

Worship Team Guidelines

“Worship is more than a song and is our first ministry!”

Purpose

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” Psalm 115:1

The worship team exists to use its vocal, instrumental and technical abilities to:

- Exalt and magnify the LORD, not themselves.
- Edify and encourage God’s people to worship the LORD.
- Promote an atmosphere where God can speak into our lives (2 Kings 3:15)
- Prepare hearts to respond obediently to the proclamation of the Word of God.

Qualifications

The following qualifications are required of those who wish to participate in the worship team. Worship team members shall consist of musicians, vocalist and technicians who:

1. Have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
2. Are committed in your spiritual walk with the Lord. (Have a daily quiet time with the Lord) “Being able to play an instrument or sing does not automatically qualify you.”—Tom Kraeuter
3. Have regularly attended the church for a period of at least three months.
4. Are a member of Edgewood or desire to become a member and wholeheartedly support the mission, the heart, the passion and the vision of the church. (see “Our Mission, Passion and Vision” pamphlet at the info table)
5. Demonstrate God’s giftedness in the role they wish to have on the team.
6. Are faithful in their church involvement and committed to faithful attendance and weekly rehearsals or other worship team gatherings. “Music ministry is not the right of the talented but the privilege extended to the committed.”—Terry Kinard.
7. Have the support of their families regarding the time commitment for this ministry.
8. Possess a humble servant’s heart that works well with others and willingly submits to the instruction and leadership of the Pastor and Worship Team Director.
9. Have submitted the worship team application, completed an audition and been approved by Pastor and Worship Team Director.

Attitude

The ministry of the worship team is not about showcasing one's talents or drawing attention to one's self. It is about leading others in worshipping the LORD. This is a high calling.

As such, each team member must possess and continually **cultivate a Christ like attitude of humility** (Phil. 2:3-5) This essential attitude of humility will reflect itself in a spirit of:

- Reverence towards God.
- Respect and submission towards those who lead.
- Cooperation and support towards fellow team members.

Teamwork

On the worship team, a commitment to teamwork is absolutely essential. This ministry should not be viewed as just a collection of separate vocalists, musicians and technicians, but as a single unit with a single purpose. Every member of the team must commit to use his/her skills to enhance the ministry of the team as a whole as we lead God's people in worship. Team members should be ready to support anything that helps promote this spirit.

Conduct

Since the worship team is one of the most visible ministries of the church, it is especially important that team members see themselves as representatives of the Lord Jesus and of this church at all times, both inside and outside the walls of the church. Worship team members are expected to seek to live according to the highest standards of commitment to Christ and submission to God's Spirit and His Word.

Auditions

Potential worship team participants will be required to undergo an auditioning process which may include a personal interview, a musical audition, and a probationary period on the worship team during which we will determine if your skills and attitude fit well with the rest of the team. The purpose of this process is to determine an individual's musical proficiency, spiritual maturity, and personal compatibility with our approach to worship. At the end of the process, an invitation may (or may not) be extended to join the worship team.

Rehearsal Attendance

Worship team members will be expected to be punctual and faithful in their attendance to all scheduled rehearsals and worship services. If you need to be absent, you must give the worship team leader sufficient notice so that any necessary adjustments can be made and/or substitute can be found.

Preparation

Rehearsals for Sunday morning services are on Sundays at 7:30am before the 9am Service. Worship night rehearsals will be the Thursday before at 5:30pm. This requires the Worship Leader to get out the songs early each week and *it will require each team member **to make sure they know and are familiar with each song before the practice session on Sunday mornings.*** So please be prepared for the rehearsal by listening to the music and practicing at home. We need to work at our instrumental, vocal and/or technical ability to become the very best we can be. This means a great deal of individual practice as well as rehearsing with the team. Keep in mind that the team will only be as musically proficient as the individuals that make it up. While we do NOT expect perfection, we want to be the best we can be in order to honor and worship God!

Appearance

While we do not have a specific dress code, we all need to be aware of appropriate dress and appearance as we lead worship. Worship team members are expected to look neat, clean and modest in their appearance. The general rule of thumb is to remember that we are representing the LORD and our role is to draw the congregation's attention to Him and not to ourselves. Avoid any clothing that would be considered immodest, disrespectful or unnecessarily draw attention to yourself. It is important to us to find a God-honoring balance between a legalistic and specific dress code on the one hand and a lack of any standard of dress on the other. If you have any questions on what would be appropriate attire, please feel free to discuss this with the Pastor or Worship Team Director.

Schedules— We use Planning Center for all scheduling and rehearsal resources. An invitation will be sent out approximately one week in advance of any service in which you're requested to serve in. You must accept or decline within a day of the invitation so proper arrangements can be made in the event you cannot serve. Please use blackout dates for any dates you may be unavailable.

Application

Those interested in the music ministry and who meet the basic qualifications can obtain an application by texting WORSHIP to 724-888-5252