



# HEARTLAND

FINDING JOY IN CHRIST

## Worship Team Guidelines

### Purpose of the Worship Team Ministry:

To demonstrate a passion for God's glory in our daily lives;  
to joyfully and effectively serve as worship leaders;  
to lead worship with musical and theological skill;  
to maximize the contribution of each individual and their family members on the team, and  
to provide opportunities for incorporating and training others.

### Tasks toward achieving the purpose:

As a worship team we are seeking to lead God's people toward Him in worship. Our people see, sense, and sing in light of our leadership.

#### What our people see

What people see is very important. We should seek to encourage people with our faces. Our bodies should communicate that we truly want to be in the presence of God- that there is no better place to be. If we lift our faces out of our music and let the music affect our hearts, people are more likely to join us in worship.

#### What our people sense

This is more subtle but no less important. It addresses the condition of our hearts. If we are not genuinely engaging God in worship, we come across pretentious, even fake. If you are not at a place where your heart is able to worship, be honest and communicate that to the worship leader. Take a week off. We are not called to perfection, but we are called to make progress in our walk with Him.

There is also a sense of musicality. If your instrument is out of tune or you are singing louder than anyone else, it can distract from the overall sense of worship. Humility is a good heart attitude to cultivate if you struggle in this area.

#### What our people sing

Every member of this team is responsible to be watchful of what we sing. We want to sing the truth, and if we allow error to creep into our music, we defeat our purpose. Everyone on this team has the right to question what we sing.

## Preparation for Worship Team members:

As a worship leader you need to be a learner, a lover, and a leader.

### **Learner**

We will not be perfect, so we must put on humility towards one another as we grow to become greater worshipers of our King. We must be humble about our abilities so we can continue to learn. That means constructive criticism will be part of your experience here. We are constant learners, and will ask you to have the same attitude.

### **Lover**

We must love God and love the church of Jesus Christ to be on this team! We must have a healthy worship relationship with the Lord. If we are surrendered to idols in our life, we will not be effective worship leaders. We can't call others towards what we won't do genuinely ourselves. Love is at the heart of worship. If you have something that you love greater than the Lord, then we must stop and refocus on the gospel. Remember this is not a call to performance but to life in grace.

### **Leader**

We as leaders must lead. We lead in our conduct, our involvement, in generous giving, in serving, and in our attitude. This is towards one another, the church, it's leadership, and staff.

## Process for involvement in the Worship Team ministry:

- Attend Heartland regularly for at least six months and participate in a Bible study or Shelterbelt during the week for spiritual growth.
- Attend practices for two months if you are a regular attender. This will give you a chance to be sure that you are able to meet the level of commitment needed for participation in the Worship Team. If you are newer to the ministry, you may be asked to practice with us longer before coming into the weekend service.
- Please be willing to use the Services app on your phone to communicate about schedules and service orders. We also communicate via text and Facebook, but the app is our most efficient form of communication.
- All family members must be in full support of you being part of the team.
- Be prepared to share your personal testimony with the team and be willing to share a devotional from time to time if asked.