



Presbyterian Church (USA) Worship Practices Report



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About this survey

David Gambrell approached Research Services to conduct a review of PCUSA's congregational worship practices. The last in-depth worship practices study was a Presbyterian Panel in 2009. Near the same time, Jonathan Hehn approached both David Gambrell and Research Services about participating in a broader worship practices study that would include many of PCUSA ecumenical partners. As a result of these conversations, Research Services modified Hehn's survey to align with PCUSA's General Assembly demographics options, then fielded the survey.

The survey went to the 6300 PCUSA congregations for whom an email address was provided in the 2022 Session Annual Statistical Report. Of these, 955 responded yielding a 15% response rate.

The aggregated data will be shared with Hehn to be incorporated into the larger study.



Describing Sunday Services

Sunday morning worship is the foundation for most congregations' communal worship. Researchers want to know if there is more than one Sunday service and if there are worship services on other days of the week.

- 10% have **two or more** Sunday services n=86
- 90% have only **one** Sunday service n =780

Are there services on days other than Sunday?

Several listed special services such as Christmas Eve, Good Friday, and Maundy Thursday. Some listed funerals and weddings.

- 82% hold worships services **only on** Sunday
- 18% hold services other than Sunday

Reading through the responses, a few mentioned holding Wednesday services and conducting Bible studies on different days of the week.

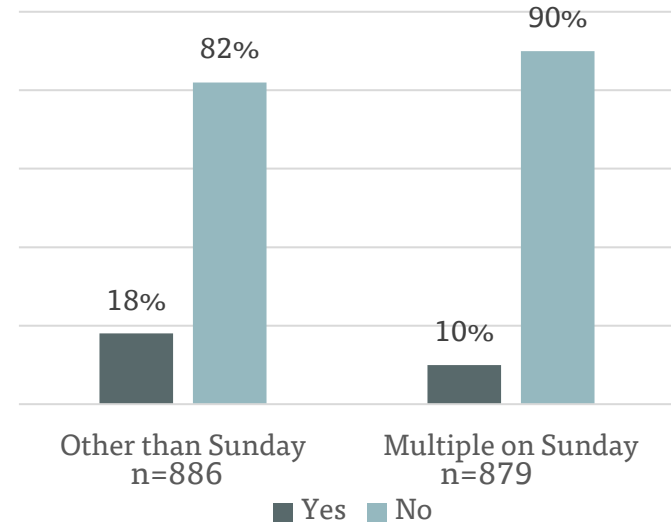
PC(USA) Worship Practices

Quantity of Worship Services

SUNDAY SERVICES

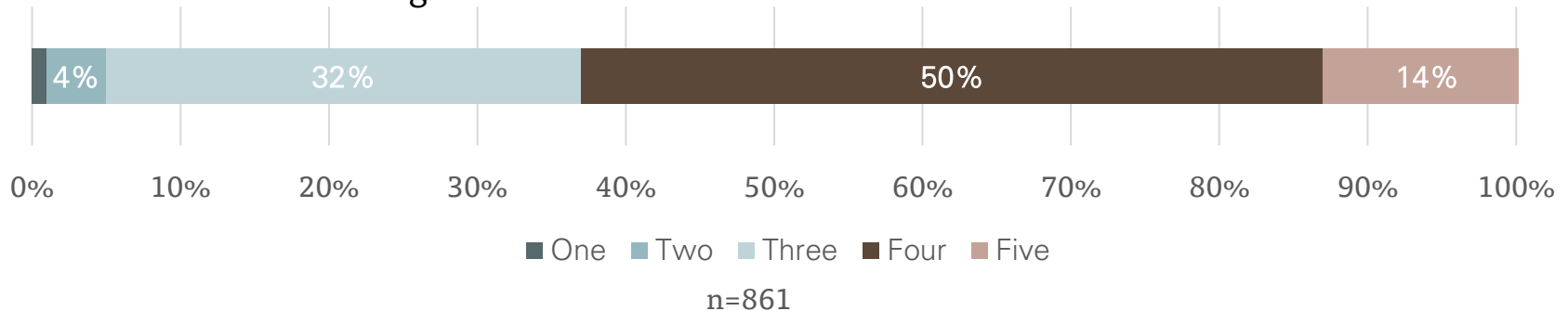
Most congregations only have one service, held on Sundays

- **10% have two or more Sunday services**
- **90% only have one Sunday Service**
- **18% have services on days other than Sunday**
- **82% only have services on Sunday**



Quality of Active Participation During Services

Fifty percent self-rate their congregation's overall quality of the active participation during worship services as a four. A third (32%) rate the quality of active participation during services in the middle as a three. Five percent rate their active participation on the lower end, as a one and three, while 14% rate theirs on the highest end as a five.



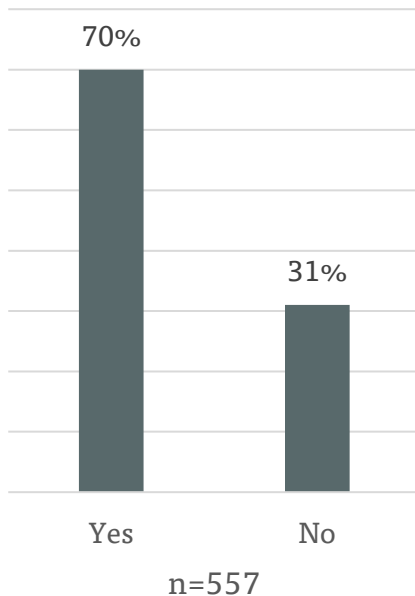
* Percentages of 4% or less are not labeled

Worship Service Space

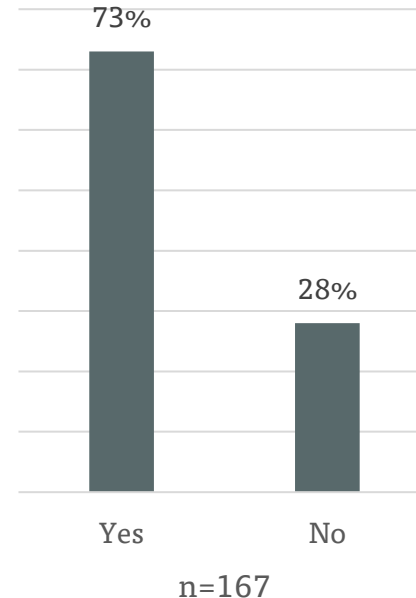
***Most (70%) of the congregations with multiple worship services hold all services in the same space.**

***For the congregations that hold different worship services in separate space, 73% do so to distinguish the type of service.**

Do all worship services occur in the same space?

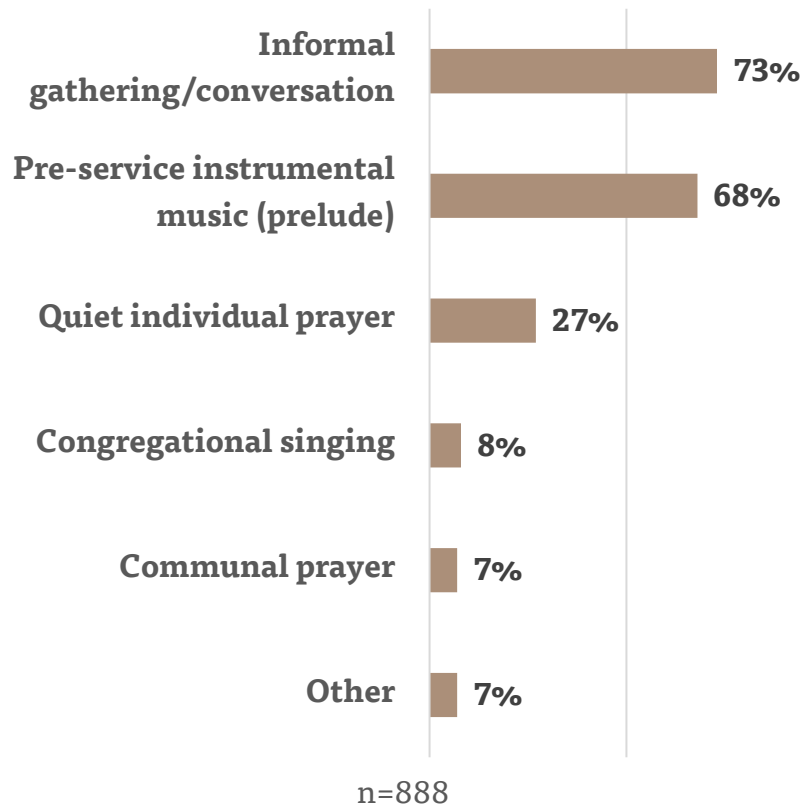


Do these other worship services occur somewhere other than the primary sanctuary to distinguish its type of service?



Pre-service Activity

Prior to the start of worship service, many congregations gather in the worship space for informal gatherings and conversation (73%) and to enjoy pre-service instrumental music (68%). Some (27%) are there having quiet individual prayer.



