



# Welcome to the Worship Ministry!

I am thrilled that you have decided to join our team! There is tremendous joy in serving the local church body and we find it a privilege to use our gifts to glorify our Savior while encouraging our congregation in worship.

The role of the Worship Ministry is not to perform but to communicate the gospel to people. We use our talents together to lead corporately while demonstrating a lifestyle of worship.

I want you to know that I find membership in this ministry extremely important. We have a mighty task ahead of us every week. Everything we do is done with intentionality. We are tasked with demonstrating God-honoring, Christ-centered, and Spirit-filled worship, inspired by the Word of God.

We exist to work towards the ultimate mission of The Point - "to expand His Kingdom across the street and around the world." You may ask, how can we do this through music? Worship through song is a Biblical command. Through demonstrating this command, we ask that the Lord use us as merely vessels to demonstrate His love and compassion for His people. What a privilege this is! This task allows us opportunities to serve both our community as well as the nations.

Please take a moment to read through this handbook. It will explain all of the opportunities available for serving while also explaining our expectations for our team members.

I am confident that you will love serving with this team. We are excited to have you on-board!

Serving His Kingdom, Steven Hodge Worship Pastor



# **WHO WE ARE**

We gather as a church for the purpose of exalting Jesus while worshiping both "in Spirit and in truth." Our Worship Ministry aims to lead people in Godhonoring, Christ-centered, Spirit-filled corporate worship every week. As a team, we work hard to free the congregation from distractions in order to focus our attention all on Jesus. Through our artistic gifts, we strive to model and demonstrate biblical worship for both corporate and private settings. We believe that worship is a response to God's revelation and find our foundation on His Word.

Our Media Team exists to free worshipers from distractions so that all focus and attention is on Christ alone. From mixing audio to operating cameras, all of our media positions play an integral role in the ministry of the church. Experience is not required for some volunteer positions.

### **CORE BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES**

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6

This Biblical command of worship goes far beyond the Sunday morning platform. Worship is a lifestyle and He deserves our worship every day. Our team members are excepted to demonstrate this act of worship.

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth." John 4:24

We are called to worship with genuine hearts focused on glorifying the Savior. The Holy Spirit acts as a way to guide our worship and awaken our understanding of God's Word. To worship in truth is to sing from Biblical reference and simply - the Truth. As a team, we focus on Spirit-lead worship while singing songs rooted in rich, Biblical truth.

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

We worship the Lord because of what He has done for us! We worship our Savior who died on the cross, in an act of endless love, to pay for our sins. Through our worship, we focus our attention on this truth as we sing out with eternal jou.

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the Lord in splendor of his holiness." Psalm 29:2

He is worthy of worship, therefore we give him our worship through song. We understand that this is only one facet and responsibility in worship. We are also responsible and called to worship through prayer, fasting, baptism, communion, studying the Word, tithing, and evangelism.

"Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands." Psalm 63:3-4

As stated above, worship is a lifestyle. Every day should be filled with worship.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### MEDIA POSITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Audio Lyric Projection (ProPresenter)
Camera Operation Live-Stream Operator
Lighting

### **TRAINING**

We offer training for all of our Media positions! All new team members are required to go through a training process with our Worship Pastor or Media Associate. Training consists of one-on-one meetings, rehearsal attendance, Sunday morning observation, and shadowing opportunities. We also give access to additional training resources via videos.

Audio operation (mixing sound) does require previous experience and a "good ear for music". Training is offered for audio operation but the volunteer should expect a longer training experience.

### WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

Our Media Team volunteers assist in rehearsals on Wednesday nights during Band/Orchestra rehearsal from 7:30-8:45pm. Positions that are required to attend every week are audio (house and live-stream) and lyrics. As needed, all scheduled volunteers may be required to attend rehearsal. This team arrives early to rehearsals and services to ensure all technology is ready to go to start on time.

If you are scheduled to serve, you are required to attend both rehearsal (required positions listed above) and Sunday morning service. Early arrival on Sunday morning is crucial.

