

Good morning, friends.

On behalf of the worship committee, I would like to announce some changes coming to the worship flower program. First of all, we are very grateful for the flowers that adorn the two side tables each Sunday worship, for the loved ones who are honored by the flowers, for the volunteers who prepare the flower arrangements, and for the many sponsors who purchase flowers in the names of those honored and remembered. We see the flowers as reminders of God's creation and his presence with us during the worship time.

Secondly, our team has been evaluating the current program over the past year. We have looked at safety issues, the smaller number of volunteers who are available to prepare the arrangements, and a growing desire on the part of the team to bring our focus more to the center of the Chancel area, to the Lord's Table.

Change is never easy, so we have remained mindful of that, and have gradually been introducing some elements of the changes to come during the past 6 months. As you may have noticed, some Sundays the flowers have been arranged through a florist. We are pleased to say that the additional expense did not burden the church but was covered by private donations.

Beginning in January 2027, the worship flowers will be arranged through that same florist which has proven that they not only do beautiful arrangements but also work well with our team. There will be only one arrangement, and it will be in the center of the Lord's Table. It will be carefully constructed so as not to obscure the cross.

The sponsor sign-up book will reflect these changes starting January 2027. Sponsors can start reserving special dates for next year in October. The cost will be \$75 per Sunday. Sponsors will still have the option of donating the flowers to the Sages flower delivery program.

Thank you, sponsors, for your patience during this change. We welcome your questions or concerns, as we may have overlooked something during our planning. We encourage you to reserve your dates soon, as we anticipate the calendar will fill up quickly.

The Worship Committee