

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

By now, I hope you have heard about the upcoming parish-wide listening sessions which are taking place on Sunday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 11. These listening sessions are an opportunity for you to share your reflections and feedback on the Sunday experience at Grace.

Why are we having the listening sessions?

Over the last 5 years, our Sunday worship attendance has grown by 40%, and from September to June, we often have more than 250 people attending the 10:30 service. Occasionally, we have as many as 300 people, which, as someone rightly noted, exceeds the fire code for our church building. While this growth is exciting and an incredible blessing, we also realize by typical church standards, the 10:30 service is "overcrowded," and as we consider what to do about that, we want to hear from you about your Sunday church experience.

At the listening sessions, we will ask you to share:

1. What do you value most about Sundays at Grace Church? This could include details about worship, music, Sunday School, adult formation, etc.
2. What changes or improvements would enhance your experience on Sundays?
3. What sort of changes to Sundays would you not want to see?
4. Imagine Grace Church 5 years from now, when worship, music, Sunday School, adult formation, etc. is just the way you want it to be, what would that look like to you?

The listening sessions are the first step in a parish wide conversation. Later this spring, they will be followed by a more detailed survey.

Please mark your calendar and attend one of the sessions, either on Sunday, February 8 following the 8:00 or 10:30 a.m. service, or on Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. We very much want to hear from you!

And, as always, please let me know if you have questions.

See you in church,

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