

As you probably know, Catalina set a goal of restarting the contemporary worship service in 2025. Recently, I shared a survey to get some feedback regarding worship times for the two services. I mentioned that the feedback would go into helping the Church Council have its conversation about the Sunday morning schedule. Before I share the results of the conversation, I want to, first, thank the church for their participation. We received 70 responses! So, thanks to those who participated!

There were a number of factors that went in to figuring out what the best schedule will be. Based on staffing, current programs (rehearsals, Sunday School), etc. we decided that 9 and 11 will give the most flexibility. Additionally, more people who said they will be attending the traditional service preferred a later service time. The answers were varied but most reflected a desire for the contemporary service to be the earlier one.

So, the contemporary service will be at 9 a.m. with a rehearsal preceding it. The traditional service will be at 11 a.m. with a rehearsal preceding it. The discussion about Sunday School is still in the works but with this schedule, that opens 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. as potential times for meeting (either before worship or after worship).

The other decision to be made is when to start the service. The initial goal was to start by the second quarter of 2025 (June). However, it is usually best to start something big, like a worship service, after people have finished traveling for the summer and school is back in session. So, we will push the date up until mid-August to the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September.

There are still many things to do to prepare for the start of the service. But one of the first things is to ask for your prayers. I ask you to pray for God to lead people to us who are looking for a new place to connect, to pray for us to receive volunteers who will help out in making the service successful, to pray for us to be led to people who can help our embrace of God's love grow wider by expanding our understanding of what it means to be a community of faith.

Thank you again for your feedback and thank you ahead of time for your prayers!