

Let Us Go Into the House of God (Psalm 122)

In the Old Testament, very specific rules and laws were set down regarding when, where, and how God's followers were to worship. In the New Testament, further examples and instructions are given as to when we are to meet and the purposes of our meeting – worship, prayer, singing praises, and partaking of the communion. In Matthew 21, Jesus went into the temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves, saying “It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.”

We at Karns are very fortunate to have a nice comfortable building to meet in for our worship services but we need to keep in mind that we are entering into the house of God and to act accordingly. Every effort has been made to provide facilities that allow all comers to worship God without distraction or interruption. We have ample seating in the auditorium; a nursery for very small children and nursing mothers and a training room for somewhat older children. In all these areas, the sound system has been installed so that everyone is able to participate in the worship service.

The doors at the back of the auditorium are marked as to which door is to be opened from the auditorium side. If you push gently on the bar, it will open and most times an usher will have a door already opened for you. It is not necessary to slam the bar in order for the door to open creating a noise that disturbs the congregation. As you pass through the door, allow it to close gently.

Our foyer area is designed to allow us to fellowship with each other before and after services. Recently, during services there were over 20 people in the foyer area for no apparent reason other than talking and visiting with each other. While conversation and visiting are encouraged, we should remember why we came to the building – to worship God. If you are not an usher, when the lights go up for worship service please find a seat in the auditorium and prepare to enter into worship to God by participating in the singing, prayers, and paying attention to the lesson being presented. Yes, there are times when someone needs to leave the auditorium during worship service and it can be accomplished with a minimum of disruption as can the return to the seat during the service.

Let us all remember that we come to the building to worship our God and we need to conduct ourselves in a respectful, worshipful manner that gives God the glory He deserves.

Let us go into the house of the Lord. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20).

For the elders,
Don Wagner