Other Responses*:

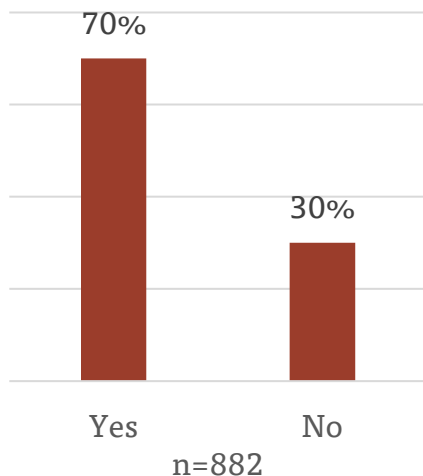
- Choir rehearsal
- Breakfast and a pre-service video countdown
- recorded praise music
- Announcements

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Live Streamed Services

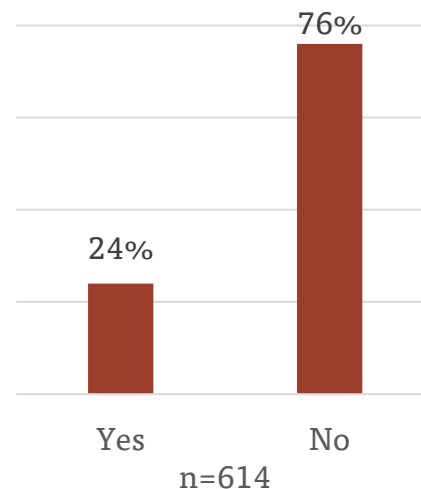
70% of congregations report live-streaming one or more weekend worship services

Live Streams Services



For those that are live streaming services, 24% have had their order of worship services and/or liturgical texts impacted or changed

Order of Worship or Liturgical Texts Impacted by Streaming



Estimated Weekly Worship Attendance

ATTENDANCE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Estimated weekly worship attendance of largest or only services...

- Ranges from 3 to 400 worshipers
- The average is 60.52

Estimated weekly worship attendance excluding largest services...

- Ranges from 5 to 600 worshipers
- The average is 101.36

	Attendance of largest service	Attendance excluding largest service*
Min	3	5
Max	400	600
Range	397	595
Mean	60.52	101.36
Median	40	65
Mode**	30	50
N=	872	86

*** Multiple modes exist. Smallest value is shown.*

** Only 87 respondents indicated having multiple Sunday services. This chart only calculates weekly attendance of 86 respondents that have multiple services on Sunday and shared the estimated worship attendance.*

Estimated Number of Clergy and Music Staff

The average number of full-time clergy serving congregations is 0.68, with a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 9. The average number of part-time clergy is similar, with a minimum of zero, maximum of 10, and an average of 0.66.

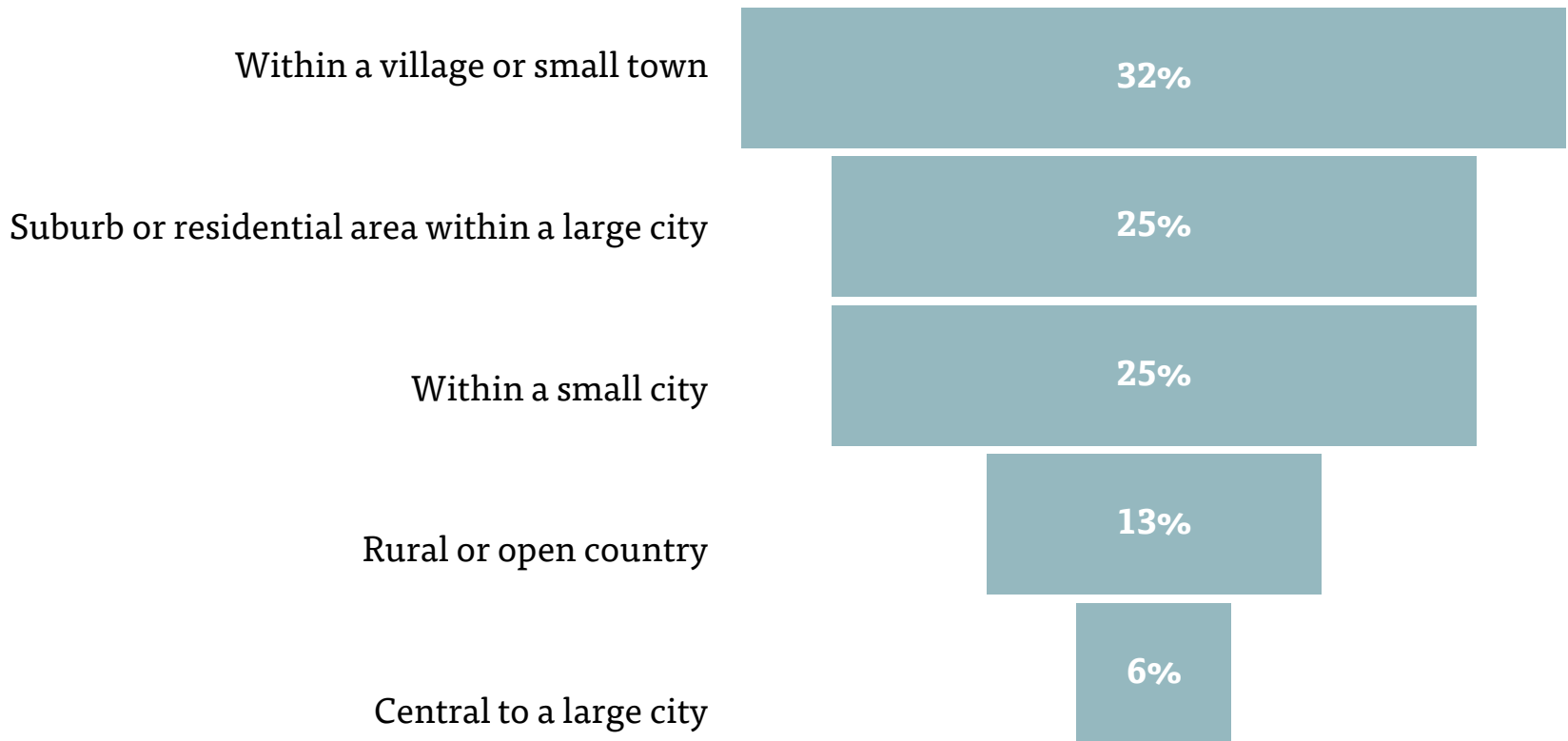
	Full-time clergy serving congregation	Part-time clergy serving congregation (paid or unpaid)
Min	0	0
Max	9	10
Range	9	10
Mean	0.68	0.66
Median	1.00	0.00
Mode	1	0
N=	866	867

The minimum number of full-time music staff serving congregations is 0 with a maximum of 11. The minimum number of part-time music staff is 0 with a maximum of 12. The average number of full-time music staff is 0.21 and 1.31 for part-time music staff.

	Full-time music staff serving congregation	Part-time music staff serving congregation (paid)
Min	0	0
Max	11	12
Range	11	12
Mean	0.21	1.31
Median	0.00	1.00
Mode	0	1
N=	851	868

Locations Where Congregations Gather for Worship

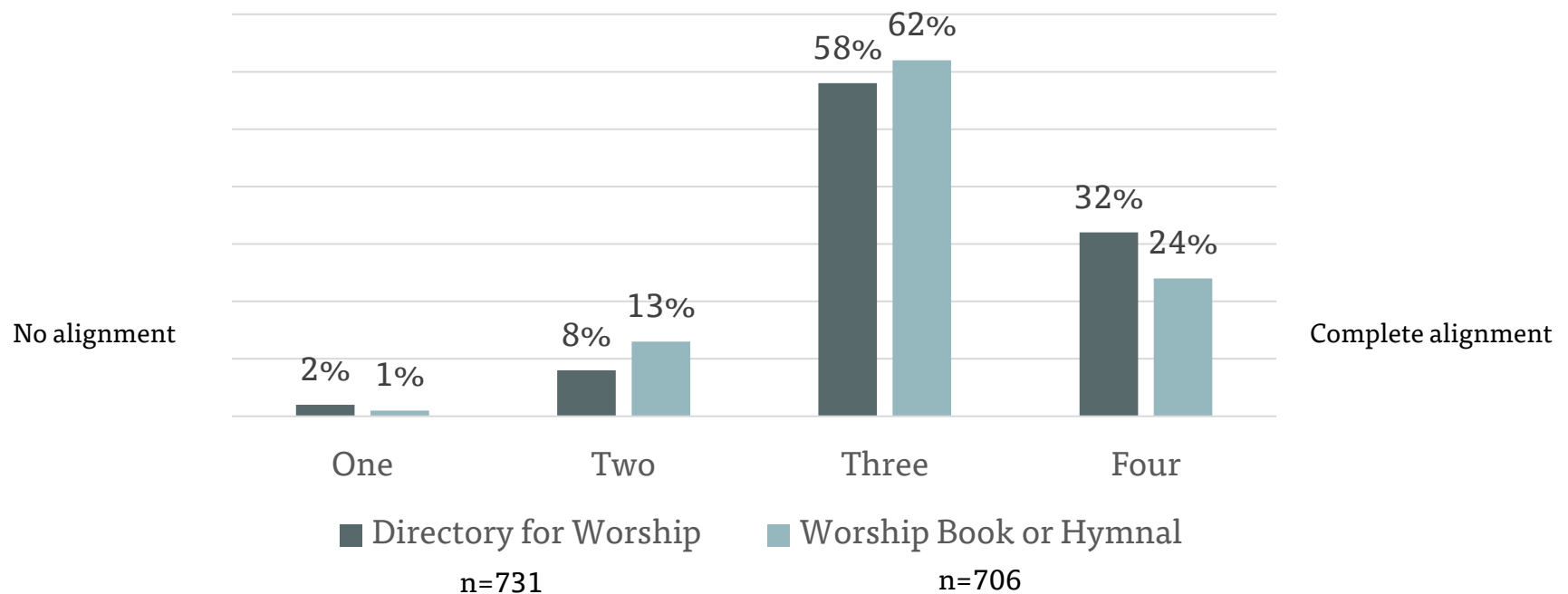
The locations where majority of congregations worship (82%) are split between three environments: Within a village or small town (32%), in a suburb or residential area within a large city (25%), and within a small city (25%).



