

SYMBOLIS

Session 2 - Symbolism in the Church - Architecture

Why is the groundplan of a church important? How can it be a symbol in itself?

What is the symbolism or message inherent in the basilica form of church?

in the cruciform church?

in the octagonal church?

in the modern theater style church?

Why is the arrangement of space in a church so important?

Why is the nave of a liturgical church separate from the chancel? Why is the chancel usually elevated?

What are the main focal points of a typical liturgical church?

What is significant about a church's dimensions?

What is symbolic about the orientation of different parts of the church and of the actions that take place within them?