

Grosse Pointe Memorial Worship Survey

Survey Questionnaire

Respondent Profile: The following profiles questions should be asked for further segmentation these include Gender, Year of Birth, Years/Month of Membership.

WORSHIP COUNCIL SURVEY

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Worship Questions

- 1. It is important that our worship include people of all ages, both leading and participating in the service.**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
117	101	22	9	0	
46.1%	40.24%	8.76%	3.59%	0%	86.34% weight toward agree

- 2. The monthly Holy Communion service has an appropriate tone and atmosphere.**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
101	130	15	2	0	
40.24%	51.79%	5.98%	.80%	0%	90.3% weight toward agree

- 3. It is important that our minister's dress for worship, in robes, is important to setting the right tone for worship.**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
63	118	52	14	2	
25.10%	47.01%	20.72%	5.58%	.80%	72.11% weight toward agree

- 4. I would feel comfortable dressing more casually for worship at GPMC.**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
22	58	77	66	25	
8.76%	23.11%	30.86%	26.29%	9.96%	This is a draw, weighting slightly more toward disagree.

5. It is important to me that church members other than the church staff help lead worship regularly.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
32	133	60	19	4	
12.75%	52.99%	23.90%	7.57%	1.59%	65.74% weight toward agree

6. The opening processional with cross, candle lighter and choir is important to setting the right tone for worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
78	109	47	10	5	
31.08%	43.43%	18.73%	3.98%	1.99%	75.51% weight toward agree

7. I think the way we take communion (either serving or going forward for intinction) is important_ seems the best way for me.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
67	113	47	5	2	
26.69%	45.02%	18.73%	1.99%	.80%	71.71% weight toward agree Toward serving

8. Visual images (banners, stained glass, cup and loaf on communion table, ect.) help me feel the presence of God in worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
57	142	40	90	1	
22.71%	56.57%	15.94%	3.59%	.40%	79.28% weight toward agree

9. I feel more visual images would help me better connect to worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
7	37	142	50	12	
2.79%	14.74%	56.57%	19.92%	4.78%	56.57 weight toward indifference

10. I do not understand everything we do in worship at GPMC.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
7	39	49	125	25	
2.79%	15.54%	19.52%	49.80%	9.96%	59.76% weight toward disagree

11. Worship services at GPMC send me out into the world ready to serve God and neighbors.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
77	143	24	3	0	
30.68%	56.97%	9.56%	1.20%	0%	87.65% weight toward agree

12. Dressing formally for worship is important to me.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
36	78	80	39	13	
14.34%	31.08%	31.87%	15.54%	5.18%	45.42% weight toward agree With a neutral attitude as second

13. I would prefer attending services at GPMC in less formal attire.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
15	40	86	71	34	
5.98%	15.94%	34.26%	28.29%	13.55%	41.84% weight toward disagree With a neutral attitude as second

14. I would be interested in worshipping God through a worship service with a different style than our current worship services . That style and format would best be described as:_____ (see comment notes page)

15. Applause in worship is an appropriate expression of thanksgiving.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
27	101	71	39	7	
10.76%	40.24%	28.29%	15.54%	2.79%	51% weight towards agree

16. Saying amen or some other traditional expression is a more appropriate response of thanksgiving than applause.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
24	67	95	55	5	
9.56%	26.69%	37.85%	21.91%	1.99%	37.85% weight towards neutral

Church Bulletin Questions

17. Our church bulletin provides an appropriate amount of information regarding news, events and schedules affecting our church community.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
74	158	10	6	0	
29.48%	62.53%	3.98%	2.39%	0%	92.01% weight towards agree

18. Our church bulletin contains enough information to help me understand worship service without burdening me with too much information.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
50	172	20	5	0	
19.92%	68.53%	7.97%	1.99%	0%	88.45% weight towards agree

19. In addition to bulletin information, I would like to see more articles in the Carillon and other communication vehicles (pew rack, web site, etc.) relating to the Presbyterian tradition and Christian worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
10	85	128	24	1	
3.98%	33.86%	51%	9.56%	.40%	51% weight towards neutral

Worship Service Music Questions

20. I would like to see the music program evolve to include more outside musicians and contributors.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
21	72	99	42	11	
8.37%	28.69%	39.44%	16.73%	4.38%	39.44% neutral with 37% weight towards agree