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Alignment with PC(USA) Worship Standards

- Over half (58%) report their congregation's regular order of Sunday worship aligning with PCUSA's current Directory for Worship somewhat (reported as a "three.") For 32%, there is complete alignment (rated as a "four") and no (2%) or little (8%) alignment for 10%.
- 62% report their congregation's regular order of Sunday worship's alignment with the order of worship as detailed in PCUSA's current worship book or hymnal as a "three" or aligning somewhat. 24% share there is complete alignment (rating it a "four") with the current worship book or hymnal. There is no (1%) or little (13%) alignment for 14%.



Leaders of Spoken Parts of Sunday Worship

A mixture of ministers, elders, and deacons best describe those who leads the spoken parts of Sunday worship for 36% of congregations. They also lead spoken parts for an additional 24% of congregations with the inclusion of children.

- 36% Mix of ministers, (ruling) elders and/or deacons, and adult laity
- 24% Mix of ministers, (ruling) elders and/or deacons, adult laity, and children
- 18% Led completely by a minister
- 16% Mix of ministers and (ruling) elders and/or deacons
- 7% Other

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Other Responses*:

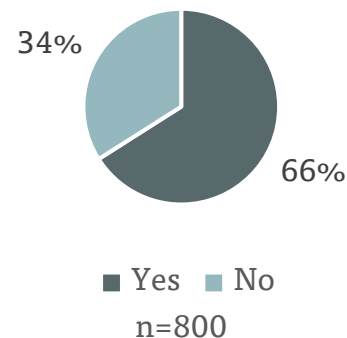
- Elder preparing for CRE
- one minister, one laity
- led by a commission pastor
- Wide variety, ministers, staff, elders & deacons, adult laity, & children
- minister & liturgist

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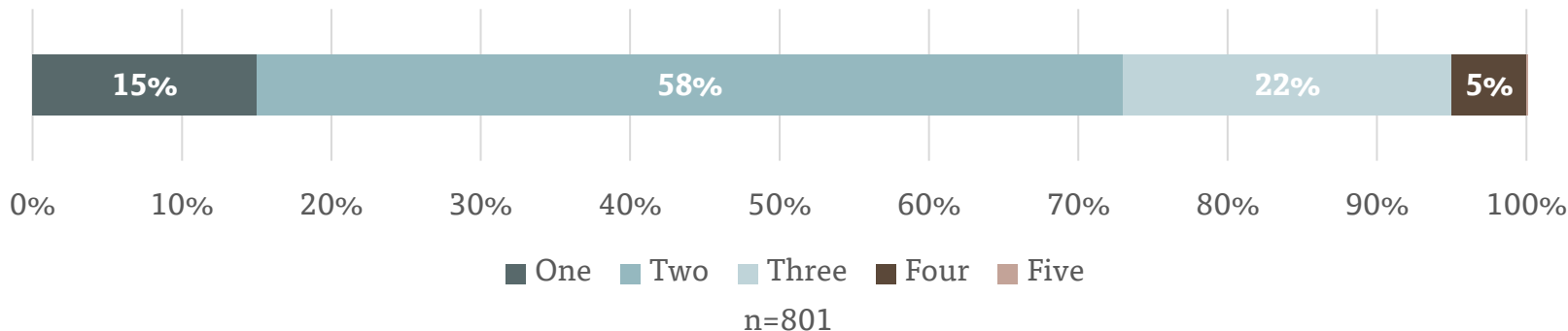
Scripture Readings

- Two-thirds (66%) of congregations read from both the Old and New Testaments each Sunday.
- Majority of congregations have two (58%) or three (22%) scripture readings during service. This also includes a Psalm, even if sung.

Do you, as a rule, read from both the Old and New Testaments each Sunday?

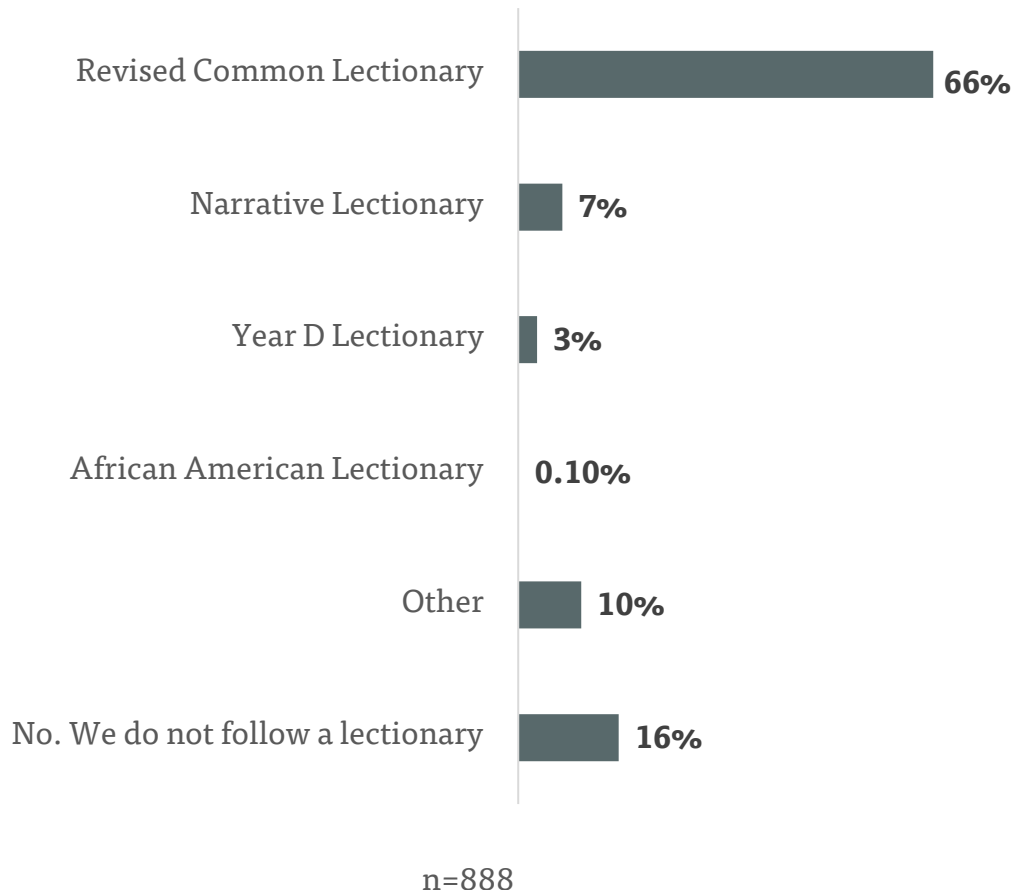


Number of Scripture Readings



Followed Lectionary

A small amount (16%) of congregations report not following a lectionary. For those that do, the Revised Common Lectionary is reported as the most used lectionary. Few congregations use Narrative (7%), Year D (3%), or African American (.1%) Lectionaries.



Other Responses*:

- *Depends on the pulpit supply person*
- *pres_outlook.org*
- *We follow the RCL during Advent and Lent only.*
- *choice of guest pastors*
- *Sometimes its varies for special occasions*

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Sharing of the Peace

Nearly a third (27%) of congregations do not observe "sharing of the peace." For most of those that do (33%), their sharing of peace includes spoken dialogue between people with short period of physical contact such as quick handshakes and hugs. 19% do the same with an extended period of greetings and contact.

- 33%** Spoken dialogue between people with short period of physical contact (quick handshakes, hugs, etc.)
- 19%** Spoken dialogue with extended period of informal greetings and physical contact
- 17%** Spoken dialogue between leader and people (no physical contact)
- 4%** Long period of informal greetings
- 27%** We don't observe the passing of the peace

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Giving to the Church

Collections of Tithes and Offerings

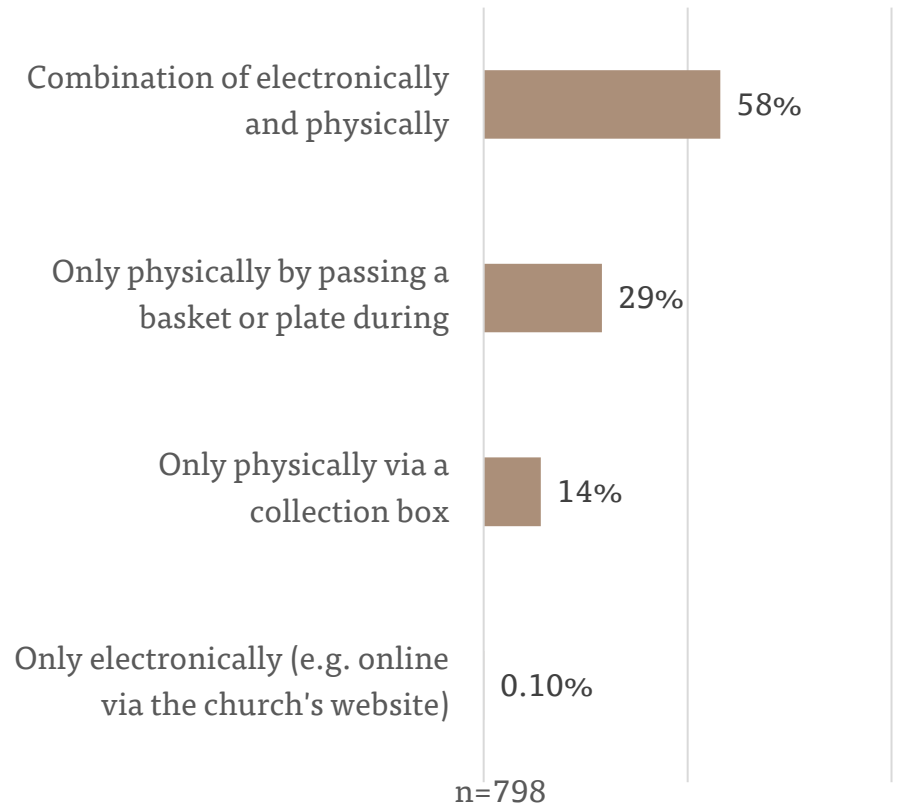
Majority of congregations include a collection during worship