### **ABSENCES**

Rehearsals are vital to the effectiveness of the Worship Ministry. In the event that you are not able to make a rehearsal, please communicate with the Worship Pastor or Media Associate so we can make proper adjustments to the schedule. We use Planning Center to communicate participation in advance. If you cannot make rehearsal, you will most likely be moved to serve on a different Sunday. Plans will be made as needed.

### **ROTATION SCHEDULE**

As more volunteers join the team, some positions will join the rotation schedule. All Media Team members must be open to sharing the booth and making room for other talented volunteers.

### **ON-BOARDING PROCESS**

- Contact Worship Pastor or Media Associate to express interest in serving
- 2. The Worship Pastor or Media Associate will reach out to you to schedule a time for you to observe the Media Team
- 3. Attend a rehearsal and the corresponding Sunday to observe the process
- 4. Schedule times for needed training (this will be done with the Worship Pastor or Media Associate)
- 5. Shadow a team member for 2 weeks on Wednesdays and Sundays
- 6. Join the rotation schedule!

# **EXPECTATIONS**

### **SERVANT ATTITUDE**

Leading from the booth is a privilege and not something that we deserve. As a team, we work together to serve each other and our church body. Our ministry members are expected to demonstrate this lifestyle in and out of the church.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

We know that life can be crazy at times (or all the time). We want you to know that we value your time and appreciate the effort you put in to being involved in the Worship Ministry. We ask that you value the time of your peers and arrive on-time or early to rehearsals and services. This will help us be most effective for Gospel advancement.

### **FLEXIBILITY**

Sometimes schedules change. We work hard to plan ahead and prepare for you. Though it is uncommon for big changes to occur, we ask that you stay connected with our leadership and check Planning Center periodically for updates. Thank you in advance for understanding!

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **DRESS GUIDELINES**

Our objective as a team is to draw people's attention to Jesus. We do our best to remove all distractions. We never want our apparel to become a point of focus. Please dress modestly. Contact Steven with any questions or concerns.

### PLANNING CENTER ONLINE (PCO)

We use Planning Center for scheduling and practicing purposes. Every member of the Worship Ministry will be equipped with a free account to access all materials needed. After joining the team, you will receive an invitation to set up your account. Every week you will receive a "request to serve" in your email inbox. Please use your account to do the following:

- Accept or decline scheduling requests
- Review scheduled services on the calendar
- View the Order of Worship for the upcoming Sunday
- Block-out dates that you are unavailable to serve

Get the app! Planning Center offers a great app resource available to you on either Google Play or Apple App Store.

Having trouble with Planning Center? Email Steven or check out the resources below for help. Training sessions will be available throughout the year.

### Link to Planning Center Tutorial:

youtube.com/watch?v=W9l1uZHkjj8

To download our training guide, visit the Worship ministry page at longviewpoint.org/music.

### **NEWSLETTER**

A weekly newsletter will be distributed by email every Monday. This is a great way to keep up with all that is going on in the life of the Worship Ministry. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please email Steven at steven@longviewpoint.org.

### **FACEBOOK**

Have Facebook? Join our Worship Ministry facebook group. We will use this group as another form of communication and encouragement.

Send Pastor Steven a friend request to be added to the group.

| SPECIAL EVENTS AND PRODUCTIONS                                                                                                        |
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| Our Worship Teams have the opportunity to participate in special events and                                                           |
| productions at The Point. You will be given details regarding the upcoming events via the newsletter, rehearsal, and Planning Center. |
| What to look forward to:                                                                                                              |
| Christmas Production                                                                                                                  |

- Christmas Eve
- Easter Service
- Nights of Worship
- Multi-generational Services
- Mission Trips
- Community Events

### PRAYER NEEDS

Need prayer? Please email Steven at steven@longviewpoint.org or call the church office to be added to our prayer list. Requests will also be noted in our weekly newsletter.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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