

WORSHIP TEAM MINISTRY DESCRIPTION — SOUND TECH

How important is this ministry?

Worship of God is the most important action within the life of a believer and, collectively, the church. Corporate worship occurs when believers gather together to focus their praise, prayers and hearts upon God. Without this ministry our church services would lack audio which enhances our singing, helps our musicians, engages our spirit, and helps us to learn from God's Word. You help raise the worship service quality and you provide a variety of options for creating engaging worship services. Your ministry is VERY important to our worship times! Through your ministry we are able to provide recorded services for those who cannot attend in person, audio for sermons/services online and provide enhanced sound for those who are attending.

A New Philosophy of Ministry

In the past, when church held to more traditional services, the sound ministry only required that the congregation could hear the organ, piano, song leader (if there was one), and preacher. Today, the sound tech ministry is much more involved. We have a variety of musical instruments and numerous voices to balance, sound and video clips to play, worship services to stream and record. When you take part in this ministry, you should see yourself as an audio conductor for the worship service. The worship team relies on you to help them sound the best that they can and hear themselves while performing their ministry. The congregation relies on you so they can hear balanced music and the sermon preached. Excellent presentation is the key focus. If anyone wants to know how to make the soundboard work, you will be the pro to ask!

Ministry Requirements

- Attend Sound Training with an experienced ABC sound tech
- You will be required to be at the Thursday night rehearsal. Please arrive earlier than that to power and setup the sound system.
- Please arrive early on Sunday mornings -- for worship practice and sound check. You need to be ready to receive the musicians and vocalists with sound board turned on, cables cleared, mics required laid out and stage tidied. You may require a church key which can be provided.
- One needs to have an ear for balancing different sounds.
- Optimally, one needs to know how to run the soundboard, or a strong desire to learn.
- A passion for making our Sunday worship services run smoothly and sound great.
- A meeting with the Worship Director will be scheduled to get to know you, and talk about your role serving in worship ministry.

What do I do?

- You are responsible for keeping the stage area orderly with cables neatly rolled and tucked in for a clean presentation.
- You are responsible for plugging in microphones and instruments as needed. Make sure that you have a supply of AA batteries and check the wireless mics and IEM (In Ear Monitor) packs to make sure their batteries are sufficient.

- You are responsible for helping the band connect to the IEM software and if necessary help them adjust their IEM mix.
- You are responsible for line-checks to that affect the IEMs and In-House mix
- You are responsible for cleaning up the stage after the final morning service is done.
- You are responsible for keeping the sound-booth clean and tidy.
- You are responsible for knowing where the microphones, cables, cable wraps, mic stands and other sound-tech items are kept so that you can do your job with confidence and excellence.
- You are responsible for keeping the sound storage room tidy.
- Please Note: from time to time the platform is cleared for special functions and the sound team may be required to help with tear down before the event and set up after the event.

Time Requirements

- We recognize many people serve in different areas and ask that in order to maintain your joy in service and not burn out, you allow yourselves to attend corporate worship without any ministry commitments. We were thinking at least one Sunday a month.
- You are responsible for attending worship team practice on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.
- You are responsible for staying throughout the entire service to ensure the sound is done with excellence throughout.
- Extra services. There are times during the year where we have extra services that require sound personnel. These include but are not limited to Good Friday and Christmas Eve.
- Please Note: From time to time there may be opportunity for sound people to earn some extra cash if sound is required for weddings, funerals or other functions people may rent the facility and sound system.

We keep praying for God to send us more people for this ministry. It is a very skilled placement and we can never have too many skilled sound technicians. Please pray to see if God is calling you to help us in this area of need and service. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Michelle Jones-Sood.