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Theology of Worship

10:00 AM — Session #2:
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10:50-11:10 AM — Break

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12:00 AM — Lunch

Afternoon

12:45 PM — Hymn, Scripture,
& Prayer

1:00 PM — Workshop #1 Options

- Worship Leadership
- Worship Environment

2:00 PM — Workshop #2 Options

- Worship Shape
- Worship as Life

2:50 PM — Closing

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Worship Alignment: This session helps leaders evaluate the alignment between their church's beliefs, values, and visible worship practices. Participants will also explore the formative power of worship habits in shaping belief and learn practical tools for discerning drift and realigning their services with clarity and hope. (Rev. Andy Coyle)

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Workshop Descriptions

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Worship Environment: This workshop explores how the worship environment, space, symbols, color, and beauty, shapes what a congregation learns and confesses in worship. Participants will reflect on what these elements teach, how they serve the Gospel, and the common pitfalls that can distract from Christ-centered worship. (Rev. Adam Osier)

Worship Shape: Reflect on the Gathering, Hearing, Feeding, and Sending—forms a Gospel-shaped pattern for congregational worship. (Rev. Adam Osier)

Worship as Life: This workshop examines worship as a way of life, considering how faith is lived out beyond the gathered congregation in daily vocations, rhythms, and relationships. Participants will reflect on how the church year shapes personal devotion, and how individual and family habits can be formed around a life of ongoing worship. (Rev. Brian Westerbur)



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