



## Music Ministry

All,

Thank you for showing your interest in joining the Christ Chapel Music Ministry by picking up this application packet. Inside you will find the information you need to get started in the Worship Team audition process. It is our desire to find those that possess a heart and passion to serve our church in the leading of worship and who are equipped with the skills necessary to do so. Worship is not music, it's not a concert, it's not even primarily for our benefit; worship, to put it simply, is a response to who God is and what he has done for us. True worship takes place when we begin to grasp God's faithfulness, love, and unending grace that he shows to each one of us.

Serving, loving and leading in our church is where real ministry work happens. It's learning to serve as Christ served us; to be givers instead of takers. Mark 10:45 says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (ESV). Our desire is that you find the area to serve that best suits the gifts you've been given and that you can thrive in.

I encourage you to spend time in practice and prayer in the days leading up to our next open audition. Pray and seek the Lord as to whether or not this ministry is something you are ready to commit your time, energy and resources to.

Please complete the Application Packet and submit it to the church office. We will make sure to review the Application as soon as we receive it and contact you to confirm the audition time slot you have signed up for.

In Christ,

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# General Information

## Auditions

Once we have received and reviewed your completed Application Packet, you will be contacted regarding the next step in the process. We will typically hold two open auditions annually, in spring and fall. We will post a signup sheet with audition time slots to sign up for. We will contact you through email to confirm your audition time soon after. If you fill out a packet during a time of year when we do not have a scheduled open audition, we may contact you to set up a closed audition. Auditions will be held with a portion of the worship team, and are nothing you should feel intimidated by; we strive to make them as stress-free as possible. Auditions are simply a formal way to help us determine where you are musically and where you might best fit, based on your abilities. They also give us a chance to interact with you and get to know you a little more on a personal basis.

Please know from the outset that *no one is guaranteed a spot* on the worship team just because they have auditioned with us. You may be given areas that need to be improved upon before auditioning again; it may also mean that the Lord has gifted you in areas other than music, and that's ok – we would love to help you find where you can best serve the church with the gifts you've been given.

## Rehearsals

Rehearsals are currently held on (Sunday's @ 8:00AM). We will occasionally change a rehearsal date or time to accommodate schedules or for holidays. Rehearsals will usually last 1-2 hours depending on material we have to cover.

## Spiritual and Musical Standards

We strive for spiritual and musical excellence as we lead our church in worshiping God. What do we mean by this? As a worship team, we not only lead the congregation in the songs we are singing, but we are also leading them in an example of how to live a life of worship. Our desire should be to lead in a way that directs the focus away from us and onto God. This also means that we should present a quality of music that is not a distraction to the congregation. It is expected that Instrumentalists on the worship team should be able to sight read a chord chart; Vocalists should be able to hear various vocal parts and confidently sing harmonies and melodies. While we will never be perfect people or perfect musicians, our goal is to utilize our gifts and our lives to glorify God.

# Expectations for Involvement in the Christ Chapel Worship Ministry

## Excellence in artistic expression

**Strive for excellence.** As musicians, we should strive to be excellent in the playing of our instruments. This means we need to be committed to listening to music and practicing on a regular basis. I encourage you to never stop learning and growing as a musician. Taking lessons, watching instructional videos, taking a music theory class, or reading a book on worship are just a few examples of this.

**Think creatively.** We should all be active participants in crafting the songs prepared for Sunday so they are both enjoyable to play and powerful in the Spirit; this often takes some creativity to accomplish. Just because the “original version” of a song was played and arranged in a certain way, doesn’t mean there isn’t room to be creative.

**Sacrifice “self-expression” to play together as a band.** While we value creativity in music, as previously stated, playing together as a team is vital in directing the focus away from ourselves and onto God. This means that band members need to be able to listen to what others are playing and not wandering off on their own musical tangents. Everyone on the team has a part to play; it takes practice and an ear for detail to have those parts come together in harmony.

## Commitment to the team

**Be on time to rehearsals and worship services.** If you know that you are going to be late or are going to miss a rehearsal/worship service ahead of time, please inform the worship leader. When you are not on time, it puts a bind on the rest of team who is waiting on you to start.

**Practice good “rehearsal etiquette”.** Be aware of what is happening during rehearsal and attempt to stay connected. Don’t do your own thing as it is a distraction to others and you may miss important information.

**Seek peace and unity.** If you ever have a relational problem arise with a band member, seek to address the issue quickly, privately, and prayerfully. It is important that conflicts are handled correctly and swiftly so we can be a united ministry.

## Commitment to Christ Chapel

**Be an active participant in this church.** It is important that you be a part of the community at Christ Chapel. Regularly attending services even when you are not scheduled to serve, faithfully giving financially, and being a part of Life Group are all great indicators of how committed you are to Christ Chapel. It’s not just about being a part of the worship team, we want you to call Christ Chapel your church home and feel proud in doing so.

## Commitment to Expectations

I have read and understand the expectations and responsibilities for being a part of the Christ Chapel Worship Ministry. I can accept the responsibilities as part of my being involved with the worship band.

**This is the general format for worship team auditions at Christ Chapel:**

**When:** Please arrive 10 minutes before you are scheduled to audition.

**Where:** TBD (we will let you know in an email)

**What to expect:**

- 1) You will sing/play a song from the list provided at the bottom of this form. You may only need to sing/play a portion of the song that is chosen. Accompaniment will be provided for vocalists.
- 2) For vocalists, be prepared to sing the **melody** and **harmony** of the song you choose.
- 3) For Instrumentalists, be prepared to play in a variety of keys (with capo if necessary), common time signatures (4/4, 6/8, 3/4, 2/4), and tempos.
- 4) Auditions should take no longer than 15-20 minutes.
- 5) We will follow up with you by email within 1 week with the result of your audition.

**What we will provide:**

Chord charts of songs listed below will be provided in the keys of A, C, D, G (you can bring your own chord chart if you choose but it is not necessary), Keyboard, Guitar amp, Drum set

**What you will need to bring:**

Guitar, Bass guitar, any guitar pedals you may choose to bring (you may be asked to play without pedals for a portion of the audition)



## Worship Ministry Audition Times

Date of Audition: Saturday, March 19th

Time	Name	What Instrument?	Email	Phone#
9:00-9:20				
9:20-9:40				
9:40-10:00				
10:00-10:20				
10:20-10:40				
10:40-11:00				
11:00-11:20				
11:20-11:40				

\*Note: If March 12<sup>th</sup> does not work for you to audition and you wish to do so, please contact Pastor Bryan at [bryan@christchapelpc.com](mailto:bryan@christchapelpc.com) to set up an alternate date and time.



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