



## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 6:00 PM

### Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM  
7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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# The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

**T**he Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him (Habakkuk 2:20). What does it mean to “keep silence” before the Lord? The Hebrew word means to “hush, hold your peace, hold the tongue, be still.” The word is painting a picture of reverence and respect for the Almighty God.

Since we are the temple of God, each of us need to learn how to keep silence before the Almighty God, especially when we come together for worship. Here are a few practical tips to help us keep silence before the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

1. Make proper preparation for worship before the Lord’s Day. We should have our clothing, Bible, and any other materials needed for Sunday ready the night before. This will help us keep silence before the Lord because we will not be rushing to get the Lord’s house or rushing to get things done while in the Lord’s house. It is hard to hush when we are always in a rush.

2. Prepare your children for class and worship. Many times children are just “thrown” into classes at the last minute without preparation being made. Make sure they are fed before coming to class and help them understand what their purpose is for coming to the assembly and Bible class.

3. Pray before we come to the assembly. Ask the Lord to help us come with an attitude of gratitude and a heart to listen and be obedient to His word. We can even pray with our spouse and children. Prayer gives us peace of mind which helps us revere God for who He is.

4. Make proper preparation between Bible class and worship. This is a time when we are usually conversing with others and passing from our classes to the auditorium for worship. It is great that we can fellowship and talk during those 15 minutes, but how about using that time to prepare our minds to revere God? Parents, make sure children are not running from downstairs to upstairs and disrupting things in the auditorium. Parents, be sure to

take them to the bathroom, get a drink, and help them get settled before worship. Adults, as well, need to get settled well before 10:30 a.m. All of us should be seated, silenced, and ready for worship because the Lord is still in His holy temple, so let all the earth keep silence before Him.

-K.A. Pugh

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Have you ever heard of Cape May Diamonds? They are naturally occurring quartz stones that wash up on the shore near Cape May, New Jersey. They are sort of a milky white color when found as pebbles upon the beach. However, they can be cleaned and polished so that they become clear quartz that appears very much like a true diamond. Those transformed quartz stones are fashioned into jewelry and sold in the stores around Cape May. At first glance, they certainly look like real diamonds.

In a sense, we are like those Cape May Diamonds. Our lives were like the milky white pebbles found on the beach. Because of the stain of sin, our lives were not as beautiful as they could have been. However, we, too, were cleansed and polished, so to speak, by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. That took place when we were baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3-4). As those quartz pebbles were transformed, so are our lives.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Rom 12:2 ESV

Now that you have been transformed, live in such a way as to sparkle in the light of God’s Son. Glorify God today and every day.

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