- **92% Always include a collection**
- **2% Include a collection sometimes**
- **6% Never include collections**

The most common methods of taking collection is a combination of electronic and physical methods

- **58% collect both electronically and physically**
- **29% collect physically only via passing of a basket or plate**
- **14% collect physically only via a collection box**
- **>1% collect electronically only**

How Collection is Taken



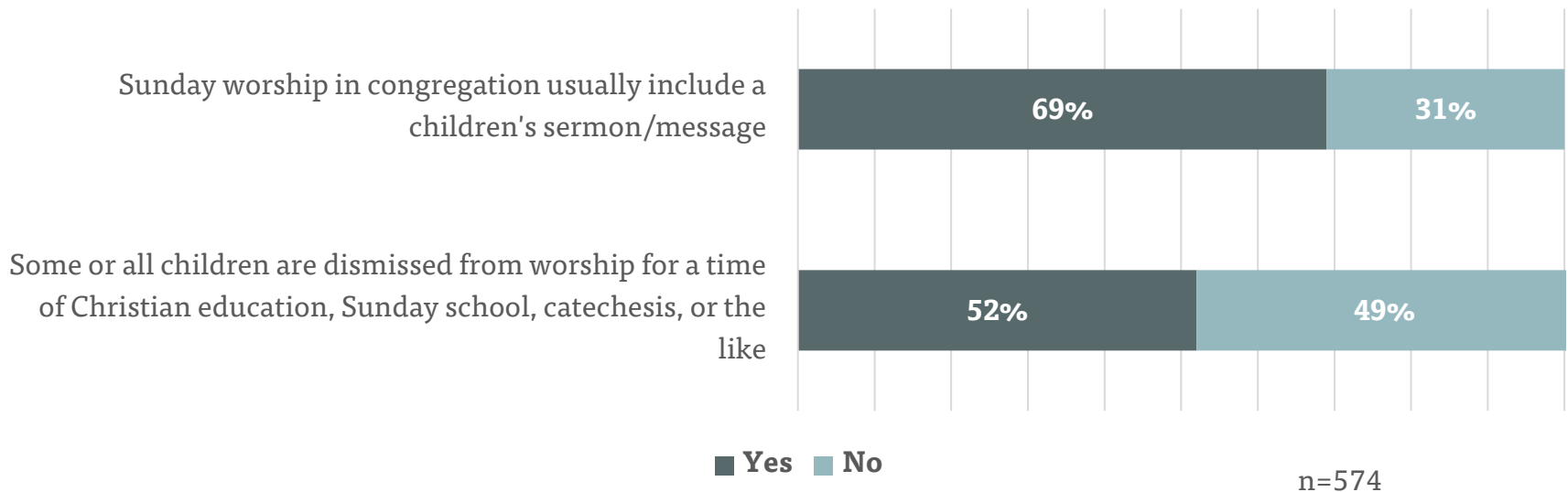
Children and Worship Services

PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN PRESENT DURING WORSHIP

For majority of congregations, children are present during service

- 65% of congregations have children present during service
- 19% do not currently have children in their congregation
- 6% have a separate children's program during adult worship

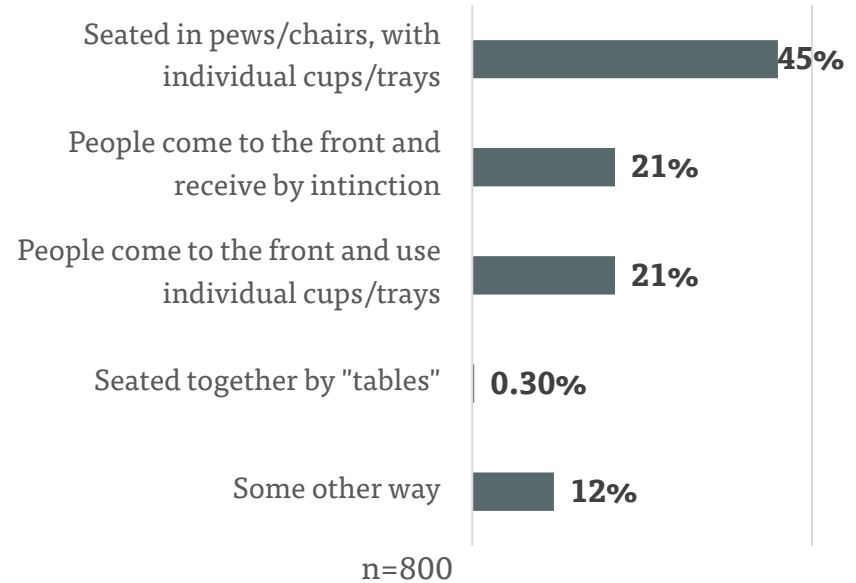
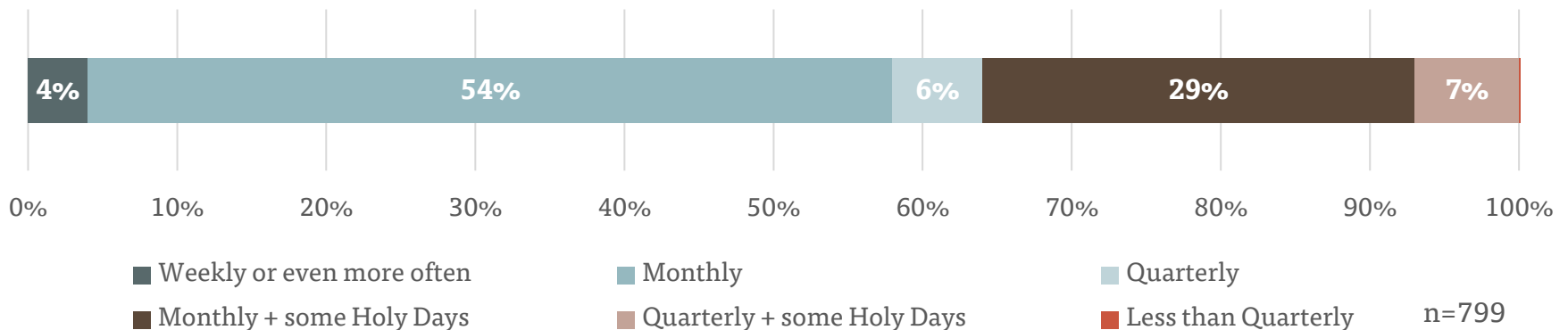
For the congregations that have children present during service, 69% usually include a children's sermon or message during Sunday worship. Just over half (52%) of congregations dismiss some or all children from worship for a time of some type of Christian education.



Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Most congregations celebrate the Lord's Supper monthly.

- **54% celebrate the Lord's Supper monthly.**
- **Another 29% celebrate monthly and Holy Days**
- **4% celebrate weekly or more**
- **45% remain seated and receive individual supplies**
- **42% come to the front of the church with half receiving by intinction and half using individual supply**

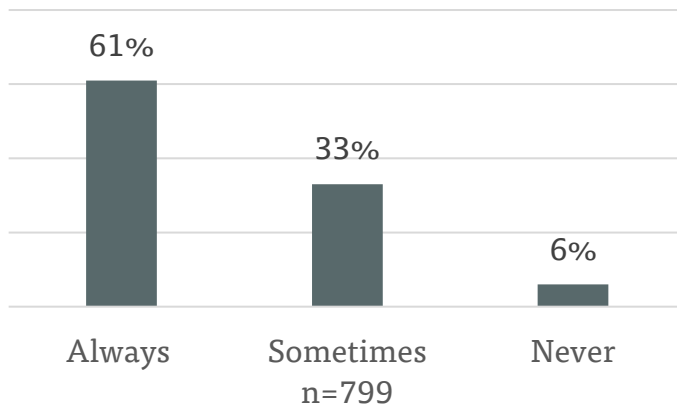


Affirmation of Faith

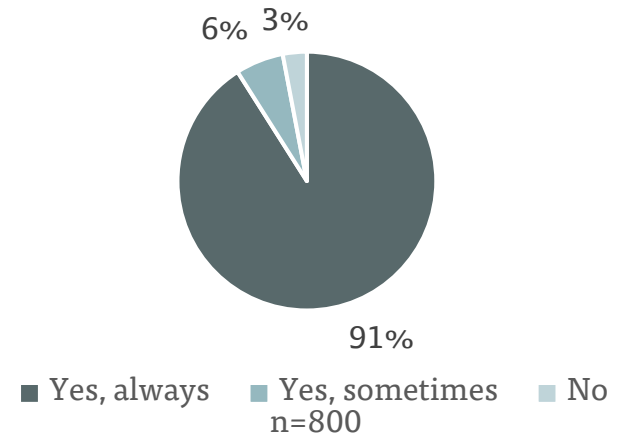
Congregations' Sunday worship usually includes an affirmation of faith and a confession of sin

- **Nearly all worship services include a corporate confession of sin either always (91%) or sometimes (6%)**
- **Most congregations always (61%) or sometimes (33%) include an affirmation of faith during worship**
- **The most common affirmation of faith is the Apostles Creed (69%)**

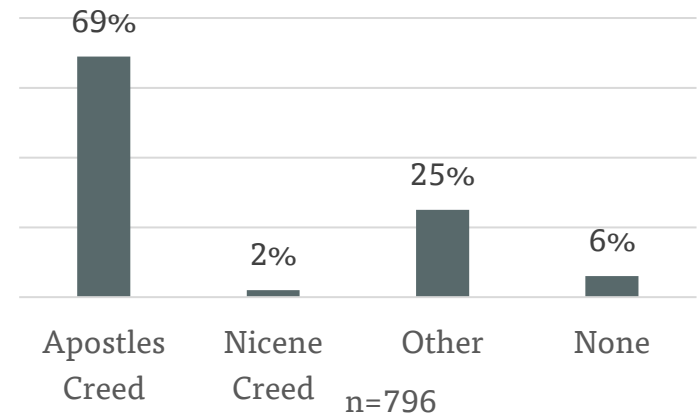
Does Sunday worship include an affirmation of faith?



