



## Proposal to Session for Launch of New Worship Service Presented September 9, 2013

Begin a new worship service that is characterized by:

A commitment to the core theology and public values of the Reformed tradition:

- the sovereignty of God,
- the centrality of scripture,
- the priesthood of all believers,
- and attending to the Spirit who invites the church into ever new expressions of faith, service and love in the world;

Boldly proclaiming the gospel in the common languages of our community and neighbors with:

- content consistent with the message we proclaim in other services of worship,
- customized delivery to those who are exploring the Christian faith for the first time or who are renewing their connection with the Christian community,
- multiple-generational families who hope to engage their children and grandchildren,
- new neighbors moving into the South End and Midtown communities;

A relaxed but relevant worship environment with:

- an appreciation for the diversity and beauty of human life conveyed in clear invitations for people to “come as they are” and bring noisy children and babies into worship,
- a bold, energetic, uplifting repertoire of music that integrates new, locally created songs with new interpretations of well-known music, secular and sacred,
- new and fresh language for articulating trust in God, hope in Christ, and life in the Spirit.

Proximate in time and space to the current worship life of the Covenant community, so that those attending all services may build a new life in common.