



Faith Family Church

"Life in Christ"

Worship Team Application

Please print out this portion of the application and submit to the worship leader

Contact Information:

Name: _____
Cell phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
E-mail Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Information:

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____
If Married:
Spouse's Name: _____ Children(s) Name(s): _____
Occupation: _____
How long have you attended Faith Family Church? _____

Availability: Please indicate how often you would like to serve (Keep in mind that worship team members will serve twice in a week, Wednesday night and Sunday morning) if and when scheduled:

As much as possible

1/2/3/4 times

Only Occasionally

Area of interest:

Instrumentalist: _____
What instrument do you want to play on the worship team? _____

Vocalist: _____
What is your voice type? **Bass** **Tenor** **Alto** **Soprano**

Have you played/sang with a worship team before? _____
If Yes; What church and for how long? _____

What is your level of music theory knowledge? **Beginner** **Intermediate** **Advanced** **Hobbyist**

I have completed this application to the best of my abilities and understand the requirements and expectations put forward by Faith Family Church.

I have met with the worship leader and asked and questions I have about joining.

I understand, support, and want to commit myself to the vision of the church and the worship team.

(Please sign once you have met with the worship leader)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Worship Leader Signature: _____

Worship Team Schedule and Application Process

Weekly Schedule:

Wednesday: (Sept-May) Team rehearsal at 5:30pm and service at 7pm. **(June-August)** Team rehearsal at 6 pm. ** Please arrive 10-15 minutes early if you need to set up and instrument.

Sunday: Sound check at 9:45am and main service at 10:30 am.

***Keep in mind that the worship team meets, 10 minutes before every service, in the upstairs room to pray and set ourselves aside for ministering to the Lord.

*This weekly schedule is subject to change as additional services may be scheduled for special events such as conferences, special speakers, weddings, funerals, etc.

*Personal practice should take place BEFORE rehearsals and throughout the week.

*Please check your email and the Planning Center app regularly as this is the main method of communication between the team and leadership.

*Be in prayer throughout the week for the services that happen at the church.

Application Process:

- Fill out application
- Meet with worship leader and complete/sign application and set up a time for audition.
- Audition: Please prepare and perform your favorite worship song.
- Attend and participate in team rehearsals and Sunday sound checks for two weeks.
- Be scheduled and serve for two services.
- Final review with the worship leader.

Worship Team

Vision and Guidelines

The Vision

Seeking the fullness of life in Christ as a team as we create and live in worship:

- Worship that draws people to encounter Christ
- Worship that keeps Jesus as the center of our focus and attention
- Worship that expresses the heart of God toward His people
- Worship that empowers and brings breakthrough
- Worship that is spontaneous and also worship that is structured

Philippians 2:9-11 "Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that name of Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (NLT)

2 Corinthians 3:18 "We can all draw close to him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no veil we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. We are being transfigured into his very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another. And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." (TPT)

In order to accomplish this vision, there are spiritual and physical practices that must be in place both individually and as a worship team,

Spiritually, we desire:

- To be filled with the love of Jesus and know who we are in Him
- To be filled with Holy Spirit and to daily pursue and intimate relationship with Him
- To possess a heart of worship and develop and culture of honor for one another

- To remember who our worship is for and who it is about
- To keep our foundation in the Word of God
- To worship from a place of excellence and intention

Ephesians 3:18-19 “Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences- the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is His love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding- this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!” (TPT)

Physically, the attributes and attitudes we strive for are:

- **Teamwork:** Respect and honor the vision, our team, and the leadership of the church. There is no tolerance for strife and pride as we seek to fulfill **1 Timothy 2:8** “In every place of worship, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free anger and controversy.” We seek to set our team up for success, encouraging and building one another up whether that be musically or in relationships with one another. Building a community within our team, our church, and our city is what we desire. **Ephesians 4:1-3** “Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.” (NLT)
- **Excellence:** **Colossians 3:22-25**, “Servants, do what you’re told to by your earthly masters. And don’t just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you’ll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you’re serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn’t cover up bad work.” (MSG) **Galatians 4:18**, “Isn’t it better to seek excellence and integrity always, and not just only when I’m with you?” (TPT) Using these verses as our example of excellence, we want to create a place of encounter and reverence. To do this we seek to respect the given times for group rehearsal and give ourselves to stewarding our gifts through personal practice with our instruments and abilities. We seek to bring forth our talents and abilities with excellence for the purpose of supporting honoring Jesus Christ.
- **Modesty:** As we seek to worship Christ above all we want to possess the quality or state of being unassuming or moderate in the estimation of our abilities. While our abilities may be beyond what is asked of us, we maintain a heart of service and a teachable and sincere spirit. We also realize that we are living in front of an audience and our actions can reflect the church and ultimately Christ. We hold fast to **2 Corinthians 6:3** “We live in such a way that no one would stumble because of us, and no one will find fault with our ministry.” (NLT). We live in a way that does not distract from our worship.

Team Guidelines

Membership on the worship team is a public position that will require leading the congregation as well as following the leadership of the pastors. The primary function of the worship team is to lead the congregation in true worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Because of this it is essential that every member of the worship team possess an attitude of expectation, faith, and reverence for the Lord. The goal of a cohesive worship team is to serve and further the vision of Faith Family Church.

Calling:

It is crucial for members of the worship team to know that they are called, appointed, gifted, and anointed to the ministry at hand. We emphasize that our purpose and calling is that of leading into and encounter with the Living God. There is no call for performance-based showmanship, only pure and true worship. Therefore, members must continually strive, through prayer and communion with the Lord, to have a pure heart before God and others.