Does Sunday worship include a corporate confession of sin?



Which affirmation of faith is used most often?



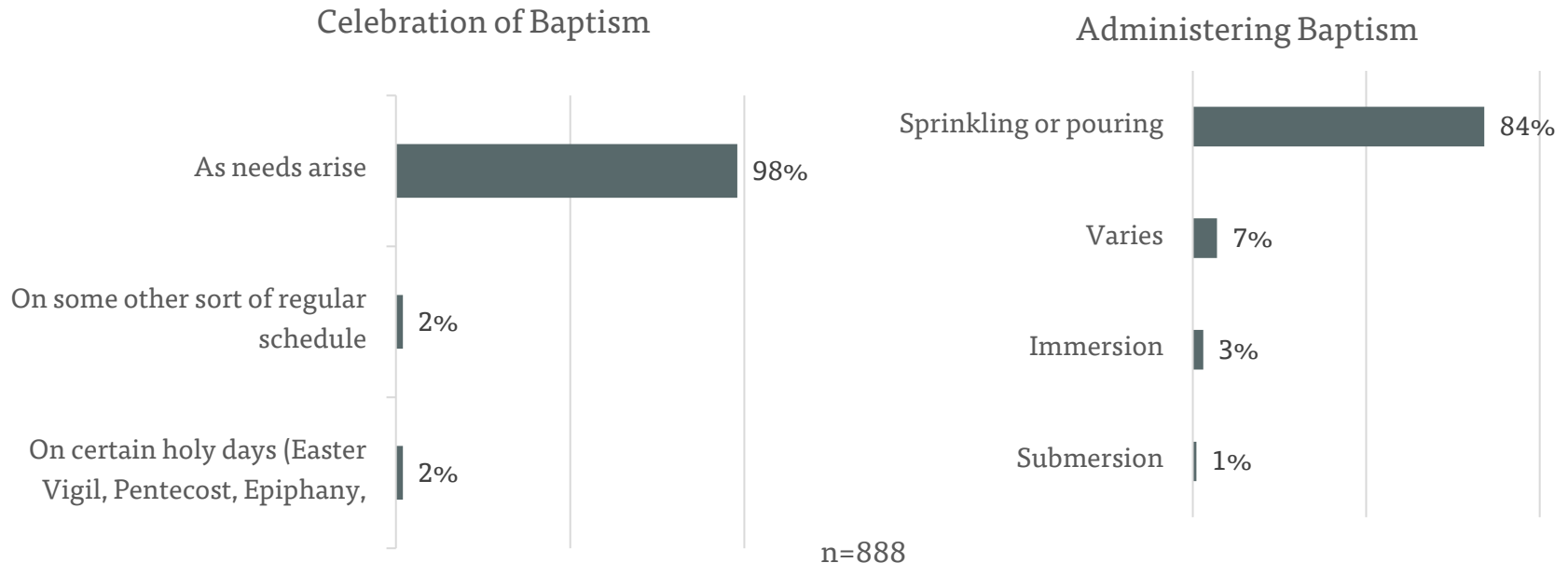
Celebration of Baptism

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Nearly all congregations (98%) celebrate baptism as the need arises. Few do so on a schedule (2%) or on holy days.

Administering Baptism

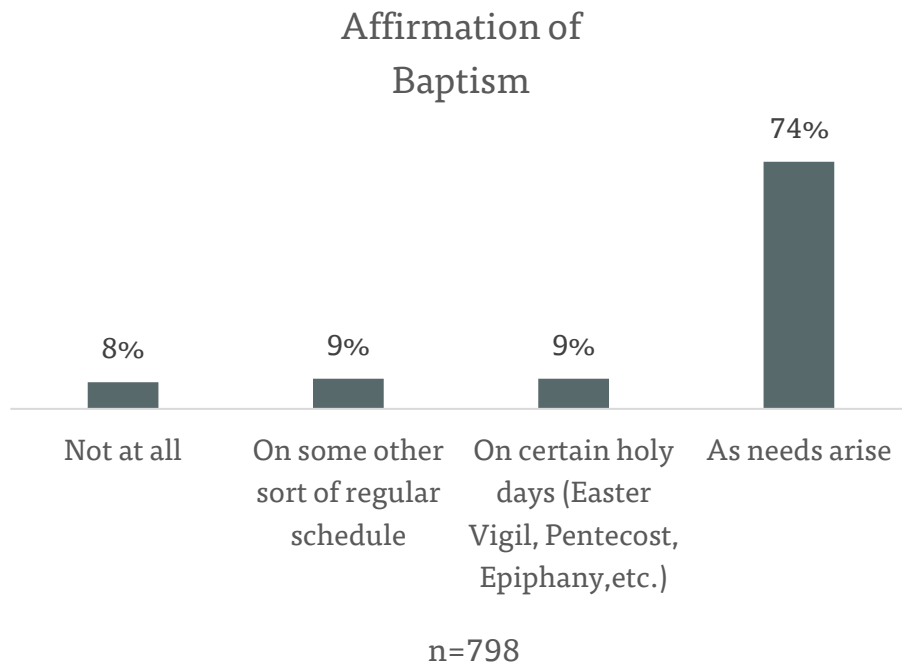
Baptisms not only vary denominationally but also amongst congregations. Eighty-four percent of responding PC(USA) congregations baptize by sprinkling or pouring water. For some (7%), baptism styles vary. Immersion (3%) and submersion (1%) are less common.



Rites During Worship

Celebration of Affirmation of Baptism Rites

Just as with the celebration of baptism, most congregations (74%) celebrate affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) rites as the needs arise. A few (9%) celebrate Affirmation of Baptism rites on a schedule and a few on certain holy days (9%).



Other regularly observed in Sunday Worship*:

- *A "Minute for Mission" to inform about ministries of our church and invite people to participate*
- *special dismissal when a member moves*
- *Moment for Mission, Dedication of Special Offering*
- *Each Sunday morning we incorporate a moment to remember our Baptism and what our Baptism means for us as we live out our lives of faith*

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Prayer During Worship

There is great variance when describing the way congregations observe the Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, or other extended periods of prayer in worship. Most observe a long prayer by a single clergy person (29%) or some other way of praying (27%).

29% A long prayer by a single clergy person, said extempore

18% A long, scripted prayer said by a single person, either lay or clergy, no dialogue

13% An unscripted (extempore) series of petitions/intercessions/thanksgivings lifted up by the congregation

10% A scripted series of petitions/intercessions/thanksgivings said in dialogue between a leader (lay or clergy) and people

