### Course Unit Outline

#### **Unit Code**

L7100

#### **Unit Name**

Introduction to Christian Worship

### **Unit Weighting**

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# Type of Unit

Foundational

# Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions

NIL

#### **Academic Staff**

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### **Curriculum Objectives**

This course unit introduces students to concepts that provide a foundation for the study of Christian worship.

### **Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate a knowledge of the biblical, theological, cultural and historical foundations for the practice of Christian worship within a particular tradition
- 2) Demonstrate a knowledge of the current issues within Christian worship
- 3) Use a wide range of liturgical resources
- 4) Prepare and conduct a range of liturgical services
- 5) Differentiate the riches of the Christian liturgical traditions

## Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit

#### Content

- 1. The biblical basis for Christian worship
- 2. The theology of Christian worship
- 3. The role of culture in the development of worship
- 4. The historical developments in Christian worship
- 5. Current issues in Christian worship
- 6. Preparation of a Christian worship service

### **Learning Activities**

Lectures, Tutorials, Student Presentations

# **Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment**

#### **Assessment Profile**

Assessments tasks are designed both to help students attain the unit outcomes and to enable teachers to assess student attainment. In this unit, assessment of student achievement with respect to the Unit Outcomes will be based on:

- 1. Student preparation and presentation of liturgical services or tutorial on selected topics [Outcomes 1,2,3]
- 2. A discussion of the historical sources of Christian worship and their relevance to contemporary liturgical practices. e.g. essay [Outcomes 1,2,3]
- 3. An engagement with the wide range of liturgical sources. e.g. exam [Outcomes 2,4,5]

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