

# Worship Initiative Grant

## Uniting in Worship

**THE CHALLENGE:** The church will take worship out of the church building and away from the church grounds and into the community.

**THE CONCEPT:** The Visioning Team wants to encourage churches to take worship to the community and find ways to worship outside their buildings. To that end, a \$500 grant is offered to churches who develop a plan to take worship outside the church.

The project, after approval and resourcing by the session, is eligible \$500 in funding from PGR if the project meets the requirements below.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The church must provide a worship service, or ongoing worship, off the church grounds. The worship cannot be held at another church.
2. Each PGR Church is eligible for one Worship Initiative Grant a year for \$500.
3. The project must have the approval of the church's Session.
4. The project must in some way provide a blessing to the community outside the churches involved in the project.
5. The church must provide a written summary of the worship series or event to the Visioning Team before the end of the year that is at least 300 words.

### **THE PROCESS:**

1. The simple application is located on the Mission page of the PGR website.
2. The project requires session approval.
3. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis as funds are available. Funds are dependent on Presbytery wide shared mission giving.
4. The projects must be implemented fully within one year following approval of the grant.
5. The Visioning Team or a Visioning Team subcommittee will read, evaluate and approve proposals. If you have any questions about the process or application, please contact the Visioning Team Moderator, Rev. Jonathan Warren at [jwarren@firstpresjax.org](mailto:jwarren@firstpresjax.org) and Carol Sleeth at [cisleeth@comcast.net](mailto:cisleeth@comcast.net)
6. The 300 word summary of the special worship must be submitted to the Visioning Team by the end of the year. The summary should include where the worship was held, who led the service, who participated, and what the results were.

**Application  
Worship Initiative Grant**  
Presbytery of Great Rivers

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME WORK CELL

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested (up to \$500): \_\_\_\_\_

Where will the worship be held: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your vision and plan for this worship service. How will it be different from your regular worship?

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How do you hope this worship service reaches and blesses? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why did you choose the location you did for this worship service? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will the \$500 be used? \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of session approval of project \_\_\_\_\_