2% A long prayer said entirely by someone else, extempore

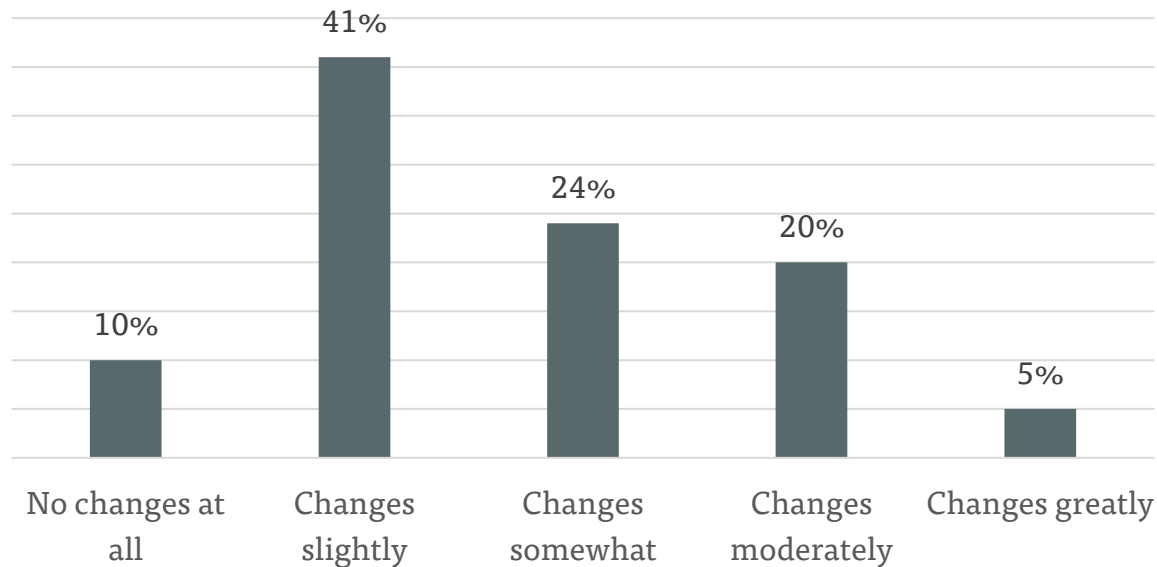
1% There is no time of extended prayer

27% Some other way of praying, or a mix of the above

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Liturgical Season Changes

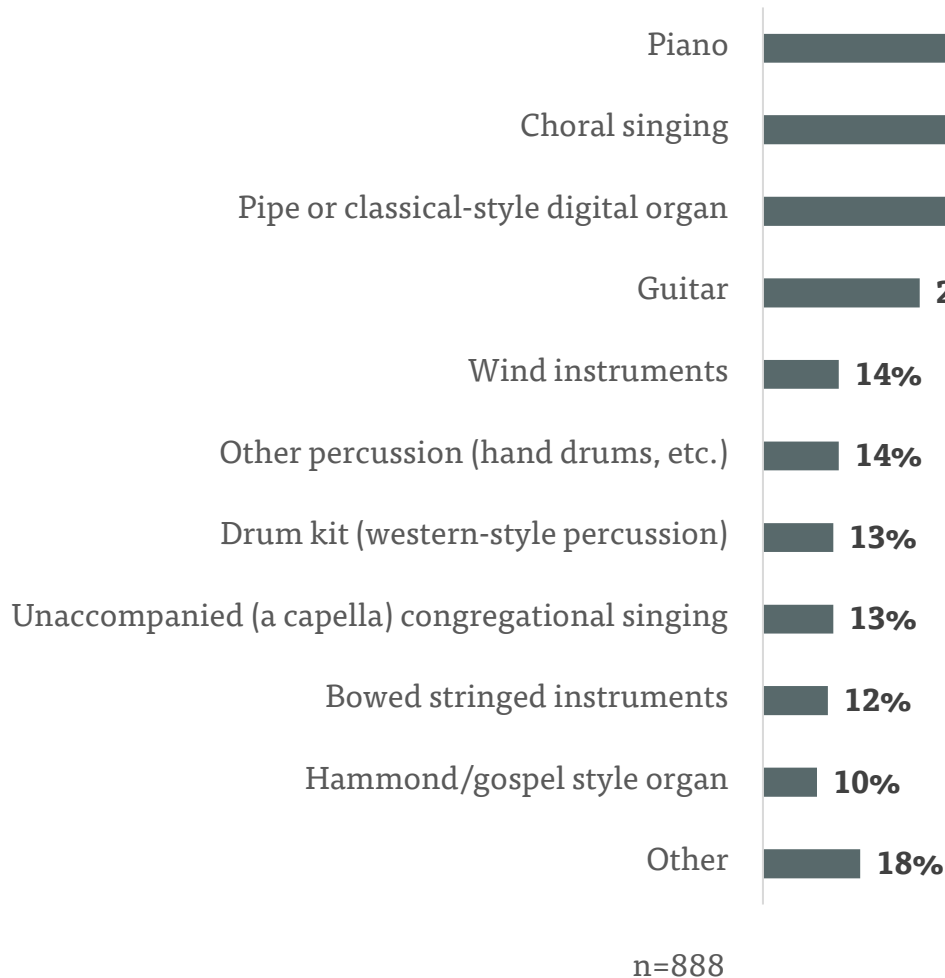
- For 10% of congregations, the liturgical seasonal change does not bring changes to their worship services
- Worship services change slightly for nearly half (41%) of congregations
- There are some congregations that changes just somewhat (24%) or moderately (20%)
- Five percent of congregations report their worship services changing greatly according to the seasons of the liturgical year



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PC(USA) Worship Practices

Musical Forces



Musical Forces

Piano (77%), Choral singing (57%), and organs (47%) are the most typical musical forces involved in congregations' Sunday worship services.

PC(USA) Worship Practices

Song Genres

The genres of song that congregations use vary widely. “Classic” strophic hymnody is the most common genre of song typically sung during Sunday worship.

84% “Classic,” strophic hymnody, such as: “Amazing Grace” “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

80% 19th-20th Century Gospel Hymns, such as: “To God Be the Glory” “How Great Thou Art”

64% African American Spirituals, such as: “There is a Balm in Gilead” “Let Us Break Bread Together”

48% Praise Choruses, such as: “Seek Ye First” (Karen Lafferty) “Because He Lives” (Gaithers)

48% Metrical Psalms, such as: “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” (Psalm 100) “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (Psalm 23)

44% Music from Non-Western Cultures, such as: “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (Linstead) “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” (O-SO-SO) “We Are Marching in the Light of God” (SIYAHAMBA)

31% Other Folk Repertoire, such as: “Canticle of the Turning” (STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN) “When We Are Living” (PUES SI VIVIMOS)

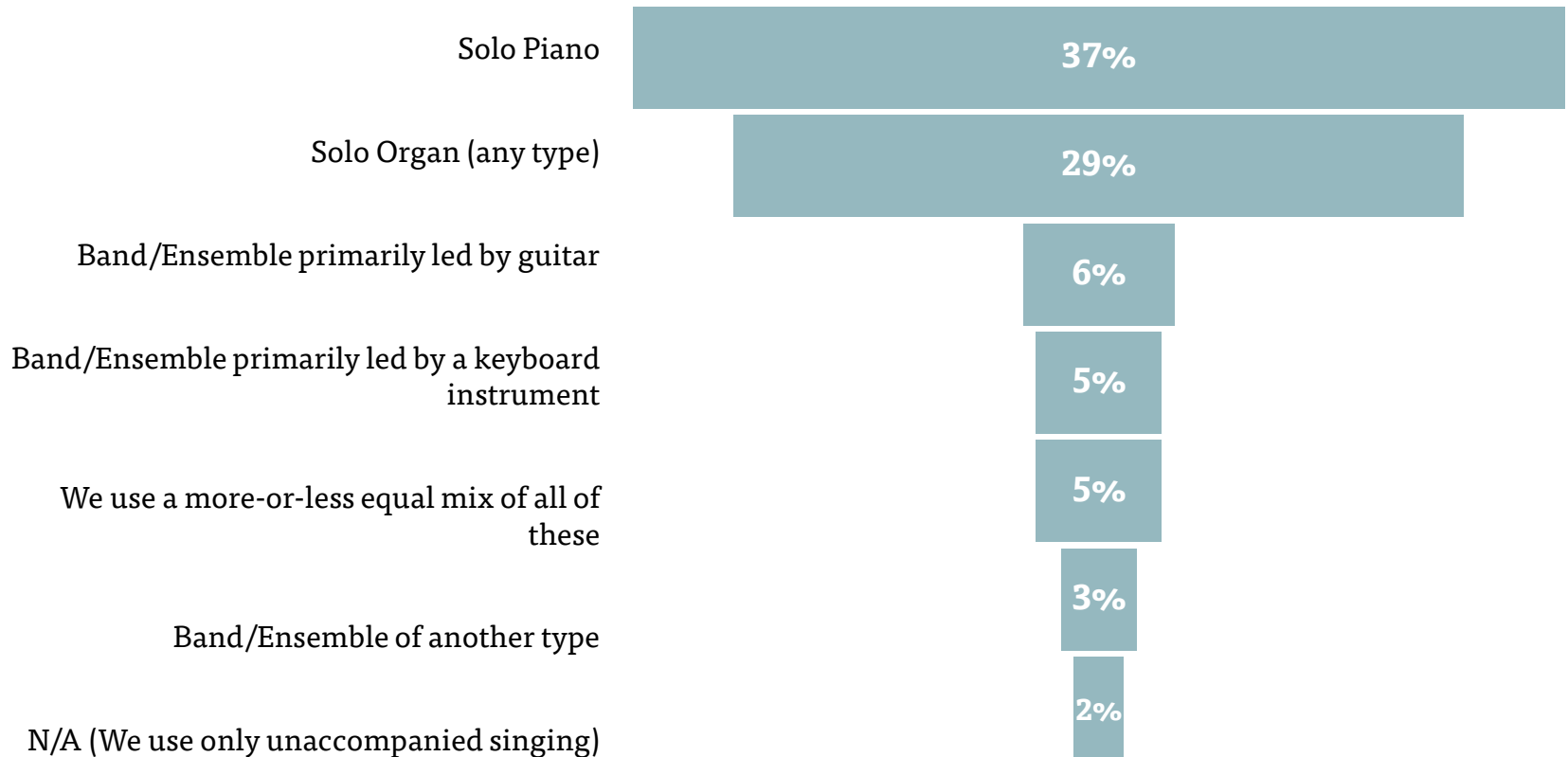
31% Contemporary Worship Music or Contemporary Gospel, such as: “10,000 Reasons” (Matt Redman) “Love Theory” (Kirk Franklin)

30% Ecumenical Song forms, such as: “Stay with Me” from the Taizé community “Take, O Take Me As I Am” from the Iona Community

14% Chant/Plainsong of any type, such as: “Anglican Chant” Hymns like “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (DIVINUM MYSTERIUM) Modern Psalm tones

Music in Worship Services

- **Sunday worship services commonly include purely instrumental music. Almost half (45%) include some instrumental music, a quarter (24%) said instrumental music is included occasionally, and 19% include it quite a lot.**
- **At their largest Sunday service, solo piano (37%) and solo organs (29%) are the most common instrumental music used during service.**



