

Worship Team Profile

PURPOSE

The Worship Ministry exists to GLORIFY God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through music and the arts, to CONNECT non-believers the Gospel and ministry of Jesus, to ENCOURAGE spiritual growth in those who believe, and to SERVE them through the exemplary leading of worship.

VISION

To become worshipers and worship leaders that lead people into the presence of God through transformational worship.

MISSION

Leading people into the presence of God.

VALUES

This is a set of values that relate specifically to our times of gathering together as a community of faith, to express corporately our worship of our God. Below are the nine points that inform what we are doing in this aspect of our life together.



God centered: Our worship is not primarily for us. It is for God. We will not indulge ourselves in worship but seek to honor and reverence God before everything else.

Passionate: We want to not be ashamed of an enthusiastic response to God in worship. We will not judge each other for displaying an exuberance before God in worship. We will not judge each other for NOT displaying an (outward) exuberance before God in worship. We aspire to not care what others think of us but to be abandoned to God. We want our worship to be intimate but acknowledge that it is sometimes hard to be intimate with God in front of others. We recognize that passion can be expressed in many different ways.

Honest: We are not into putting on a show in public that does not really reflect who we are or where we are. We will attempt to find the balance between being honest about our situation as we come before God in worship on the one hand, and CHOOSING to worship God despite our circumstances on the other hand.

Experiential: We do not strive to be 'seeker driven' but to allow our worship to offer the opportunity to experience the presence of God

Creative: We want our worship to be creative because this is a reflection of our being made in the image of the creator God. We want to distance ourselves from worship that is routine, formulaic, and unimaginative while at the same time seeking to avoid doing new things for the sake of doing new things. We aspire to be a community that welcomes artists of all kinds just for who they are and also as those who can help us to honor and delight God by the creation of beautiful, imaginative acts of corporate worship.

Holistic: We want to bring our whole beings before God in worship so we want to see worship happening that connects us on a mental, spiritual, physical, and emotional level to God. We want to see all of our senses engaged in the worship of God.

Communal: We aspire to worship God in community. That will mean joining together in liturgy, song, meditation, study of scripture etc. and collaborating to create worship material. It will also mean being sensitive to each other's needs in the communal setting.

Spacious: In our corporate acts of worship we want to create space for people to encounter God in many and various ways. We recognize that people need a variety of different kinds of space in order to connect with God: physical space, musical space etc. The worship we create will recognize the importance of space.

Open: We want our acts of corporate worship to be accessible to those who are not-yet Christian and for our worship gatherings to be spaces where people can encounter God.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To be spending time in personal time with God in worship and prayer away from the “platform” ministry (you cannot lead others to where you have not gone yourself).
2. To be actively working at your craft (piano, guitar, vocals, drums, etc.)
3. To be spiritually ready and musically prepared to lead worship (this involves needed practice and other preparation outside of scheduled rehearsals)
4. To be committed to the growth and development of heartfelt, spirit-filled worship as a unified family of believers

AGREEMENTS

1. Commit to serve God through using your gifts in the Worship Ministry.
2. Foster a teachable heart—willingness to learn and grow spiritually and musically.
3. Serve God through the worship ministry for a minimum of one year.
4. Communicate openly and honestly with one another according to the principles of Matthew 18.
5. Support the leadership of the church in prayer and action.
6. Be on time for all weekly rehearsals, pre-service practices, and worship services.
7. If you cannot make the rehearsal or worship time as scheduled, contact the worship coordinator for your location or designated worship leader as soon as possible so a suitable substitute can be secured.

What is your position on the team? Are you ready to commit to using your God-given gifts to glorify Him in service through the Worship Ministry of this church, understanding the expectations and agreements above?