"What We Worship Is What We Love"

A Heart Healthy Church loves God's Word (the Bible) A Heart Healthy Church will be known by its love for others.

TODAY: A Heart Healthy Church Loves to Honor and Please Christ and Is Centered on HIM in Worship

I. Where worship aims

"Find out what pleases the Lord." (Ephesians 5:10, NIV)

GOAL: To craft a worship service in such a way so as to accommodate God's people in their coming together for the purpose of honoring God by Christ-centered and Christ-focused and God exalting worship.

John 4:23 "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

II. What worship is

A. *proskunew* (proskuneo) – appears 22 times in the Book of Revelation

B. *latreia* (latray-ah) – appear 98 times in the Greek translation of the Old Testament (The Septuagint)

I Peter 2:9 "you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood..."

III. Who worship honors

Revelation 5:6-13 Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, <u>standing in</u> <u>the center</u> of the throne,

"You are worthy..."

"I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb **be praise** and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

IV. What worship does

Deuteronomy 12:30-32 (v. 31 "You must not worship the LORD your God in their way.")

Psalm 147: 1 Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!