21. The hymns used in worship are particularly meaningful in connecting with God during worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
51	105	53	27	9	
20.32%	41.83%	21.12%	10.76%	3.59%	61.15% weight towards agree

22. The choir and prelude/postlude significantly enhance my worship experience at GPMC.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
79	110	42	7	7	
31.47%	43.82%	16.73%	2.79%	2.79%	75.29% weight towards agree

23. The music during the worship service is a main component of how I express my spiritual joy.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
77	103	39	19	5	
30.68%	41.04%	15.54%	7.57%	1.99%	71.72% weight towards agree

24. I look forward to singing during worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
84	97	46	13	6	
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33.47%	38.65%	18.33%	5.18%	2.39%	72.12% weight towards agree
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25. Participating in music during worship services helps me feel a connection with my fellow worshipers.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
63	116	58	7	3	
25.10%	46.22%	23.11%	2.79%	1.20%	71.32% weight towards agree

26. Traditional hymns are my favorite type of music during worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
73	83	51	26	12	
29.08%	33.07%	20.32%	10.36%	4.78%	62.15% weight towards agree

27. Choral music during worship service at GPMC inspires me and helps me feel the presence of God in worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
91	112	32	8	3	
36.25%	44.62%	12.75%	3.19%	1.20%	80.87% weight towards agree

28. Congregational music (hymns, responses, children time, ect.) inspire me and help me feel the presence of God in worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
80	134	28	2	2	
31.87%	53.39%	11.16%	.80%	.80%	85.26% weight towards agree

29. Newer, more contemporary music would be a nice addition to worship at GPMC.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
39	54	84	46	23	
15.54%	21.51%	33.47%	18.33%	9.16%	37.05% weight towards agree but by a slight margin.

Worship Schedule Questions

30. I would be interested in more programs if they took place before or after services on Sunday. (e.g. bible study, fund-raisers, adult education.)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
12	50	136	41	6
4.78%	19.92%	54.18%	16.33%	2.39%

Less than 25% of respondents found this question relevant

31. I would attend worship services other than/in addition to Sunday morning if they were offered.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
18	56	96	67	8
7.17%	22.31%	38.25%	26.69%	3.19%

38.25% weighted neutral to this question with an overall tie between agree and disagree.

32. I would be interested in worshipping in a space other than the sanctuary.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
10	49	63	79	44
3.98%	19.52%	25.10%	31.47%	17.53%

49% weighted toward disagree

33. A shift to an earlier service during the summer makes it more difficult for my family to attend.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
14	30	34	84	85
5.58%	11.95%	13.55%	33.47%	33.86%

67.33% weighted toward disagree

34. With the exception of human error, the sound system in the sanctuary works well for worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
63	153	11	12	6
25.10%	60.96%	4.38%	4.78%	2.39%

86.06% weighted toward agree

Facility Questions

35. Now that the audio and video replays of sermons are available online, I will use the website when traveling.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
11	47	99	73	13
4.38%	18.73%	39.44%	29.08%	5.18%

39.44% weighted neutral to this question with A slight margin toward disagree

36. GPMC setting makes worship more meaningful.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
115	115	10	4	1
45.82%	45.82%	3.98%	1.59%	.40%

91.64% weighted toward agree

37. I would appreciate a device, to provide hearing assistance and help amplify the sound during worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
12	32	154	33	12
4.78%	12.75%	61.35%	13.15%	4.78%

61.35% weighted neutral with 17% asking for hearing assistance.

38. I would like to see a greater degree of accessibility for worshippers with disabilities.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
13	74	141	10	3
5.18%	29.48%	56.18%	3.98%	1.20%

56.18% weighted neutral with 34.6% requesting a greater degree of accessibility.

39. In addition to the stained glass windows, tiles, and carpeting, I wish GPMC’s worship space could display/project more contemporary images for worship, images connected to the theme or text for the day.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
10	29	98	72	28
3.98%	11.55%	39.04%	28.69%	11.16%

There is a tie between being neutral and disagreeing with this question.

