



Worship Team Packet - 2015

Thank you so much for your interest in being a part of the worship ministry at Thurston Christian Church. We believe that personal as well as corporate worship is a vital part of our relationship with Jesus Christ. The purpose of this ministry is to use the medium of music in a way that brings glory to God and invites His people to actively engage their hearts in worship. We consider it a tremendous honor and a privilege to help lead our congregation each week into the presence of God.

Our greatest desire is to guard the hearts of those who dare to step out into the front lines of battle by way of their participation in this ministry, while also protecting the integrity of the worship service here at Thurston Christian Church. In other words, we are not just looking for musicians, but rather we are seeking individuals who have a sincere desire to selflessly offer their time and talents for the benefit of this church body. Therefore, we want to carefully choose who God wants to be a part of the worship team.

Enclosed you will find 2 things:

- A list of what will be expected as a worship team member.
- An application for the worship team.

Here's how the process works:

1. Pick up a packet on Sunday from the Welcome Center or from the church website.
2. Read the expectations and requirements of a worship team member and prayerfully consider how the Lord may be directing you and your desire to serve in ministry.
3. If you feel led to pursue a position on the worship team, then please fill out the application and submit to the church office for consideration.
4. If your application indicates that it would be good to continue the process we will then be in touch to set up a meeting. At this meeting we would take time to review the application, have any applicable auditions, and discuss any questions or thoughts.
5. If this meeting results in a mutual peace to continue we would then invite you to join our Worship Team practice for a minimum of three weeks.
6. After successfully completing this Practice season and everyone being in agreement, we would then invite you to join the Worship Team.

Once again we would like to thank you for your interest in the worship ministry here at Thurston Christian Church. It is our prayer that God will lead you to an area of service in which your particular gifts and abilities will be used to honor Him. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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Worship Team Member Expectations:

Spiritual maturity – Leading praise and worship requires that there be an ongoing relationship with the Lord, Jesus Christ. Those involved in the ministry of praise and worship should have lives that reflect their commitment to God. Therefore, it is our desire to nurture the spiritual growth of team members through bible study, prayer and fellowship.

My Commitment to God:

To pursue a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, and study of His word.

- ✓ I commit myself to spiritual growth and maturity. As a follower of Christ, I am determined to run the race set before me and to pursue the Son of God with passion and devotion. (1 Corinthians 9:24)

To live a lifestyle that reflects the highest Biblical standards of holiness and integrity. (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

To have personal accountability with other believers who love me and are committed to my spiritual growth and development. (James 5:16)

To submit to the leadership and authority under which God has placed me. (Hebrews 13:17)

To serve my God and King with a positive and joyful attitude.

- ✓ I will do my best to come to services spiritually prepared in order to be effective in leading others in worship. This includes praying for the services, praying for the pastor, worship leader and other team members and asking God to prepare my heart for ministry that morning.

Our Commitment to One Another:

Committed attender – The regular, ongoing, and leadership nature of this ministry requires a strong commitment to the people and leadership of this church.

- ✓ I am committed to Christ, this particular church body, its mission, its leaders and to the values of our church body. (Hebrews 10:25)
- ✓ I will attend church on a regular basis, realizing that being in fellowship and prayer, receiving teaching, and worshipping with the body is a vital part of being in the worship community. (Hebrews 10:25)

Worship Team Member Expectations (cont'd):

To attend meetings faithfully, and be on-time to practices and worship services.

- ✓ I am committed to musical growth. This means I intend to develop my vocal and/or instrumental talents through individual and team practice. I am open to attending seminars/workshops in order to learn and enhance my abilities. (Psalm 33:3, Ecclesiastes 10:10)
- ✓ I am committed to coming to rehearsal and will excuse myself from participating with the team if I have missed the rehearsal prior to the worship service. I will communicate with the worship leader if for some reason I am unable to attend. (Hebrews 10:25, Psalm 33:3, Ecclesiastes 10:10, Philippians 2:3-4)
- ✓ Vocalists and instrumentalists are expected to be ready for each rehearsal. This means I have done my best to come prepared with my own music and I am familiar with each song.

Teamwork – This ministry requires teamwork. Members are accountable to each other for protecting the unity of, sharing the responsibility of, serving the ministry of and supporting the testimony of the Thurston Christian Church Worship Team.

- ✓ I commit myself to valuing every member on the team. I desire to serve in humility making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit by looking out for the best interest and well-being of others on the team. I will seek to resolve conflicts with other team members so as to prevent the enemy from getting a foothold. (Ephesians 4:2-3, Romans 15:5-6, Philippians 2:3-4)
- ✓ I understand that worship is not about my own personal desires or ego, but about serving our church body by leading the congregation in worship.
- ✓ I will welcome in and help mentor new team members.

Accountability – As a team, we strive to pray for each other's needs, develop unity and fellowship, and be accountable to each other.

- ✓ I commit to support my fellow team members in prayer.
- ✓ I realize that my priority structure is important and balance is key – I understand that God comes first, then my family, then ministry.
- ✓ All singers and instrumentalists need to be aware of appropriate dress and appearance. Principle - Does what I wear distract others from worshipping Jesus? Would it be considered immodest by some?
- ✓ I understand that the church leadership reserves the right to ask anyone to step down or aside from working with the praise team if necessary.

Worship Team Member Application:

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ EMAIL _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

1. Please describe your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Include the following: When and how you became a Christian? What steps you are taking to climb higher in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

2. What is your understanding of Biblical worship? What does worship mean to you?

3. Why is worship important to you personally?

Worship Team Member Application (cont'd):

4. How long have you been a part of Thurston Christian Church? _____
5. Who knows your heart best here? _____ Their phone number? _____
6. Do you play and instrument? _____ If so, which ones _____
_____ How many years? _____
- Can you read chord charts? _____ Can you read sheet music? _____
7. For vocalists only: Do you have experience harmonizing with others? _____
8. Have you ever been a part of a Worship Ministry? _____ If yes, explain. _____

9. Have you ever been a Worship Leader? _____ If yes, explain. _____

10. Are you able to work under authority? _____ Explain: _____

11. What is your availability for involvement on Sunday's? _____
12. Are you willing to be utilized by the team as needed, even if it is different than your desired involvement? _____
13. Do you have anything else you would like for us to know as we receive your app.? _____

I have fully answered the above questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

Furthermore by the grace of God, I commit myself to the values outlined in this document, and I agree and adhere to the expectations and requirements of a Worship Team member as indicated by my signature below.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Thank you again for turning this application into the church office. We will contact you soon!