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PC(USA) Worship Practices

Worship Structures

Worship Buildings n=789

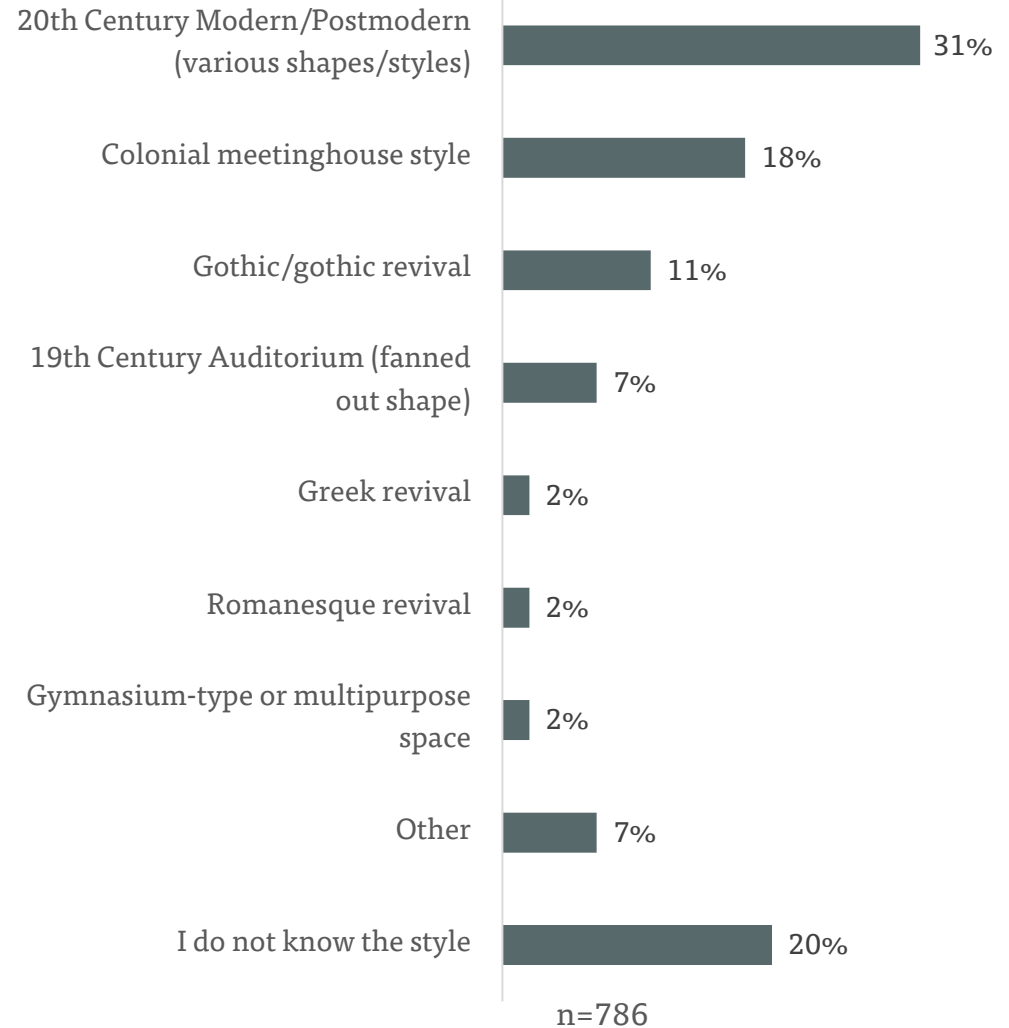
Nearly all worship spaces were built for the sole purpose of being a worship space.

- 97% are purposely built
- 2% are repurposed non-sacred spaces
- 1% are repurposed sacred spaces

Building Styles n=786

Many of the worship buildings are 20th Century Modern/Postmodern structures. The top three styles are:

- 31% 20th Century Modern/Postmodern
- 18% Colonial meetinghouse style
- 11% Gothic/Gothic Revival

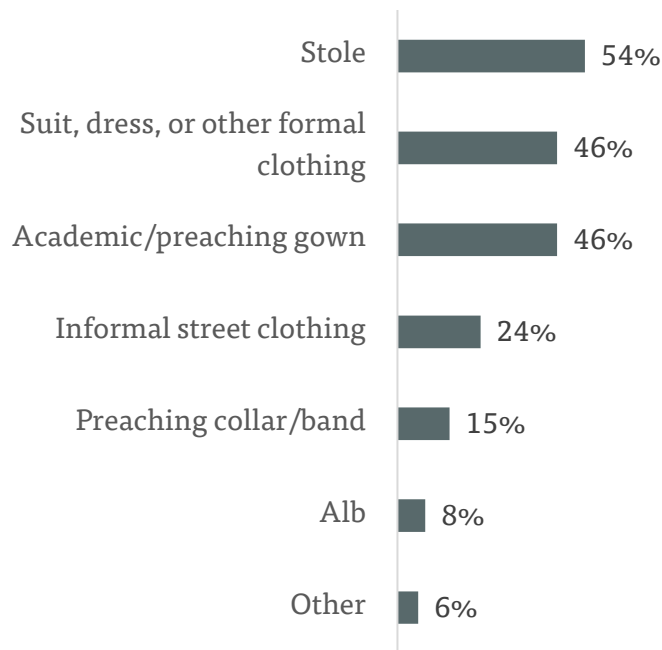


Worship Leader Attire

Attire worn by clergy leaders vary within PC(USA)

- Many wear stoles (54%), academic/preaching gowns (46%), and/or formal clothing (46%) such as suits and dresses.
- Another 24% also wear informal street clothing

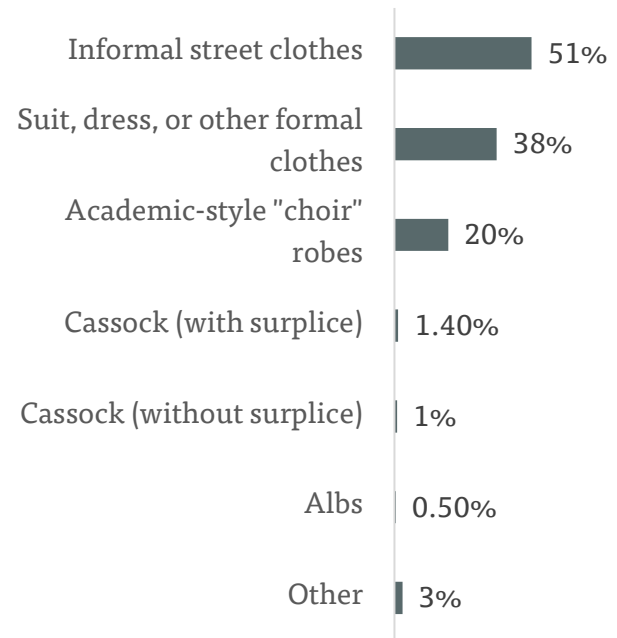
Clergy Persons



Worship attire worn by musical leaders is more casual

- 90% wear informal street clothes during worship
- Some wear formal clothing (38%) and some also wear robes (20%)

Musical Leaders



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A list of survey questions and shortcomings can be found in the survey's appendix.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of this report, contact us at 502-569-5077 or research@pcusa.org.

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Survey Questions



PCUSA Worship Practices

Worship Service(s)

1. In general, how would you rate the quality of the active participation of your congregation during worship?

1

2

3

4

5

No participation
at all

☐☐☐☐☐

Extremely
robust
participation

2. Do you typically hold worship services of any type on days other than Sundays?*

☐ Yes, please list:

☐ No

**Are there services on days other than Sunday? Several listed special services such as Christmas Eve, Good Friday, and Maundy Thursday. Some listed funerals and weddings. This appears to be a shortcoming in the question. Going forward, questions like this could provide an example of the expected answer.*

3. Do you have more than one Sunday service?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Estimated weekly worship attendance of your largest (or only) service.

5. Estimated total weekly worship attendance, excluding your largest service.

Live Streaming

6. Does your congregation live-stream one or more weekend worship services?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. Has live-streaming one or more weekend worship services impacted your order of worship or approach to liturgical texts at all?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Clergy & Staff

8. What is the number of full-time clergy serving your congregation?

9. What is the number of part-time clergy serving your congregation? (paid or unpaid)

10. What is the number of full-time music staff serving your congregation?

11. What is the number of paid, part-time music staff serving your congregation?

Finances

12. Total annual budget of your congregation (round numbers are fine) this past year*.

**Questions regarding the past year's total annual budget for congregations should be programmed so that all respondents answer in the same manner. This is not a shortcoming of the survey but a programming error. Due to this error, answer styles varied rendering budgetary responses could not be calculated.*

Location

13. Please enter the city and state of your congregation:

City

State

14. Which of these best describes the location where your congregation gathers for worship?

- ☐ Rural or open country
- ☐ Within a village or small town
- ☐ Within a small city
- ☐ Suburb or residential area within a large city
- ☐ Central to a large city

Order of Worship / Liturgy

15. How closely does your congregation's regular order of Sunday worship align with PCUSA's current Directory for Worship?

No alignment

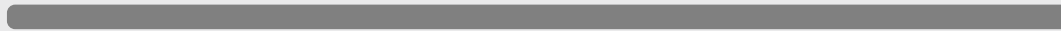


Complete
alignment

☐ Not applicable

16. How closely does your congregation's regular order of Sunday worship align with the order of worship as detailed in PCUSA's current worship book or hymnal?

