

Worship Discernment



As Holman Church discerns its path forward in ministry, the pastors and church leaders have received inquiries from members throughout the congregation on whether the church should shift to having one service. The reasons shared have been varied. Some have observed lower worship attendance in-person with access to joining worship online, while others expressed cost-saving possibilities and potential for growing church school and small group gatherings. Others have expressed the priority for growing worship attendance as having two services is important to accommodate and meet the needs of worshippers who best worship at either 8:00 or 11:00 am on Sundays.

The pastors believe such a decision should only be made with the input of the church membership and discernment of the Church Council. Church Council leaders are charged with getting feedback from members in their ministry areas as preparation for prayerful deliberation of the church leadership for our next most faithful step in worship.

Below are questions for church council members to use to field responses and input from the congregation.

1) What are the most significant aspects of Holman worship for your ministry area?

2) What could the church gain in ministry by moving to one Sunday worship service? What opportunities for ministry would one service create?

3) What could the church lose in ministry by moving to one Sunday service? In what ways could one service hurt the church's ministry?

4) What faithful step is God calling the church to take with regard to the church's worship services?