

New Sunday Morning Schedule Frequently Asked Questions



What is the new Sunday morning schedule?

First worship service – 8:45 AM

Sunday School for all ages – 10:00 AM

Second worship service – 11:00 AM

When does the new service schedule begin?

August 20 will be the first Sunday we will worship at 8:45 and 11:00.

How will the two services be alike or different?

The new 11:00 service will look very much like our current 9:30 service, with the orchestra playing most Sundays during the school year and the choir singing an anthem. In the 8:45 service, the hymns will be accompanied by organ or piano and at times one or two other instruments. Music from individuals or small groups from the music ministry, congregation, guest artist(s) and the soon-to-be-formed handbell choir will fill the place of the choir anthem. We feel this will provide new opportunities for a variety of musical offerings.

Will the choir sing in both services?

As of now, the size of our choir is not large enough to provide singers for two services. As we gain more members, we may be able to offer a choir or ensembles in both services.

Why are we not offering a contemporary service?

At New Hope, we find that more people are responding to our traditional worship. We also feel this is a particular strength of many of our musicians. We are considering options to provide occasional services with more contemporary worship for youth, young adults, and those who more enjoy that worship style.

Do we have enough classrooms for all Sunday School classes to meet at the same time?

We have classrooms available for every existing class. Only two adult classes currently use the same room. The JOY class will move to a room available down the hall. We are working on finding space for new classes we anticipate starting soon.

What will happen to our fellowship time?

We anticipate coffee and juice will be available by 8:15 in the Gathering Area and snacks to be out by 9:30.

How does this affect our children's ministry?

Current plans call for us to have the children's moment in each service. The children will then go to their worship space for Children's Church where Luisa will continue the theme presented in the children's moment. Sunday School will be held at 10:00.

Why are we making these changes?

Our church continues to grow and we are running out of space in our 9:30 service. We need to maximize our current facilities. This new plan allows those in a Sunday School class to attend either service, allowing more flexibility for class members. It expands our traditional service options, which most people at New Hope seem to prefer. It also promises to strengthen our adult education ministry. Pastor Rod and Pastor Marla will now be available to teach in our Sunday School. Most churches who have two services have a similar schedule on Sunday morning so this schedule should be familiar to most people.

This decision has been months in the making and one we did not take lightly. After considering all factors, we feel this gives us the best opportunity to accommodate those who have been worshiping with us and those who may soon choose to worship with us. We're eager to see what new doors will open for mission, worship, and welcome.