

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT WORSHIP AT PEA RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

What is the worship style?

We follow a fairly traditional Methodist service, with a mix of worship music that ranges from classical to contemporary. Upon entering the sanctuary you will be greeted and handed a bulletin that will give you all the information you need to participate in the worship service. We also use overhead slides with clear graphics and words that help guide the service. While some people enjoy "dressing up" for church, others prefer jeans and a t-shirt - wear what is comfortable and appropriate for you.

Will I be recognized during the service as a visitor?

You will not be asked to stand up and be introduced, but you may be greeted and welcomed before and after the service by any number of our church family. We do ask everyone attending our service to sign the registration pad found in each pew (seat), and jot down any contact information they wish to leave with us. (As you leave contact information, be assured you will not receive a surprise visit or be overwhelmed with calls, mail or spam.)

Can I participate in Holy Communion?

PRUMC generally observes the sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. The table of Holy Communion does not belong to a particular church or group - it is the Lord's table. We practice open communion, meaning that you do not need to be a Methodist or a member of Pea Ridge UMC to receive the bread and unfermented wine (grape juice). Jesus Christ invites all that earnestly repent of their sins and seek a closer relationship with God to the Lord's Table.

Do I have to join your church or be baptized?

No, you do not have to join. You are always welcome to worship with us and participate in any of our activities and ministries. Membership is a choice and commitment which we want you to make only when the time is right for you. You can become a member by Baptism and Profession of Faith, or by Transfer from another United Methodist Church or another denomination, and if you have previously been baptized we do not "re-baptize" you.

Are children welcome in worship?

Children and babies are always welcome in the sanctuary. Children's worship bulletins and worship bags can be found just outside the sanctuary. The bags contain colored pencils or crayons and activity sheets that usually follow along with the Scripture of the day. We offer a crib nursery and a toddler playroom, as well as caring volunteers to staff them as your needs require. Accessible restrooms are just a few steps away from the sanctuary entrance, as is quiet space in our parlor, both available if you need them to meet your family member's needs.