

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Rethinking Worship for Small Churches

Mark Parsons, Keynote Speaker



2017 Small Church Conference

Worship — Keynote— Lunch —Workshops

CALL PRESBYTERY TO REGISTER:

(304) 744 - 7634

Small Church Conference Program

September 23: Summersville Presbyterian Church

THEME	WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED RETHINKING WORSHIP FOR SMALL GROUPS
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:00	Lively Worship*
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote: “Worship is a Verb “ -- Mark Parsons Reflections/ Q&A on the Worship Service
12:00 – 12:30	Mission Deserves Mention! <i>(Share how your church is ministering through mission!)</i>
12:30 – 1:15	LUNCH in the Fellowship Hall
1:15 – 2:00	Hands-on Workshops** (Attend two workshop of your choice): (a) Worship is a Verb – Rethinking Worship -- Mark Parsons, Presenter (b) Telling Old Stories in a New Way -- CRE Kellan Sarles and Rev. Rachel Shepherd, Presenters (c) When Not to Talk, and What Not to Say -- Hospital Chaplain James Morley, Presenter (d) Shared Ministry -- Arden Swecker and members of Valley Parish, Presenters
2:20 – 3:00	Attend second workshop from list above.

WORKSHOPS

“Worship is a Verb: Rethinking Worship” —Mark Parsons will engage participants in envisioning new, authentic ways your congregation can participate in worship through music, liturgy, and intentional practices.

“Telling Old Stories in a New Way” — CRE Kellan Sarles and the Rev. Rachel Shepherd will lead participants in storytelling, choral reading, and responsive prayer techniques —strategies they can take home and put to use to enliven worship and other gatherings.

“When Not to Talk; What Not to Say” — Under the guidance of Rev. James Morley, Director of the Chaplaincy Department, United Hospital Center, Bridgeport, you will participate in a mock hospital visit from both the visitor’s and the patient’s perspective, gaining the skill and insight to bring comfort and encouragement.

“Shared Ministry” — Elder Arden Swecker and parish members will share the collaboration that defines Valley Parish. They will tell the story of four separate churches with a new identity and mission together.

*Worship Service will incorporate many of the ideas to be presented in afternoon workshops.

** Participants will complete evaluations after the worship service, after lunch, and during each workshop.