

# Show Respect and Honor

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## *Psalm 122*

In the Old Testament, very specific rules and laws were set regarding when, where and how God's followers were to worship. In the New Testament, further examples and instructions were 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 who 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 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 which 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 everyone is able to participate in worship.

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 already opened the door for you. It is not necessary to slam the bar in order to open the door, creating a noise which disturbs the congregation. As you pass through the door, allow it to close gently.

Our foyer area is designed to allow fellowship with each other before and after services. Recently, during services, there were over 20 people in the foyer 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 worship God. If you are not an usher, when the worship service begins, 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 and it can be accomplished with a minimum of disruption as can the return to the seat in the assembly.

Let us all remember we come 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).

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For the elders