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# Healthy Church: The Hope Avenue

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# hope av·e·nue

/hōp/ /'avə,n(y)ōō/

*noun*

1. the Sunday worship service.
2. the space where we **inspire and bring hope** to the congregation on Sunday morning, preparing them to go out into their neighborhood filled with the Hope of Christ.

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*examples:*

- communion
- baptism & dedication
- praise
- confession
- responsive reading
- giving
- scripture reading

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# The Three I's

*The Hope Avenue consists of three main components:*

- 1. Intentional Preparation**
- 2. Inclusive Gathering**
- 3. Inspirational Sunday Service**

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1.

# Intentional Preparation

/in'ten(t)SH(ə)n(ə)l/ /,prepə'rāSH(ə)n/

*noun*

1. Worship and integration that are communicating, coordinating, holding planning meetings, and working well together.

*examples:*

- Planning meetings
- Team calendar

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# 2.

## Inclusive Gathering

*/in'kloosiv/ /'gaTH(ə)riNG/*

*noun*

1. Spaces for fellowship and developing new relationship.

*examples:*

- Intentionally welcoming, well-coordinated ministries with clear next steps to discipleship: greeters, ushers, children's ministry, new member classes.

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# 3.

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## Inspirational Sunday Service

*/,ɪnspə'rāSH(ə)n(ə)l/ /'səndē/ /'sərvəs/*

*noun*

1. Our service celebrates the nature and presence of our triune God and is interactive with congregational response.

*examples:*

- Communion, baptism, praise, confession, dedication, responsive reading, giving, scripture reading.

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