

Dear Christmas Worship Planner,

Hello! My name is Ann Marie House, and I was a worship minister for seventeen years at Lakewood Christian Church, in McAlester, Oklahoma. I loved planning our Christmas worship services each year. My goal was to remind people of the depth and beauty and wonder of Jesus coming to earth for us and lead them to respond in worship! Each year a "Christmas Creative Team" and I would write and direct a worship service that offered a strong theological message with various artistic elements. We tried to get as many people and age groups involved as possible in presenting it.

I know that sometimes it is hard to find different ways to tell the same story (even though this story is the greatest). Some churches do not have a choir to present a big musical production, but they want their Christmas service to be special. Maybe you have a contemporary service and need some fresh narration. You could be the one put in charge but have never planned a Christmas service before. Or maybe you have been planning services for years, and need some new ideas. Whatever the case, I would like to share some of our services with you. If you would like to use any of these, please do! It is our desire that these be helpful resources for you as you plan your Christmas service this year.

These services can involve many people from your church. They can be adapted easily to fit your church size. Each of the services does not tell the message through a sermon but through narration, scripture, and other creative avenues. We allowed 1 hour and 30 minutes for each service. Any songs that we suggest would need to be purchased or used with your CCLI license. Please feel free to substitute any suggested songs with newer songs or ones that fit your church style or talent. Just look at the scripture and story line that surrounds the song and pick one that would add to the story and worship.

These services are free for your use, so please do not sell them or profit from them. We have used many resources in putting them together.

I would love to hear from you if they were helpful. I just want Jesus to be celebrated and worshiped in spirit and truth!

Your sister in Christ,
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