



# Monday Morning in North Georgia

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## This Week's Calendar

### Week of

**September 8-14**

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### Tuesday 9th

- [GRFN District Committee on Ministry](#)
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### Wednesday 5th

- [ACPK Charge Conference Training](#)

### Thursday 11th

- [Youth Worker Movement](#)

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## Lectionary and Bible Readings

## Worship is Essential

The school year has started again. We have already celebrated Labor Day. The days are still plenty hot but the nights are getting a bit cooler. Although summer doesn't officially end for a couple more weeks, the lazy days of summer have come and gone for all practical purposes.

Summer months afford many opportunities for a more relaxed pace and time to get away but now we return to more rigorous schedules as the seasons change and fall approaches. As we make these adjustments I hope that we will make regular worship attendance a part of our weekly routine.

Worship with a congregation of believers is very important to our well-being. Regardless of how that worship experience looks, taking time apart from the daily grind and the joining in worship with others on the faith journey is critical to our spiritual health. Worship shifts our focus away from ourselves and turns our attention to the One who gives and sustains life.

Worship renews the spirit and refreshes the mind and body. Sharing in the songs, prayers, and other liturgical acts does something for us that all our busy-ness cannot provide. Acknowledging our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer with praise and adoration helps us to gain proper perspective on life and leads us to a fuller understanding of our purpose for living. Worship is the daily bread for persons who love God.

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, said, "To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God".



### Daily Bible Reading

- Readings that will take you through the entire Bible in a Year

### Lectionary Scriptures

Sunday, September 14

- Exodus 14:19-31
- Psalm 114
- Romans 14:1-12
- Matthew 18:21-35

### Worship Tools

- [Worship Planning Helps](#)
- [Preaching Helps](#)
- [21st Century Worship](#)
- [Lectionary Hymns](#)



Samuel Miller adds: “Worship is the highest act of which a person is capable. It not only stretches us beyond all the limits of our finite selves to affirm the depth of mystery and holiness in the living and eternal God but it opens us at the deepest level of our being to an act which unites us most

realistically with our fellow people.”

Personal time for prayer, meditation, and other acts of worship are essential for spiritual health. Corporate worship experiences are equally important. John Witvliet, writing for the Alban Institute, says “Christianity is a ‘first-person plural’ religion, where communal worship, service, fellowship, and learning are indispensable for grounding and forming individual faith.”

See you Sunday in worship!

Jamie Jenkins

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## Conference Youth Worker Movement

The next conference youthworker gathering is Thursday, September 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Paul UMC in Grant Park. This is a great opportunity for youth workers, both new and veterans, to join for a time of networking, hearing about new things going on in youth ministry and being a part of the conference connection. Let Margaret Freeman know if you’re coming by e-mailing [mfreeman@ngumc.org](mailto:mfreeman@ngumc.org).

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