40. The sanctuary is easily located and signs are helpful in directing worshippers where to go.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
42	149	24	21	1	
16.73%	59.36%	9.56%	8.37%	.40%	76.09% weighted toward agree

41. I can easily see the preacher and other worship leaders while they lead their parts of the service.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
56	166	7	6	2	
22.31%	66.14%	2.79%	2.39%	.80%	88.45% weighted toward agree

42. I would appreciate a bathroom facility at the Lakeshore Drive entrance of the sanctuary.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
17	36	98	59	21	
6.77%	14.34%	39.04%	23.51%	8.37%	39.04% weighted neutral

Other People

43. I tell my friends and neighbors, who are not members of GPMC, about the positive experiences I have at the church.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
73	120	36	6	1	
29.08%	47.81%	14.34%	2.39%	.40%	76.89% weighted toward agree

44. I invite my friends and neighbors who are not members of GPMC, to join me at church events.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
29	86	89	29	0	
11.55%	34.26%	35.46%	11.55%	0%	45.81% weighted toward agree

45. Between the ushers and greeters, there is sufficient personal welcome upon entering and exiting worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
48	158	16	12	4	
19.12%	62.95%	6.37%	4.78%	1.59%	82.07% weighted toward agree

46. I am comfortable to speak with anyone next to me, in front of me or behind me at appropriate time times before, during, and after worship service.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
62	138	23	14	2	
24.70%	54.98%	9.16%	5.58%	.80%	79.68% weighted toward agree

47. I find GPMC to be a friendly, caring congregation.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
95	114	25	2	3	
37.85%	45.42%	9.96%	.80%	1.20%	83.27% weighted toward agree

48. When I first visited GPMC, the worship atmosphere was welcoming and friendly.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
58	116	38	15	1	
23.11%	46.22%	15.14%	5.98%	.40%	69.33% weighted toward agree

49. Our current worship services are visitor friendly.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
56	144	26	10	1	
22.31%	57.37%	10.36%	3.98%	.40%	79.68% weighted toward agree

50. Our worship services allow me sufficient opportunity to meet people around me. (Example: name tags, fellowship pads, and passing of the peace.)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
52	148	27	9	3	
20.72%	58.96%	10.76%	3.59%	1.20%	79.68% weighted toward agree

Worship Content

51. Hearing about GPMC's outreach opportunities (minute for mission) and outside service opportunities during worship services helps connect me to God's work in the world.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
53	148	27	9	3	
21.12%	58.96%	11.16%	3.59%	1.20%	80.08% weighted toward agree

52. I receive encouragement and inspiration in my life by attending worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
110	115	9	5	1	
43.82%	45.82%	3.59%	1.99%	.40%	89.64% weighted toward agree

**53. I would like to see more traditional symbols and rituals involved in the services.
(e.g. banners with the fish symbols, historic crosses, and the carrying of the Bible into worship.)**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
15	41	126	45	11	
5.98%	16.33%	50.20%	17.93%	4.38%	50.20% weighted neutral to this question.

54. I would like to see a more creative approach to the GPMC service, that utilizes new and different ways to worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
24	59	90	49	15	
9.56%	23.51%	35.86%	19.52%	5.98%	35.86% weighted neutral to this question with a slight margin toward agree.

55. There is too much going on during worship services and it interrupts my worship experience with God.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
4	15	39	139	40	
1.59%	5.98%	15.54%	55.38%	15.94%	71.32% weighted towards disagree

56. The reading of the scriptures makes my worship more meaningful.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
70	140	25	4	0	
27.89%	55.78%	9.96%	1.59%	0	83.67% weighted toward agree

57. I come to church seeking sermons that directly address life during the week, and equip me with the tools for faithful living.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
107	101	22	3	3	
42.63%	40.24%	8.76%	1.20%	1.20%	82.87% weighted toward agree

58. The sermons that most help me in my Christian faith are those that draw most directly from passages of the Bible.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
26	80	90	33	7	
10.36%	31.87%	35.86%	13.15%	2.79%	42.23% weighted toward agree

59. I appreciate sermons that teach me as much about the Bible as about Christian life in the 21st century.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
69	121	31	15	2	
27.49%	48.21%	12.35%	5.98%	.80%	75.7% weighted toward agree

60. I sometimes wish we had a little more laughter and levity in our worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
25	71	101	39	2	
9.96%	28.29%	40.24%	15.54%	.80%	40.24% weighted toward neutral with a slight margin towards agree.

61. Announcements seem appropriate at the beginning of the service, before worship has really begun.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
69	151	12	8	2	
27.49%	60.16%	4.78%	3.19%	.80%	87.65% weighted toward agree.

