

# TECH *driven* WORSHIP

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**Writer's Note:** Even though this skit suggests many props and images, the skit should be performed with as few as possible. The actor's movements will serve as the primary "prop."

**Pastor:** Good morning! Welcome to worship. It's good to see so many of you today. As many of you know, today is the first Sunday we will be using "technology" in our worship. You'll notice the screen, the new sound system, and the projector. The Board of Elders and I studied this transition dramatically and we're very excited to see how it goes.

Now, if you are a visitor we're really glad that (whoever is working the sound system should turn the Pastor's microphone off) you are here. Hello???? (taps microphone) Is this thing on? Can you hear me (turn mic back on) in the back? Whoa! Sorry! I didn't mean to yell there. Anyway...if you're a guest, we're glad that you're here.

In an effort to save costs on printing, the order of worship will be projected onto the screen above. Let us participate in the Responsive Invocation. (turns toward the altar) Dear Lord, we welcome you. (congregation doesn't respond so Pastor looks at screen and starts again) I said, "Dear Lord, we welcome you." (congregation still doesn't respond so Pastor looks at screen and then into the balcony)

**Tech Guy:** (from the balcony) Sorry. We're having a little technical difficulty. Give me just a minute.

**Pastor:** OK. Well, your part was supposed to be, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." But, at this point, we'll just move on to our first hymn, "Amazing Grace." Again, to save costs on printing, the song will appear on the screen. (Sits while the organist preludes Amazing Grace. At the moment the congregation is supposed to start the words to Beautiful Savior appear on the screen. The organ fades away)

**Tech Guy:** (from the balcony) Sorry about that. I'm still trying to get the bugs worked out.

**Pastor:** I asked you to do that before worship started.

**Tech Guy:** I had to get doughnuts for the adult bible study.

**Pastor:** Um ... well... let's try again! (Sits again, while organ strikes a few notes. Suddenly, a solitaire game appears on the screen.)

**Pastor:** What is that? All right! That's it! This service is ruined. Everyone go home! We're done here ...

**Jim:** (enters from within the congregation) Pastor, with all due respect, I don't think that this service is a complete waste.

**Pastor:** How can you say that?

**Jim:** Well, it's true that we should have been more prepared for this worship. We'll work on that for next week. But, and I think it was Jesus who said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." So, if you and I were the only people in this church, then Jesus is here...and our service wouldn't be in vain.

**Pastor:** Well, I feel a bit embarrassed. (immediately on the screen pops the words to Amazing Grace)

**Jim:** It's forgiven. Hey, let's sing now!

**Tech Guy:** I'm ready...

**Organist:** I'm ready...

**Pastor:** I'm ready! Let's really begin!

The End

**Writer's Note:** The skit could end here with clapping or the congregation could actually sing Amazing Grace.