancient-Future Worship

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How we got started

Resource: “Ancient-Future Worship” by Robert Weber

Why we do worship this way and why it works

1. “Complete” liturgy – not just “Praise” liturgy
2. VERY participatory style of service, not performance-oriented
3. ALL Pastoral leadership involved in **both** services
4. Several key lay leaders participate in **both** services
5. Primarily music “leaders,” not “performers or Praise-band-style”
6. Multigenerational (time of service and kinds of music contribute to this)
7. Seen as equal services – not Big vs. Little church
8. Combine services once or twice each year (both styles)

The Nuts and Bolts

1. Liturgy – Taken from *Book of Common Prayer* (see orders of worship)
 - a. Procession/Recession of Cross, Bible, Lighted Candle
 - b. Ancient church responses: (*The Lord be with you with And also with you; This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ with Thanks be to God; May the peace of Christ be with you with And also with you;* praying the Model Prayer at each service, etc.
2. Blend contemporary music (new and earlier versions) with hymn settings
 - a. Hymncharts.com (this web site helped make this worship service significant as any other resource! See info in handout)
 - b. Newer hymnals
 - c. Any popular contemporary Christian music book
3. Power point a must (along with sound techs, computer operators – kids help quite often!)
4. Rehearsal a must – the Ensemble sings each week
5. For us, a strong keyboard is a must (not just guitars/drums)

Your thoughts