

WHAT TO EXPECT IN WORSHIP

Dress as you are. Some of us wear our Sunday Best. Some of us wear a choir robe. Some of us wear jeans and a t-shirt. We don't have a dress code so dress however you feel comfortable...you'll fit in just fine!

Our services follow a format outlined in our bulletin. We have a liturgical and fairly traditional type of service with scripture readings, music, responsive prayer, a sharing time of prayers and praises, and a sermon. Look in your bulletin and you'll find page numbers in The Book of Worship for the liturgy and hymns. Or ask your neighbor, they'll be happy to help you out.

Our sacred music consists mainly of traditional hymns but occasionally incorporates contemporary music elements. We have a piano and organ every Sunday and once in a while we have other accompanists. Hopewell Moravian Church has an adult choir and a handbell choir and we're always looking for new voices and ringers. When our adult choir takes a summer break, you'll hear some really wonderful praises sung by soloists and small groups, musicians, and bands as scheduling permits.

We have a nursery available for infants to preschool aged children. We have a 'Safe Sanctuary' policy in place so children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm while visiting Hopewell Moravian Church. We want parents to know we take child safety seriously. Our experienced nursery volunteers have had background checks and a drug screening. They would love to have a new friend to get to know!

Midway through the service, the children from the nursery and children in the service gather in the front of the sanctuary for a children's story sermon. A member of the congregation gives a special kid-sized message and often a treat. After that, the nursery staff and their charges go back to the nursery and elementary aged children are invited to a Sunday school room for Children's Church. Kids learn Bible stories and do activities or crafts, and return directly after worship in the sanctuary ends.

That's what to expect when you worship at Hopewell Moravian Church. We're a prayerful group of people who proclaim "Jesus is Lord!" and we would love to welcome you into our time of worship.