

GRAHAM'S DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROJECT
The Spiritual Impact of Livestreaming a Worship Service IN a Sanctuary

PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL: Graham is looking for a few brave congregations who will agree to worship in their own sanctuaries by watching a livestream of the service from Lost Creek Presbyterian Church. They must commit to participating for all 4 Sundays of September 2025 and members will be asked to provide feedback on their experience.

PURPOSE: To evaluate the spiritual impact of a congregation worshipping together by watching a livestream worship service.

BASICS OF THE EXPERIMENT

LOST CREEK PROVIDES:

1. Livestream of service on Facebook at 9:00 a.m.
2. Preacher
3. Power Points
4. Music
5. Bulletin Info for Secretary

CHURCHES PROVIDE:

1. Projection of the video
2. Sound through their sound system.
3. Worship Leader to welcome everyone and to conclude the service.
4. Someone to text Graham with updates such as:
 - a. church has joined
 - b. special announcements
 - c. specific joys and concerns.
5. Distribute and collect questionnaires.
6. If the church has its own Zoom audience, the church shares the live stream with its participants.

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DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

SET UP:

1. Graham will meet with a team from each church to help them set up their own equipment to livestream the service.
2. He will also provide one or more practice runs as necessary.
3. If the church wants to participate in the experiment but does not have the equipment, the presbytery may have equipment it can loan to the church.

SURVEYS: Graham will collect information in two ways:

1. He will meet with a focus group from each church before the experiment starts to ask some introductory questions. He will meet with the focus group after the experiment is finished to ask follow-up questions.
2. During the experiment Graham will provide a bulletin insert each week with a few questions for the congregation to answer.

WORSHIP SERVICE: In September all participating churches will worship together at 9:00 a.m. watching the livestream for 45 minutes. The remainder of the hour is for each church to address local needs.

PROPOSED ORDER OF WORSHIP (first 45 minutes):

1. Prelude
2. Call to Worship / Opening Prayer
3. Passing the Peace (this will be done sitting)
4. Hymn
5. Prayer of Confession / Assurance of Pardon
6. Apostles Creed / Gloria Patri
7. Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer
8. Hymn
9. Scripture
10. Sermon
11. Doxology and Offertory Prayer (we will not pass plates at this time).
12. Benediction

AFTER THE LIVE STREAM ENDS: Churches may want to use this last 15 minutes to:

1. Share announcements
2. Announce Birthdays / Anniversaries
3. Share Prayer Requests
4. Children's Sermon
5. Pass the Peace (by greeting each other individually)
6. Pass Offering Plates
7. Sing a Closing Hymn
8. Offer a Closing Prayer or Benediction.