No alignment



Exactly as
presented in the
worship book or
hymnal

☐ Not applicable

17. Which of these best describes who leads the spoken parts of Sunday worship in your congregation each week?

- ☐ Led completely by a minister
- ☐ Mix of ministers and (ruling) elders and/or deacons
- ☐ Mix of ministers, (ruling) elders and/or deacons, and adult laity
- ☐ Mix of ministers, (ruling) elders and/or deacons, adult laity, and children
- ☐ Other (Please describe):

18. Which of the following happens in the worship space prior to the service's scheduled start time? *Check all that apply*

- ☐ Pre-service instrumental music (prelude)
- ☐ Informal gathering/conversation
- ☐ Quiet individual prayer
- ☐ Communal prayer
- ☐ Congregational singing
- ☐ Other (Please describe):

19. Does Sunday worship include a corporate confession of sin?

- ☐ Yes, always
- ☐ Yes, sometimes
- ☐ No

20. Number of Scripture readings (including a Psalm, even if it's sung, as long as it comes during that part of the liturgy)

- ☐ One reading
- ☐ Two readings
- ☐ Three readings
- ☐ Four readings
- ☐ More than four readings

21. Do you, as a rule, read from both the Old and New Testaments each Sunday?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

22. This question is about following a lectionary.

Which of the following lectionary(s) do you follow, if any?

Check all that apply

☐ Revised Common Lectionary

☐ Narrative Lectionary

☐ Year D Lectionary

☐ African American Lectionary

☐ Other (please describe):

☐ No. We do not follow a lectionary.

23. Does Sunday worship include an affirmation of faith?

☐ Always

☐ Sometimes

☐ Never

24. Which affirmation of faith is used most often?

- ☐ Apostles Creed
- ☐ Nicene Creed
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None

Participation

25. This question asks about "sharing of the peace".

If this is part of your worship, how would you best describe it?

- ☐ Spoken dialogue between leader and people (no physical contact)
- ☐ Spoken dialogue between people with short period of physical contact(quick handshakes, hugs, etc.)
- ☐ Spoken dialogue with extended period of informal greetings and physical contact
- ☐ Long period of informal greetings
- ☐ *We don't observe the passing of the peace*

26. Does worship include a collection (tithes and offerings)?

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ No, never

27. How is the collection taken?

- ☐ Only electronically (e.g. online via the church's website)
- ☐ Only physically by passing a basket or plate during worship
- ☐ Only physically via a collection box
- ☐ Combination or electronically and physically

Communion

28. About how often does your congregation celebrate the Lord's Supper? (a.k.a Eucharist or Holy Communion)

- ☐ Weekly or even more often
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Quarterly
- ☐ Monthly + some Holy Days
- ☐ Quarterly + some Holy Days
- ☐ Less than Quarterly

29. How is communion distributed?

- ☐ Seated in pews/chairs, with individual cups/trays
- ☐ People come to the front and receive by intinction
- ☐ People come to the front and use individual cups/trays
- ☐ Seated together by "tables"
- ☐ Some other way:

Baptism

30. How often/when does your congregation celebrate Baptism? Select all that apply.

- ☐ As needs arise
- ☐ On certain holy days (Easter Vigil, Pentecost, Epiphany, etc.)
- ☐ On some other sort of regular schedule

31. How is Baptism administered? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Sprinkling or pouring
- ☐ Immersion
- ☐ Submersion
- ☐ Varies

32. When/how often does your congregation celebrate Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) rites?

- ☐ As needs arise
- ☐ On certain holy days (Easter Vigil, Pentecost, Epiphany, etc.)
- ☐ On some other sort of regular schedule
- ☐ Not at all

Children

33. Are children present during worship?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, children participate in separate children's program & are not a part of the adult time of worship
- ☐ No, there are no children currently in our congregation.

34. Does Sunday worship in your congregation usually include a children's sermon/message?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

35. Are some or all children ever dismissed from worship for a time of Christian education, Sunday school, catechesis, or the like?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Prayer

36. Which of these best describes the way your congregation observes the Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, or other extended period of prayer in worship?

- ☐ There is no time of extended prayer
- ☐ A long prayer by a single clergy person, said extempore
- ☐ A long prayer said entirely by someone else, extempore
- ☐ A long, scripted prayer said by a single person, either lay or clergy, no dialogue
- ☐ A scripted series of petitions/intercessions /thanksgivings said in dialogue between a leader (lay or clergy) and people
- ☐ An unscripted (extempore) series of petitions/intercessions/thanksgivings lifted up by the congregation
- ☐ Some other way of praying, or a mix of the above (Please describe):

37. Are there other rites that you regularly observe in Sunday worship that have not yet been mentioned? If yes, please tell us more about those rites.

☐ Yes (please describe):

☐ No, you have covered all of them that we use.

38. How closely does the Sunday worship in your congregation change according to the seasons of the liturgical year?

- ☐ No changes at all
- ☐ Changes slightly
- ☐ Changes somewhat
- ☐ Changes moderately
- ☐ Changes greatly

Musical Questions

39. What are the typical musical forces involved in a Sunday worship service in your congregation? *Check all that apply.*

☐ Unaccompanied (a capella) congregational singing

☐ Choral singing

☐ Pipe or classical-style digital organ

☐ Hammond/gospel style organ

☐ Piano

☐ Guitar

☐ Drum kit (western-style percussion)

☐ Other percussion (hand drums, etc.)

☐ Wind instruments

☐ Bowed stringed instruments

☐ Other - Write In

40. Which of these genres of song are typically sung during Sunday worship in your congregation? *Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Metrical Psalms, such as: "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" (Psalm 100) "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (Psalm 23)
- ☐ "Classic," strophic hymnody, such as: "Amazing Grace" "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"
- ☐ 19th-20th Century Gospel Hymns, such as: "To God Be the Glory" "How Great Thou Art"
- ☐ African American Spirituals, such as: "There is a Balm in Gilead" "Let Us Break Bread Together"
- ☐ Music from Non-Western Cultures, such as: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" (Linstead) "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" (O-SO-SO) "We Are Marching in the Light of God" (SIYAHAMBA)
- ☐ Other Folk Repertoire, such as: "Canticle of the Turning" (STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN) "When We Are Living" (PUES SI VIVIMOS)
- ☐ Contemporary Worship Music or Contemporary Gospel, such as: "10,000 Reasons" (Matt Redman) "Love Theory" (Kirk Franklin)
- ☐ Praise Choruses, such as: "Seek Ye First" (Karen Lafferty) "Because He Lives" (Gaithers)
- ☐ Chant/Plainsong of any type, such as: "Anglican Chant" Hymns like "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (DIVINUM MYSTERIUM) Modern Psalm tones
- ☐ Ecumenical Song forms, such as: "Stay with Me" from the Taizé community "Take, O Take Me As I Am" from the Iona Community

41. Does Sunday worship include any purely instrumental music?

- ☐ Yes, quite a lot
- ☐ Yes, but just some
- ☐ Only occasionally
- ☐ No

42. At your largest Sunday service, which of these best reflects the type of instrumental music used in worship?

Check all that apply

- ☐ N/A (We use only unaccompanied singing)
- ☐ Solo Organ (any type)
- ☐ Solo Piano
- ☐ Band/Ensemble primarily led by a keyboard instrument
- ☐ Band/Ensemble primarily led by guitar
- ☐ Band/Ensemble of another type
- ☐ We use a more-or-less equal mix of all of these

43. If you have different services, do they tend to use different musical forces/styles as a matter of distinguishing the different services?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

44. Which of these best describes the architectural style of the building in which your congregation worships?

- ☐ Gothic/gothic revival
- ☐ Colonial meetinghouse style
- ☐ Greek revival
- ☐ Romanesque revival
- ☐ 19th Century Auditorium (fanned out shape)
- ☐ 20th Century Modern/Postmodern (various shapes/styles)
- ☐ Gymnasium-type or multipurpose space
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I do not know the style

45. Was your congregation's worship space/building "purpose built" (i.e. intended as a sacred space), or is it a building that has been repurposed?

- ☐ Purpose-built
- ☐ Repurposed non-sacred space
- ☐ Repurposed sacred space

46. If you have different services, do all worship services occur in the same space?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

47. Do these other worship services occur somewhere other than the primary sanctuary in order to distinguish its type of service?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Attire

48. What do the clergy in your congregation tend to wear when leading worship? *Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Suit, dress, or other formal clothing
- ☐ Informal street clothing
- ☐ Alb
- ☐ Academic/preaching gown
- ☐ Stole
- ☐ Preaching collar/band
- ☐ Other (Please describe):

49. What do the musical leaders in your congregation tend to wear for worship? *Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Suit, dress, or other formal clothes
- ☐ Informal street clothes
- ☐ Albs
- ☐ Cassock (without surplice)
- ☐ Cassock (with surplice)
- ☐ Academic-style "choir" robes
- ☐ Other

Open Comments

50. Please provide a link where we can find photos or video of your congregation at worship, and/or photos of your congregation's worship space(s), including those on social media.

Skip this question if there are no shareable links.

51. Is there anything that you would like to share about your congregation's worship services?

About your congregation

52. What is the full name of your congregation?

For example, First Presbyterian Church of Some
Town

53. When you talk with others about your church, what do you call it?

For example, Smithville Pres, First Pres, Knox Hill....

54. What is your congregation's PIN?

Worship Bulletin

55. One final request.

It would be helpful to have a copy of a worship aid, bulletin, program, or the like for a typical Sunday service in your congregation.

If you do not use worship aids, then provide a document file (WORD, GOGGLE DOCS) with an Order of Worship.

Upload instructions

Allowed file types include png,gif,jpg,jpeg,doc,xls,docx,xlsx,pdf,txt,mov,mp3,mp4

It the file does not load quickly, click cancel .

If you make a second attempt to upload your worship bulletin and it does not upload quickly, then try Dropbox. The Dropbox instructions will be sent via the "Thank you for your response to this survey" email.

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