

# Worship

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 Indianola Presbyterian Church provides a traditional, but creative style of worship, with a contemporary message. In worship we seek to praise God with hearts, minds, and voices, grounding ourselves in scripture and prayer using the full range of the arts, in an exciting blend of the best of traditional and new.

TAIZÉ (Second Fridays at 5:45 P.M.) - Indianola has become known for its ongoing celebration of contemplative worship inspired by the ecumenical monastic community founded in Taise, France as a place of prayer and reconciliation during World War II. (Taizé services are not held during June, July, and August.)

Music - Exceptional music from an adult choir, two childrens choirs, a handbell choir, and guest musicians provide an important dimension to worship each week.

Worship & Music Music often communicates in ways in which mere words alone simply cannot. Indianola integrates an outstanding program of music into each Sunday service. The broad musical repertoire, ranging from gospel and jazz to contemporary and cultural (even Native American !), and further to sublime classical selections, without doubt qualify the music at IPC as among some of the best in the country. IPC encourages members to participate in the ministry to the congregation through its worship and music committee. The group works together to generate ideas for sermon topics and music that will compliment the worship service and provide a most meaningful worship experience for the congregation. IPC encourages any member to participate in this process. IPC has an adult choir directed by IPC's Director of Music, Doug Slusher, and a Handbell Choir directed by Mary Rebekah Fortman. Orlay Alonso accompanies on organ and piano. Mary Rebekah Fortman directs a youth choir that sings during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

## Taizé

From the ecumenical prayer community in Taizé, France:

Enter into a simple beauty of chanted prayers sung by candlelight, silent meditation, and shared serenity.

Taizé services are held at 5:45 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of each month, September through May.

## What is Taizé?

Taize originated in a village in southern France about 60 miles west of Geneva, where Brother Roger, son of a Swiss Protestant pastor, began a community of reconciliation after WW-II. Today, about 100 brothers from Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions form such a community. They have developed a style of sung prayer (no doubt evolved from the ancient chants of the church) that helps people focus on God and Christ's presence in a most unique manner.

Songs are in various languages. While we will typically sing in English, we will sometimes sing in Latin or Spanish or other languages. Translations will always be provided.

For more information, check out this Taizé web site .

Here are some of Brother Roger's reflections on the Taize sung prayer:

"From the depths of the human condition a secret aspiration rises up. Caught in the anonymous rhythms of schedules and timetables, men and women of today are implicitly thirsting for an essential reality, for an inner life."

"Nothing is more conducive to a communion with the living God than a meditative common prayer with, as its high point, singing that never ends and that continues in the silence of one's heart when one is alone again. When the mystery of God becomes tangible through the simple beauty of symbols, when it is not smothered by too many words, then prayer with others, far from exuding monotony and boredom, awakens us to heaven's joy on earth."

"For many Christians down through the ages, a few words repeated endlessly have been a road to contemplation. When these words are sung, then perhaps they have even more of an impact on the whole personality, penetrating its very depths."

