

Evening Prayer

The fourth Wednesday of every month when there is not an Advent or a Lenten service, we celebrated Evening Prayer at Grace at 6:30.

Thank you, for your interest in Evening Prayer. It is a very simple service that requires little preparation or personnel.

We use a CD called Evening Prayer and a bulletin that Deb has prepared, for a given “day” of the week. The CD’s are on the choir closet shelf. There is other music there for prelude and postlude or you can bring one of your own.

Set up involves powering up and testing the sound system, putting a pillar candle on the altar, putting a table inside the door of the sanctuary, putting out bulletin (from the entry cubby) and a basket for offering on that table. Ask someone to read the Closing Prayer. Ask another volunteer to light the candle when the chime sounds and extinguish it at closing.

At 6:30 begin prelude music and close doors. At 6:35, change CD’s and forward to the “day” we are using. Usually, the same setting is used for three months. The CD will lead the service until time for meditation and prayer just before the Lord’s Prayer. Pause the CD there. Give a few moments for individual meditation. Offer specific petitions, if you wish, then, lead the Lord’s Prayer. Your volunteer will give the Closing Prayer. Lead the Group Benediction. Your other volunteer will extinguish the candle.

Change the CD to Postlude music. Note the number of worshippers on the chart in the entry cubby. Collect the money from the basket, put it in an envelope labeled Evening Prayer and the date, and put the envelope in the safe or at least the safe drawer. Return candle, basket, table and CD to their places. Remember to power off the sound system and lock the front door.

Thank you, again. In His service,