

WORSHIP MINISTRY VISION & VALUES

VISION

To be a spirit-filled, worshipping community that is growing in relationship with Christ and one another as we help others to worship the Lord. We aim to commune with and respond to the Living God together. We long to be a God-exalting, Christ-proclaiming, values-driven worship ministry.

CORE VALUES

The first two values below deal with the heart of worship and are therefore top priorities!

Spirit & Truth (John 4:24, Col 3:16)

We will seek to be filled with the Spirit as we relate with God and each other, prioritizing time in the Word and prayer together. We will encourage and disciple one another in truth. We will choose songs that are grounded in biblical truth.

Loving Teamwork (1 Cor 13:1-8, 1 Chr 15:16-28, Eph 4:1-3, Mat 5:23-24)

We believe worship is an expression of love for God evidenced by love for others. We will nurture a love for one another and for those we lead. We will be a team that loves serving together. We will work to understand our different perspectives and pursue unity in Christ.

Kingdom Blend (Col 3:16, Phil 2:1-11, Rev 7:9-10, Eph 4:1-3, 1 Cor 10:31-11:1)

We will aim for variety that reflects our diverse congregation, looking not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others. We will seek the good of one another by honoring each other's musical tastes. We will be a foretaste of heaven and express worship in ways that represent our various cultures.

Creative Excellence (Psalm 33:3, 1 Chr 15:22, 25:7, 1 Cor 14:26-33, Psalms 148-150)

We will aim to be great at what we do in order to honor God and inspire others. Modeling after our creative God, we will seek to be creative and original. We will plan and practice well to have orderly experiences, but will also adapt well to changes in response to the Spirit. We will seek to involve skilled musicians on our teams. We will seek to provide opportunities for musicians to grow in their skills.

Intentionality (Psalms 120-134, Psalm 33:3)

We will be attentive to how the Spirit is moving throughout the church body and will seek to cooperate with Him. We will plan for songs that prepare hearts to receive and respond to the message. However, we will be consistent enough in song selection for our team and congregation to grow familiar with the songs. We will aim to introduce new songs at a pace that allows for the team and the congregation to appreciate and internalize them.

Responsiveness (Psalm 33:1-3, 63:3-4, 84, 95, 100, Selah - Psalm 3, etc)

We believe enthusiastic expressions of worship are glorifying to God. We will select and create music that inspires energetic responsiveness from the congregation. We will build songs and sets in ways that provide for good flow and dynamics, minimizing interruptions or distractions while facilitating intimacy.

Authentic Humility (Psalm 32, Psalm 34, Mark 7:6-7)

We will be authentic in our relationships with one another and in our expressions of worship. We will internalize songs so we can express them from our hearts. We will confess our utter dependence on Christ and be humble in our responses to Him.

Our Goal for Sunday Mornings

What We Seek To Do¹

1

Magnify The Greatness of God

our goal is to declare the greatness of God to our congregation inviting them to Taste & See That the Lord is Good (Psalm 34:8).

2

In Jesus Christ

our goal is to mindfully enter into the Holy presence of God with Christ as our intercessor and mediator – The one who makes our worship acceptable & pleasing to God (Heb 10:19-22).

3

Through the power of the Holy Spirit

our goal is to serve & lead in deliberate & full dependence on the Holy Spirit – not on our own ability & flesh. (1 Cor 12:7; Eph 5:18-19; Gal 5:22-25).

4

Skillfully Combining God's Word

our goal is to declare through song, Scripture reading, and testimony the life-changing truth of God's Word. (Col 3:16)

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With a diverse blend of music

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Thereby motivating our congregation to proclaim the essential truths of God's Word – Esp. the Gospel

our goal is to encourage our congregation to worship the Lord with us – like the psalmists (Psalm 33) – giving reasons why they should worship the Lord & inviting them to taste & see that the Lord is Good (Psalm 34:8) – helping them to enthusiastically proclaim through song, the truths that we are singing. 1 John 1:3

7

To notice & cherish God's presence among us

our goal is to help people see that God is among us in Christ Jesus – that they might cherish our mutual fellowship, and cherish our Lord & Savior even more. (Matt 18:20, 1 Cor 14:24-25, 1 John 1:3)

8

And to leave with a strengthened commitment to live for God's glory

our goal is to remind people of God's mercy & motivate them to offer their bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – as a spiritual act of worship – even when the singing ends. (Rom 12:1)



¹ These statements are heavily based on Bob Kauflin's words on the Task of Worship, Worship Matters, pgs. 57-143