"Principles of Christian Worship"

(Selected Scriptures)

While God's Word does not outline a specific order of service and worship style per se, it does give sufficient precepts and principles that, if applied, will result in a worship pleasing to God and edifying to God's people.

Principles that would apply to any worshipper living in any culture:

Christian Worship (in any culture) should be:

1. Doxological

1 Corinthians 10:31
"Do, do all to the glory of God."

2. Spiritual

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

3. Biblical

We are admonished to worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24)

4. Christ-Centered

John 16:13-14
Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself…He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Worship is:

a. *A Means of **Entrance***
(We are ushered into God's presence in worship; Worship is all about Him; What a privilege to have access to the God of the universe.)

b. *A Means of **Expression***
(In worship, we express thankfulness, adoration, and our opinion of God giving Him praise for Who he is and What He has done)

c. *A Means of **Edification***
Although this is not the primary purpose of worship, it is the result of worship. Spiritual enrichment and life transformation take place when we see His glory!

2 Corinthians 3:18
But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Styles of worship that do offend in any culture:

1) **IRREVERENT Worship**
(Psalm 11:9)
2) **ILL-PREPARED Worship**
2 Samuel 24:24
3) **MAN-CENTERED Worship**
John 3:30

Christian Worship (in any culture) should be:

5. Scripturally Organized

See: 1 Corinthians 14:23-40

How does God expect a church worship service to function?

a. **Worship should be UNDERSTANDABLE (v.23-25)**
(Not Madness & Chaos)
b. **Worship should be EDIFYING (v.26)**
(Not show-offs or self-entertainment)
c. **Worship should be ORDERLY (v.27-33)**
(Not commotion & confusion)
d. **Worship should be conducted with MALE LEADERSHIP (v.34-35)**
(Not women leading men)

6. Suitable for a Holy, Righteous God

Our approach to God in worship (in any culture) ought to involve the following features:

1. ***A spirit of Reverence***
2. ***A spirit of Serious Meditation***
3. ***A spirit of Sincerity and Genuineness***
4. ***A spirit of Joy and Gladness***
5. ***A spirit of Obedience and Submission to God's Authority***
6. ***A Spirit of Earnest Enthusiasm***