Commitment:

Worship team members must be actively involved at Faith Family Church with a clear understanding and a willingness to support and pursue the vision of the church and church leadership. Worship team members are highly encouraged to attend and participate in, as they are able, all church services (Vessels of Honor, Corporate Prayer, Foundations Bible Study, etc.) and functions, not just the ones they are scheduled for. Commitment to the worship team requires personal practice time, weekly rehearsals, prompt replies to service requests, and clear communication with leadership as needed. We are pursuing excellence in serving and members are expected to ensure that other commitments do not interfere with ability and availability to serve. We value the importance of family and want worship team members to have the full support of their family, as this commitment will require time and sacrifice. Team members with small children must be aware that there is no childcare provided during rehearsals and sound checks, so childcare arrangements should be made ahead of time. Without full commitment to the vision, worship will not go further than our temporary feelings and emotional response. We want the worship team to go the distance.

Lifestyle:

Worship begins in the private places of our life. If a team member struggles to worship in their personal relationship with the Lord, they are not equipping themselves to lead others in worship. It is crucial that worship team members view themselves as representatives and co-laborers of Jesus Christ, Faith Family Church, and church leadership. Personal and private conduct should glorify the Lord in honor, moral purity, ethical

integrity, corporate unity, and personal charity. The worship team is a highly visible ministry within the church and must display professionalism, reverence, service, and joy.

Talent and Skill:

While we seek to worship in Spirit and in truth, we also want to pursue excellence. In 1 Chronicles 15:22 we find that Kenaniah was placed in the position of leading the singing because he was **skillful** at it. Not one worshiper has to be a professional musician or vocalist, but they do need to pursue excellence in their musicianship. As members of the worship team, we acknowledge that the reward or practice and diligent preparation is the spontaneous overflow of the Holy Spirit. Musicians and vocalists must have at least a basic knowledge and/or musical skill in order to comprehend directions and instructions given by the worship leader so that a place of confident worship is established. Bear in mind that musical proficiency does not promote anyone to a position within the worship team, think "heart over talent". We seek to be humble and teachable in all areas so that we can conduct worship with honor and integrity, building on another up as we fulfill the vision.

Communication:

Open communication is vital in this team. It is best to keep in mind that over communication is rarely a negative thing. When in doubt, error on the side of over communicating. A lack of communication carries the possibility of disconnecting and that causes strife. Team members must speak up when there is conflict of interest or concern with the service, a fellow team member, general questions, or need musical help. Be open to receiving encouragement, support, constructive feedback, and correction in any area that you are serving. Leadership is put in place to serve and guide the members of the team and it is the desire of the worship leader to encourage, assist, and hold accountable team members who seek to serve on the worship team. With that understanding we encourage you to foster relationships within the team. Your leaders are there to pray with/for you, help you learn, support your growth, and challenge the status quo. We pray as a team so that we are unified in one heart, one mind, and one spirit before the Lord. Keep a humble and teachable spirit when interacting with any member of the team and seek to honor one another.

Attendance and Attire:

Honor and respect are essential in any area of service and communication clear expectations promotes the spirit of honor. Worship team members are leaders and must act and dress for the part. Poor attendance behavior is an apparent lack of respect for your fellow team members and worship ministry. Team members who need to set up an instrument(s) must arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled rehearsal/sound check. This time allows the AV team to get the instrument connected to the system and balanced in the sound mix. Rehearsal time is not practice time so stay attentive to what the worship leader directs and come prepared with your instrument tuned and or/ your voice warmed up and ready to sing. Team members unable to attend rehearsal should not anticipate participation in service(s) unless a prior agreement or arrangement had been made with leadership. If at any time a member cannot attend a scheduled rehearsal or service, they must notify the worship leadership in advance so that adjustments can be made. All worship team members should dress the part. While we celebrate each individual and their unique character, we must maintain an appearance that is moderate, modest, and tasteful. Worship team members must be mindful not to draw excessive attention but rather to blend well with the team as a whole. While the following requirements are not extensive, they should be kept in mind and referred to when team members are dressing for service.

-Men:

- Grooming: Appearance should be clean and neat. Facial hair and hair should be well kept.
- Dress shirts: collard and/or button down, loose fitting, no graphic t-shirts, no baggy sweatshirts, and no sleeveless shirts. The fit must be modest and tasteful. Keep it comfortable but not sloppy.
- Pants: Nice jeans or slacks, no sweatpants, nothing overly worn (no exposed skin), and no shorts. Again, the fit must be modest and tasteful. Keep it comfortable but not sloppy.
- Shoes: Well-maintained footwear is a must. No overly worn or dirty sneakers or flip flops

-Women:

- Grooming: Appearance should be clean and neat. Hair should be well kept.
- Dress shirts: Moderate necklines and loose fitting, loose fitting, no graphic t-shirts, no baggy sweatshirts, and no sleeveless shirts. The fit must be modest and tasteful. Keep it comfortable but not sloppy.
- Pants: Nice jeans or slacks, no sweatpants, nothing overly worn (no exposed skin, keep the ripped jeans to a minimum), and no shorts. Again, the fit must be modest and tasteful. Keep it comfortable but not sloppy, and no shorts
- Skirts: Must be a modest length and should not rise more than a couple inches above the knee when sitting down.
- Dresses: Must follow the above guidelines. Absolutely no sleeveless or strapless dresses.
- Leggings: May be worn under shorter skirts and dresses but must never be worn in the place of pants. The fit must be modest and tasteful. Keep it comfortable but not sloppy.
- Shoes: Well-maintained footwear is a must. No overly worn or dirty sneakers or flip flops. Consider appropriate heel height when selecting your footwear (services can run longer than anticipated and you will be standing on a platform).