

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Your HHPC worship committee, with representation from across the charge, has demonstrated an ongoing willingness to experiment, and has made an ongoing commitment to evaluation.
- The Worship Leader, Music Director, and Musicians collaborate on the preparation of a worship service.
- Communities of faith are required, by law, to respect copyright with their music program.
- In a multiple-point charge, there are often differences in the order of service.
- There is diversity within the pastoral charge, with respect to theological beliefs and music preferences.
- Very few communities of faith in the Kawartha Highlands Presbytery stand for the procession of the Worship Leader and the choir.
- It is becoming less common to have a church choir, and if one exists, it often doesn't sing year-round, as the HHUC choir does.
- Many church choirs haven't worn gowns in a very long time. Have you considered that gowns become a health & safety issue, as personal mobility declines?
- The Focused Moment worship element is intended as a brief opportunity to collectively prepare for worship, after the Gathering Time.
- The Acknowledgement of the Land is used at all levels of the United Church of Canada, and is one way of honoring and respecting the Truth & Reconciliation's Calls to Action for the Church.
- The Lord's Prayer is used on a rotational basis each Sunday. (sung, spoken, alternate versions/translations)
- The Worship Leader normally follows the Revised Common Lectionary: a 3-year cycle of four scripture passages, (OT, Epistle, Psalm, NT) for each Sunday. It is some church's practice to have 3 of the 4 passages read/sung in a service. The Worship Leader normally bases the message/sermon on one or two of the readings.
- Some communities of faith stand to read the Psalm, in unison, while others sing a Responsive Psalm, or the worship/lay leader reads the Psalm. In some cases, the Psalm is rarely used.
- The Candle-Lighting is another expression of the Prayers of the People.
- The banners, displayed in the sanctuary, change with the church season.
- Many people state that they get more from "A Time for the Youthful", than they do from the Message/Sermon.
- The Hand Bell choir is challenged when musicians are unavailable. Only accomplished musicians can play more than one bell, so if one person is unavailable, it not only affects the whole group, but it also makes it difficult to schedule the choir for a worship service.
- Your Worship/Christian Education committee welcomes suggestions for small-group ministry, such as Book Study, Bible Study, Lunch & Learn topics & speakers, Interest Groups, etc.

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