

New Thought Community

Awakening to the Divine Presence Within Each of Us



Guidelines for Sunday Service

Speaker

As soon as you are scheduled to speak:

Begin treatment for:

 Yourself, NTC (the entity), and the Community (the individuals).

Choose Practitioner

 It is recommended that you chose your Practitioner of the Day as soon as you can, so that they can begin treating for you, supporting you, and co-creating your message by choosing a reading and writing their treatment.

At any time after you are scheduled, but as soon as you are clear on the direction of your message:

Choose Topic

 Have your topic tie into a Science of Mind principle or metaphysical message that exemplifies a Science of Mind principle. Your talk should be 10 – 15 minutes.

 Be mindful of the sacred space created here and be aware of your language at the podium.

Support and Feedback on Message

 There are a number of ministers who will make themselves available for support and feedback in advance of your talk, and it is encouraged that you run your talk past an experienced speaker, regardless of your own experience, either in written or verbal format. The idea is to support your message to come through as intended, and give one another feedback to further that end. Reach out to any minister to see who is available for support and feedback!

Choose Persons for Service Assignments (see overview on Service Assignments)

 As you likely already know, there is a ribbon at the top of NTC's homepage that offers several options, and one of those is "For Speakers." Under this option you can find this overview, and also overviews for the Practitioner and other Service Assignments. These overviews are intended to assist you in preparation for your service, and all our ministers are available if you have questions!

Fill out your online Order of Service

Also found on the website under “For Speakers” is the Order of Service. Once you fill out that form and submit it, it will directly communicate your choices to the facilitator and band and choir, and they can begin preparing music for your talk. They will also fill out the physical order of service for Sunday. On the online Order of Service form there are spaces to add music choices. Do not be concerned if you don’t have ideas for all of those songs! This is intended to give you the opportunity to submit requests (see below).

Working with the NTC Band and Choir

The Band and Choir will work with you to choose music to support your talk. They represent a wealth of knowledge of spiritual and contemporary music, as well as an expertise that allows them to learn and perform new requests. While they try to keep new songs to one or two per service, they are open and available to you for suggestions and specific songs that support your talk. If there is a song that has inspired you in preparing your message, let them know! There are also musicians on our team able to write or re-write songs on a given topic, especially if you give them some lead time! Reach out as soon as you have ideas. If they haven’t heard from you by the Sunday prior to your talk, someone will reach out to you.

Attend band practice (typically Friday evening at 5:30, but check with Music Directors as to scheduling)

*The purpose of this is to connect with the band and their flow of energy, and to unify intention. Also, feel free to sing with the choir or to lead a song, if you are so inspired! You do not have to be a concert-ready musician to contribute to the service in a meaningful way!

Introduction of Practitioner and Speaker

Work with the Facilitator and Practitioner to determine who will do the introductions of the Practitioner and Speaker; you may handle it any way you wish. The intention is to give the community a small personal insight into the Practitioner / Speaker before they speak. It should be brief and create connection. This can be decided on Sunday morning, prior to the start of service.

Sunday Morning – we are co-creating sacred space

Arrive at 8:30 to start the process of holding energy with the band and preparing the space for meditation and service.

See what’s needed:

Confirm those who are performing Service Assignments are in place and prepared.

Treat for service – smooth running, divinely inspired participation.

9:55 a.m. be in your seat at the front of the Sanctuary, ready for service to begin.

Release and let God!

The Facilitator or Practitioner will introduce you when it is time for your message. You are divinely guided and abundantly supported!

Parting Words:

At the close of service, we circle up and sing Blessed Always. After the first verse, there is an opportunity to step to the podium to give a few parting words for the community to take with them, and then we close with the rest of the song. While not strictly required, it is a nice element should you choose to do this.

End of Service:

Make yourself available to people to approach you and talk to you, being mindful not to block the flow of traffic. Weather permitting, be outside the Sanctuary.

Ensure the Practitioner has collected the Community Prayer Treatment Request forms from the prayer treatment request box in the foyer.

Ensure the closing procedures are being handled, and that there is enough support.

Close the circle and say a prayer of thanks.