

mosaic community covenant church

WORSHIP MINISTRY

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MISSION:

We exist to worship God and to usher people into authentic wholehearted worship of God.

VALUES:

1. **Upward:** A high priority on a vertical focus to God in our worship time.
2. **Biblical:** The content of everything we do in worship will conform to the truth of Scripture.
3. **Head and Heart:** Worship kindles strong emotions toward God, but should also appeal to clear thinking about God and spiritual things.
4. **Earnestness and Intensity:** Avoiding a trite, superficial, frivolous atmosphere, but instead setting an example of joy and passion and reverence and wonder.
5. **Authenticity:** (a) Being in right relationship with God and with people. (b) The atmosphere of a radical personal encounter with God, not the atmosphere of artistic or oratorical performance.
6. **Un-distracting Excellence:** We will seek to sing and play in such a way that worshippers will not be distracted from their worship of God.
7. **Freedom of expression:** Fostering an atmosphere in which worshippers feel freedom to personally and sincerely express their worship of God, whether it be inconspicuously (e.g. quiet or seated reflection) or demonstratively (e.g. raising hands or dancing) by encouraging God-consciousness rather than self-consciousness.
8. **Diversity of styles:** With Mosaic's commitment to reach out to and embrace people of all cultures and backgrounds, we recognize that there is a diversity of worship styles (e.g. liturgical, contemporary, etc) and musical styles (e.g. traditional, Celtic, rock, gospel, R&B, etc) that are helpful in ushering people into God's presence in worship. We will strive to be sensitive to these needs by facilitating worship that is reflective of our diversity.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. The primary role of each worship team member is to be a worshipper of God, not a musician or singer, therefore everyone is expected to continually nurture their relationship and walk with Christ.
2. Worship team members are expected to practice adequately and memorize all music and lyrics in the spirit of playing and singing skillfully (Psalm 33:1-3) as unto the Lord.
3. Team members are expected to serve on all Sundays they are scheduled to play/sing AND to attend all monthly worship team training and jam sessions (second or third Saturday of each month). The monthly meetings are an important time to learn new songs, fellowship with one another, and grow and develop musically. Additionally, team members are responsible for communicating with the worship leader(s) as early as possible when unable to attend or participate.
4. In being respectful to the time and effort of the worship team, team members are expected to be *on time* to all rehearsals and other worship team functions/gatherings
5. In light of Mosaic Community Covenant Church's vision to reach and embrace all peoples, worship team members are expected to learn a diversity of musical styles, including those styles outside of their comfort zone.
6. All worship team members must agree to be in at least one accountable relationship in which they can be open and honest with struggles and confess sins to protect against hidden sin.