

WORSHIP TEAM MINISTRY DESCRIPTION — VOCALISTS

How important is this ministry?

Worship of God is the most important action within the life of a believer and, collectively, the church. As an individual, worship is a way of life that should occur throughout the week giving glory to God through all that we do and say. Corporate worship occurs when believers gather together to focus their praise, prayers and hearts upon God. This often times happens through the singing of hymns, Psalms and spiritual songs, as well as the reading of God's word, prayer and times of teaching. As part of the worship team you help people refocus their hearts from the cares and busyness of the world back to the proper focus in life, which is God. Through music, you help them connect emotionally to words that seek out God's heart when they are burdened, or lift up praise to God when they are full of joy. Through prayers, you help people connect to our loving God who wants to hear our prayers, move on our behalf and bless us. Through scripture readings, you root people in the word of God which forms the foundation of how we live and how we learn about God. This ministry is very important to the corporate life of our church and also to the lives of individual Christ-followers.

A New Philosophy of Ministry

There was a time when a worship leader was simply a "song leader" directing people when to begin singing and when to end the stanza, when to stand up and when to sit down. Singing can be part of corporate worship but worship is not just singing. The worship team is responsible to model corporate worship for the congregation through being connected to the Holy Spirit. We are facilitators who spiritually guide and assist people through prayer and song. The congregation is not the audience — God is.

Personal questions that can help guide the worship team in their ministry focus: "What do I believe biblical worship is? What moves me to feel connected with God? What moves the congregation to feel connected with God? How can we shape the music to blend with scriptures and prayers so that there is a spiritual flow to the Sunday morning worship time? How can we assist people in experiencing our living, loving God this morning?"

Ministry Requirements

- You need to be able to be able to: Confidently sing by yourself in tune; Sing in harmony with others (ideal); Sing the song in its intended rhythm; Be able to learn songs either by listening to them online or working on them at home if you read music; work with the other vocalists, instrumentalists, worship leader and music director.
- We use an in-ear monitor system, so please bring your own pair - if you do not have a pair, we can lend you one.
- You are responsible to provide for yourself a tablet for the music/lyrics if you would like to use the Music Stand app. We will provide the tablet holder for you.
- You would be expected to attend a Thursday night mid-week practice. Please come earlier in order to get your phone connected to the system to set your IEM mix.
- You are expected to attend the Sunday morning practice. Please arrive early to get hooked into the IEM system.
- Take time to reflect on these questions before applying to this ministry: Do you have a heart for connecting people with God? Do you have a desire or feel that this is where God wants you to be serving Him?

- 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?

- From time to time you will be responsible to listen to and learn the worship music that we sing ahead of practice (and anything new we will be doing in the future). These will be available via Spotify and on the weekly Order of Service on Planning Center.
- It is your responsibility to make sure you are able to connect to Planning Center Online and respond to communications sent out.
- Help with setup and tear down of the microphones, cables, and instruments as needed.
- If you find you are scheduled but are unable to fulfill that time please find your own replacement for that time-slot, if you are able. In the event that you cannot, please let the worship leader know with plenty of notice.

Time Requirements

- Currently, we are scheduling teams far in advance - with some changes happening closer to the time to add new musicians, or to cover musicians if they are unable to make it that week.
- 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 one week a month to be without any ministry commitments.
- Attend a Thursday night mid-week practice and Sunday morning practice. Please arrive early.
- Throughout the year we will have special services that we ask the worship team to lead us in. Some of these include Good Friday and Christmas Eve. For extra times we will be asking people to let us know if they are available.

Prayerfully consider whether or not God is calling you to this ministry and talk to those who currently participate in it to see what their experience has been like. We are constantly trying to improve our group dynamics. If you have any questions regarding this ministry please feel free to contact Michelle Jones-Sood.