62. Once a month feels like the right number of times to have communion.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
52	142	27	17	3	
20.72%	56.57%	10.76%	6.77%	1.20%	77.29% weighted toward agree

63. Prayers in worship are very important to me.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
108	115	16	0	1	
43.03%	45.82%	6.37%	0	.40%	88.85% weighted toward agree

64. I wish I had more time for silent prayer in worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
16	47	110	64	3	
6.37%	18.73%	43.82%	25.50%	1.20%	43.82% weighted toward neutral

65. I wish we had more prayers in worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
2	26	123	83	4	
.80%	10.36%	49%	33.07%	1.59%	49% weighted toward neutral

66. Congregational participation in the spoken words in the service (call to worship, prayers of confession) is important to me.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
53	129	46	11	1	
21.12%	51.39%	18.33%	4.38%	.40%	71.51% weighted toward agree

67. The words used during our services is contemporary enough that they connect life outside of the sanctuary with our worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
44	153	28	13	2	
17.53%	60.96%	11.16%	5.18%	.80%	78.49% weighted toward agree

68. Greater use of the arts (drama, dance, visual images, etc.) would help me to worship God more fully.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
13	51	99	59	17	
5.18%	20.32%	39.44%	23.51%	6.77%	39.44% weighted neutral with a margin toward disagree

Purpose

69. The main reason I attend GPMC Sunday services is to worship and experience God.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
110	116	12	3	0	
43.82%	46.22%	4.78%	1.20%	0%	90.04% weighted toward agree

70. I receive encouragement and inspiration in my life by attending worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
111	113	10	5	0	
44.22%	45.02%	3.98%	1.99%	0%	89.24% weighted toward agree

71. I come to worship services seeking more contemplative experiences (listening to music, prayers, sermons, etc.) than participatory (creeds, responsive readings, ect.)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
36	95	77	28	3	
14.34%	37.85%	30.68%	11.16%	1.20%	52.19% weighted toward agree

72. I attend GPMC to make sure my children are exposed to the Presbyterian tradition.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
40	52	106	18	5	
15.94%	20.72%	42.23%	7.17%	1.99%	42.23% weighted toward neutral with a margin toward agree

73. I often receive a sense of God's presence during congregational worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
43	139	45	11	1	
17.13%	55.38%	17.93%	4.38%	.40%	72.51% weight towards agree

74. I am often bored during worship services and anxious to have it over.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
7	22	39	101	72	
2.79%	8.76%	15.54%	40.24%	28.69%	68.93% weighted towards disagree

75. The worship services challenges me in a significant way to lead a more faithful life.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
67	124	35	12	3	
26.69%	49.40%	13.94%	4.78%	1.20%	76.09% weighted towards agree

76. I attend worship services only because I feel it is my duty.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
2	15	22	106	101	
.80%	5.98%	8.76%	42.23%	40.24%	82.47% weighted towards disagree

77. GPMC gives the sense of a spiritual community.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
74	145	18	5	0	
29.48%	57.77%	7.17%	1.99%	0%	87.25% weighted towards agree

78. I attend only the worship services that offer Holy Communion during the month.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
0	3	6	94	143	
0%	1.20%	2.39%	37.45%	56.97%	94.42% weight towards disagree

79. I experience a sense of awe and mystery of God during the worship services.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
28	125	73	17	0	
11.16%	49.80%	29.08%	6.77%	0%	60.96% weight towards agree

Children

80. GPMC does a good job of helping younger children to be connected to the worship service.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
75	134	18	4	3	
29.88%	53.39%	7.17%	1.59%	1.20%	83.27% weight towards agree

81. I wish GPMC did more to assist young children and their families during worship.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
4	23	131	56	15	
1.59%	9.16%	52.19%	22.31%	5.98%	28.29% weight towards disagree 52.19% weight towards neutral most likely the question wasn't relevant. Please reference comment section

82. A "crying room" where I could attend the service with a fidgety or crying child would be appreciated.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
15	52	114	36	10	
5.98%	20.72%	45.42%	14.34%	3.98%	26.7% weight towards agree 45.42% weight towards neutral most Likely the question wasn't relevant. Please reference comment section.

83. Availability of child care is an important factor in whether or not I can attend worship and/or middle hour programs at GPMC.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
33	47	107	26	8	
13.15%	18.73%	42.63%	10.36%	3.19%	31.88% weight towards agree 42.63% weight towards neutral most Likely the question wasn't relevant Please reference comment section

84. The children's sermon is an important element of our worship service.

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
78	120	26	7	2	
31.08%	47.81%	10.36%	2.79%	.80%	78.89% weight towards agree