"Two Fold Purpose of Praise and Worship"

FIRST: but not necessarily foremost, is to bring us together (in one mind and one accord, Acts 2:1) where each of us unite together thus forming a corporate body understanding why we have come together which is to "lift up that name that is above every name; the name of Jesus"

He said in John 12:32 "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me". As we lift up the name of Jesus, only then can the Holy Spirit do what He likes to do most and that is usher us, carry us, escort us together as one body into HIS Presence.

At this point we very much need to realize The Power always follows the Presence. The Presence never follows the Power. The Bible teaches us that Signs and Wonders are to follow the believer; the believer is never to follow/chase/pursue/covet signs and wonders. However, we must always be in pursuit of THE PRESENCE, HIS PRESENCE.

SECOND: the purpose of praise and worship is to prepare us, our minds and our hearts to receive the Word of God. Praise and Worship if done properly should help us in discerning the LORD'S Body. (1 Cor. 11:29)

CONCLUSION: One could say the entire service is supposed to be a representation of the LORD'S SUPPER. Praise and Worship is the cup from which we drink and the Message, i.e. the Word of God is the Bread.

Wrapped up in this brief explanation/definition is one of the reasons, if not in fact, the main reason why church attendance is vital in the life of a Christian.