

Immanuel Church Worship Team: Qualifications for Participation

The focus of our worship team is not to be worship leaders, but to be lead worshippers. Our prayer is that everyone present at a service, especially members of the worship team, would be focused on responding to our great and awesome God. This should be the focus of our lives. Sunday mornings become a time of corporate celebration of the God who has revealed himself to us generally in his creation and specially through his Word. May the Holy Spirit work in our hearts that our worship would be sincere, joyful, and pleasing to God.

Commitments in Relationship to the Church and Leadership

Members of the worship team must be committed to the Body of Christ at Immanuel Church and in full agreement with our statement of faith, mission, and direction.

Members willingly submit themselves to the church leadership - the elders, pastors, worship ministry team, and the worship team leader.

Personal Character Commitment

Members' characters must exhibit personal and spiritual maturity in keeping with the characteristics required of overseers and deacons (1 Tim. 3) with a commitment to and plan for spiritual growth and maturity (1 Tim. 4).

While it is important that members share a commitment to the worship ministry, this is secondary to a commitment to the Lord and to our families (in that order).

Worship Team Artistic Commitment

Musical skill and musical excellence are essential attributes. Members must understand and have the ability to put into practice basic music theory, rhythmic skills, and quality instrumental and/or voice skills.

It is equally important that members understand and demonstrate what it means to perform music harmoniously together as a team. Great team harmony, blend, and dynamics can only be achieved when members submit any personal preferences to team priorities.

Likewise, there needs to be a commitment to individual practice as well as to team rehearsals and meetings. This is a significant time commitment and, as so, members must have their family's understanding and support.

Worship Team Relational Commitment

Team commitment to one another is expressed through regular prayer and support. In addition, members share a desire to listen to each other, and respect and value the opinions and perspectives shared. Sensitivity to the needs of others will be demonstrated by putting the need of others, especially those of the congregation, ahead of personal interests.

Excellent communication honors the Lord and helps avoid conflict and misunderstanding. Members must be at a point of maturity to be able to accept constructive criticism and submit to the established guidelines. It is important to remain flexible. There is an expectation that members will be able to submit and work without complaining. As difficult as it may be, there may be times when a participant will be asked to step aside for a period of time or step down altogether.

On a practical level, access to the internet and communicating actively through email is required. Many of our key resources and communications are handled through these mediums.