

A Day of Learning About
Saturday, November 15, 2014

Worship

location

Ponds Reformed Church
341 Ramapo Valley Road
Oakland, New Jersey 07436

event host—Rev. Nathan Busker

registration & cost

Register by contacting the church
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cost—\$10 (includes lunch)

workshop leaders

Greg Scheer

Music Associate, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship;
Minister of Worship, Church of the Servant, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Kathy Smith

Associate Director and Manager for Grant Programs, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship;
Adjunct Professor, Calvin College & Seminary

schedule & workshop descriptions

8:30 a.m. *Check-in, coffee*

9:00 a.m. **Opening Worship and Plenary**

Brief opening worship led by Greg Scheer
Brief plenary: overview of worship by Kathy Smith

9:30 a.m. *Break to go to workshops*

9:40 a.m. **Workshops—two choices**

The Deep Meaning and Purpose of Worship

Most of our conversations about worship relate to the mechanics, form or style of worship. How can we deepen the discussion to consider the meaning and purpose of biblical worship, and how will that lead to better conversations and understanding of worship? Find out in this workshop, led by Kathy Smith.

Seven Deadly Sins to Avoid and Rules of Thumb to Use in Choosing Music for Worship

The worship music planner plays both a pastoral and prophetic role in the life of the church. Join Greg Scheer in discussing the deadly sins that can derail a healthy song repertoire—and the rules of thumb that can help keep a pastoral, prophetic music ministry on the tracks.

10:40 a.m. *Coffee break*

11:00 a.m. **Workshops—two choices**

Blended Worship 2.0

Though the phrase “blended worship” is in some ways out of fashion, there is still a great need in local, inter-generational congregations to learn how to effectively put together different music ensembles and worship styles in their worship services. Should you hold different services based on musical style? Have different ensembles lead different parts of the service? Blend everything in each service? This session with Greg Scheer will address methods of putting together diverse worship elements in a way that feels like they’re cut from the same cloth.

Dealing with Change in Worship

All churches go through transitions and changes, but changes related to worship can be difficult to process in healthy ways. In this workshop with Kathy Smith we will learn about the dynamics of change in congregations, the effects changes can have on worship, ways in which worship can be the means for healthy change, and wisdom for leaders as they guide churches through changes in worship.

12:00 p.m. *Break to move to plenary*

12:05 p.m. **Plenary**

Brief wrap-up of what we learned, facilitated by Kathy Smith

12:20 p.m. **Closing Worship**

Brief closing worship led by Greg Scheer

12:35 p.m. **Lunch & Conversations**

1:30 p.m. *Seminar ends*