

Weather-Impacted Worship

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Purpose: In order to maintain clarity and easy communication between all involved, should weather ever threaten the regularly planned weekend worship services, the following procedure is to be followed.

Decision Making Team: The following group of people have been entrusted to make any decision regarding worship related to weather complications. Should they feel like additional advice is needed, they are welcome to involve others, but they are empowered to make the call.

- **Adam Tomlinson** (Lead Minister)
- **Tom Sippy** (Chair of Elders)
- **Mike Younglove** (Property Leader)

Should any of these members not be available they make the other members of this group aware, and a stand-in will be consulted.

Preparation for Weather

A number of steps will be taken to ensure that our whole community knows what to expect for the weather-impacted weekends.

1. Every year in early November, we will remind our church of our SOP for weather. While it is possible that tornadoes, extreme heat, or rain could impact our worship they are far less likely.
2. There will be a dedicated webpage WestwoodChristian.com/Weather that will detail the below information.
3. We will build a team of folks who are willing to help clear the property and will communicate with them ahead of time if we expect potential issues.
4. In our Friday Emails, we will have a link and reminder of what times to expect decisions to be made.

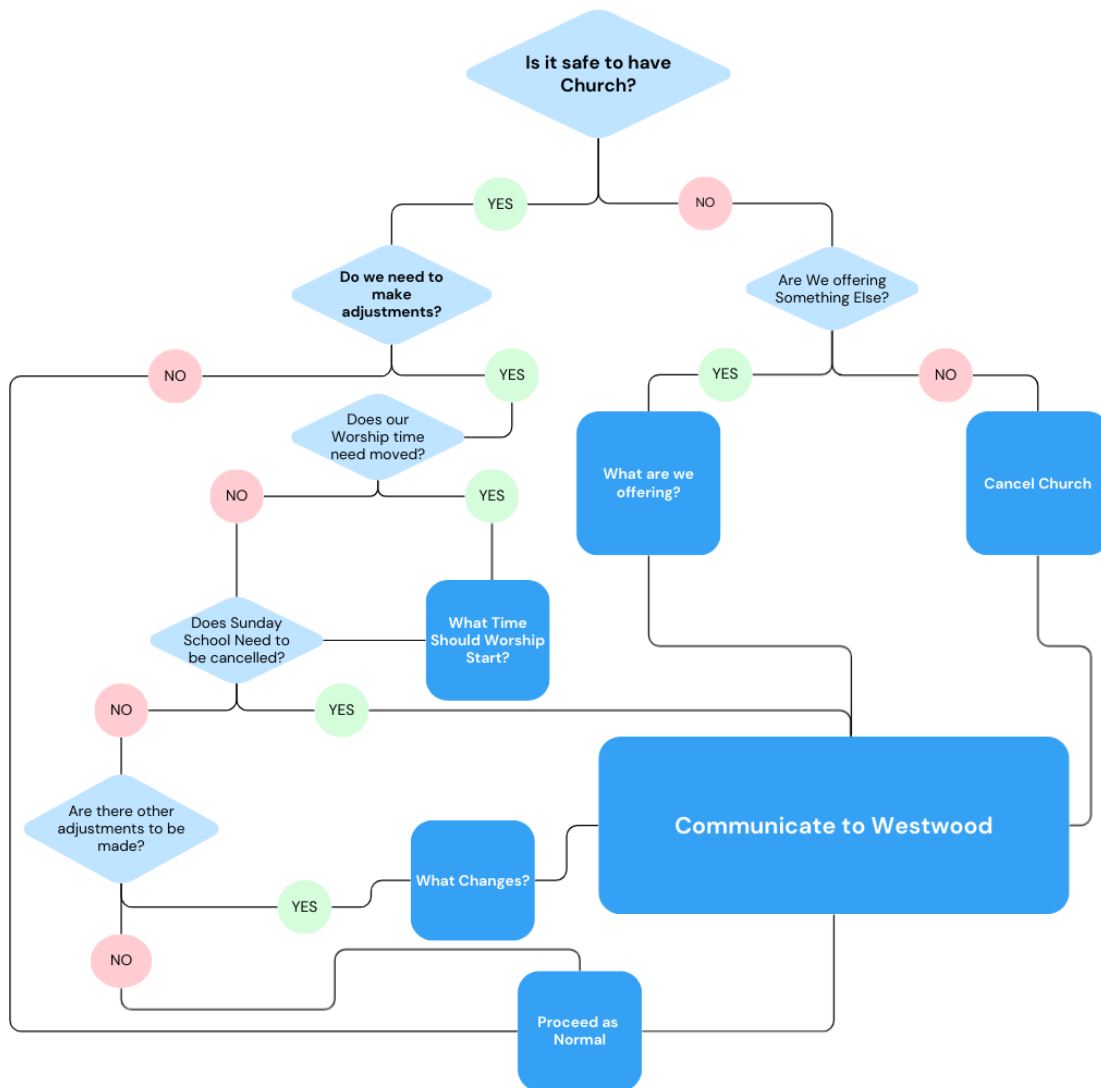
Step One: Make a Decision

The Decision-Making Team have a conference call to make the decision. All three will be on a call together, to ensure the conversation is clear and everyone is on the same page. There is a flowchart, below, for how the conversation should progress, but it is possible other decisions may also need to be made!

Safety is the number one concern. Safety for our members, our volunteers, and for our staff team. If it is unsafe, we will adjust in some way.

Some options for other offerings include, but are not limited to:

- Hosting a simple service on our Church YouTube led by one of our staff or elders
- Encouraging members to watch another church's livestream or attend another church
- Making available an at-home worship guide for families



Step Two: Communicate to the Church

There are three primary ways that we will communicate any and all decisions to our community. It is possible that other means (e.g. radio/TV news stations) but these are the ways you can count on finding out about weather impacted worship:

1. We will post any decisions on the following:
 - a. Facebook
 - b. Website weather page and homepage
 - c. Our YouTube channel
2. We will email the church.
3. Anyone who does not have or use email will receive a phone call from an elder.

Step Three: Ensure Worship Preparations

The Decision Making Team (or their stand-ins) will all arrive at church in time to ensure that the property can be prepared for worship. The time of their arrival will have already been decided when they made the decision(s) for the morning. We will mobilize volunteers to help clear snow, ice, or debris.