

***What to expect when you attend Sunday morning services
at the Claypool Hill Church of Christ.***

Some people may be a little hesitant to visit a new church because they don't know what to expect.

As a visitor to the Claypool Hill Church of Christ, we consider you to be our guest. You will not be singled out to stand or pointed out to say something during your visit. We want to ensure that you are comfortable, that you enjoy your worship with us and that you go away with a positive impression of our congregation. We hope that you will consider visiting us again and if you do not have a home church that you will consider making Claypool Hill Church of Christ your home church.

We offer the following information to let you know what you can expect when you visit our Sunday morning worship services.

You will be greeted and presented with a church program when you enter the building. Feel free to be seated in any of the pews in the sanctuary.

While announcements are not a part of our "worship", our services begin with announcements to inform those in attendance of what is going on in the church, as well as upcoming events and activities. During this time, we also announce birthdays and anniversaries for the coming week. We sing "Happy Birthday" to those having birthdays and applaud those having an anniversary.

Worship opens with the choir leading the congregational singing, accompanied by piano. You can choose to sing with the congregation or just enjoy the singing. Songs are from hymnals located in the pew racks. Words to the songs will also be projected on an overhead screen. At times, the choir or an individual may sing a "special song" prior to the sermon.

After the opening songs, one of the men of the church will be called upon for the opening prayer.

Next we will participate in the Lord's Supper (Communion) service. This is a time for Christians to remember Jesus' death on the cross, as commanded in the scriptures. The bread symbolizes his body, and the grape juice (fruit of the vine) symbolizes his blood that was shed for each of us. After the blessing prayer for the Communion is given, men assisting with the service will pass the emblem trays along each pew. All Christians are welcome to participate in Communion with us. After everyone has been served, a passage from the scripture will be read and everyone will partake of the emblems in unison.

After the Communion Service, offering plates will be passed to collect tithes and offerings. This is a time for members to give back to God. The money is used for our outreach, missions and operation of the church. While a guest can give, it is not expected.

If you have a prayer request, you will find a "Prayer Request" card in the church program you were given. You can complete the card and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed. The cards will be collected for the preacher. At the end of the service, prayer requests will be read and one of the men will offer prayer for those on the list.

Following the offering, the sermon will be brought by the preacher. At the end of the sermon, an invitation to accept Christ will be offered as the congregation stands and sings the invitation hymn. If there is someone in the audience who wants to get their life right with God, they are "invited" to come forward at this time.

Prior to the closing chorus and adjournment, the preacher will review prayer requests and prayer will be offered by one of the men of the church.

Generally, worship service last about an hour.

The Claypool Hill Church of Christ is a family friendly congregation where you and your family are welcome. We have several young families with children in attendance. If you have young children we offer nursery services. There are Sunday school classes for all ages. During the morning services, your children are welcome to stay with you in the sanctuary or they can attend one of our children's services. We offer "Wee Worship" (ages 3-6) and Children's Church (ages 7-12).