

The Sanctuary Group Format for Church Service

(These are general guidelines and all groups can choose their own variation or way that works best for them - including choosing a 60 minute or 90 minute service, having music or not etc)

Welcome to the Sanctuary - (Introduce yourself) Let us open our service with a Prayer for God's guidance.

Prayer - Spoken any way you feel moved in the moment.

The Sanctuary Mission:

We, the fellowship of The Sanctuary, stand with faith in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As disciples of Christ, we desire to walk the path of grace, love, and spiritual growth, leading to the Kingdom of Heaven. Though our foundation is in this faith, our doors are open to all who seek a relationship with God – however they understand God – regardless of religious background, belief, or tradition. The Sanctuary is a sacred refuge for the seeking, the hurting, and the hopeful – a community rooted not in religious dogma or ritual, but in the shared journey of surrender, awakening, and the transforming presence of God.

Our mission is to open the door to those exploring faith for the first time, reopen it for those who still seek God after being hurt, shamed, overlooked, or discouraged by religion in the past, and to welcome all who wish to walk with us in fellowship and love. Whether you carry emotional, mental, or spiritual burdens, have walked a difficult road, or are hoping to rebuild your life with God after a season of darkness, you are welcome with us.

At The Sanctuary, we hope to reflect the love of God through compassion, acceptance, and understanding. We believe that no one is beyond grace, and that no journey is too early or too late to begin.

With God, your past does not limit or define you. The wounds and struggles we carry can, through His love, become sources of strength, peace, wisdom, and service – both for ourselves and for others – when we honestly seek God’s way of life.

Announcements:

Before we begin, are there any Sanctuary related announcements? (Allow people to unmute and share their announcement.)

Chairperson also to announce that at the end of the service there will be continued fellowship for all who wish to stay afterwards and get to know one another. We especially welcome anyone attending for the first time.

Prayer Requests:

Are there any here who have a prayer request they would like to ask of our fellowship so that we all may bring your matter before God in our prayers?

Speaker:

And now, _____ will be speaking on a topic of their choice for 5 to 10 minutes.

(Speaker may discuss a bible verse, their experience with seeking God, or any other Spirit related topic relative to their life and their journeying appropriate for a church service setting)

Option 1. **When they conclude THANK the Speaker** for sharing and **OPEN** the service for all others to share 3-5 minutes on their experience with the topic chosen by the speaker.

Option 2. Music: When they conclude THANK the Speaker for sharing and present the music “Next _____ will be performing a music piece Before we open the service for others to share 3-5 minutes on their experience with the message we just heard from the speaker.

Speak to the group - You can Unmute and share an answer to the questions - OR you can type a response in the GENERAL CHAT in zoom and the Chairperson will read and share your words to the group.

Closing

Final music piece

FINAL WORDS by the Speaker 1-2 minutes

Closing Prayer:

We will now close the service with a prayer, and wish to welcome everyone to stay afterward and fellowship. If anyone is new to the sanctuary, please feel free to ask any questions you may have to any of our members. We are here to help.

Prayer:

The Lords Prayer - you can unmute and join in, or just speak it along as it is said by the Chairperson.

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.

END:

HOW ZOOM WORKS simplified: (for online Zoom meetings)

Zoom management is handled by the “Host” and those assigned as “Co-Hosts”. The Host starts up the meeting and generally chairs the meeting (will most likely just be Ryan or Colleen). The Co-host has all moderator privileges to Mute others who’s Microphones may be accidentally on, to turn off the video of anyone if needed and also to remove people from the service if they are “Zoom Bombers” who have entered to disrupt the church service.

When in a zoom service, you will have a Camera ON/Off control and a Mic Mute or Unmute control. It is not required for you to have your camera on during church service.

There is also an open chat area that can be used during service and a private chat area for direct messages to others.

When wishing to share, there is a “Raise Hand” control that the chairperson can see so that they can call on you to share. (Like during announcements, prayer requests, directed discussion during the service). Then you can unmute and speak.

Keep in mind to always MUTE your microphone during the service when you are not speaking.

After services during fellowship everyone can unmute and openly share as they wish.

Only the Host or the Co-Host can close the meeting down.