

HillSpring Worship

Personal Holiness / Spiritual Growth

We believe that is impossible for a Christian to experience or lead worship in a corporate setting without first living out a lifestyle of worship in a private setting. Before we, as the Body, join to praise our Holy God, we first must experience a lifestyle of personal holiness—a “lifestyle of worship.” To live a lifestyle of worship mean we must spend time daily in God’s Word and in prayer. We must separate ourselves from the world and surrender ourselves as “a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will accept.” When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? (Romans 12:1 NLT)

Excellence

We believe in giving our absolute best in everything we do. Excellence is not to be confused with perfection. Rather, it is a standard of excellence that is a reflection of the very person of Christ. As we allow Christ to live through us, he will equip us with everything good to do what pleases Him. He will “make [us] complete in every good work to do His will “ so that He receives the glory and honor. (Hebrews 13:21) We aim for perfection, but settle for excellence!

Relationships

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12 NKJV)
We believe there is supernatural power and freedom when we worship with people we love and care about. That is why we value relationships and why we must continually make efforts to care for, pray with, and reach out to one another. We strive to possess that “mind of Christ” that thinks more highly and more often of others than of self. (Philippians 2:5-8)

Community

We believe that members of the worship community must experience the full blessings of Body life. Our spiritual depth would be quite shallow if this did not occur. So, each member of the Worship Ministry is encouraged to be involved in a small group. We expect all Worship Ministry members to consistently attend one of our Worship Services. We expect members to fellowship with other believers through church events and activities. We are much more than just singers or musicians. We are brothers and sisters in Christ and we must grow together as the family of God. This only strengthens our endeavors as lead worshipers

Expectations

First and foremost as part of the Worship Ministry you will be responsible for being worshippers of God on and off the stage. We exist to lift up worship and praise to our King in song, drama, speech, media, other creative expression, and with our very lives. We strive for our worship to be pure and worthy of our God in everything we do! Since you will be in front of people, you will be seen as a leader. As a result of this leadership, your life will be under scrutiny on and off the stage by those who watch you and will affect how you are seen in the ministry.

There are no perfect people, but if you are involved in HillSpring Worship, you should show a dedication to the pursuit of holiness and strive to live a life of integrity at home, at work, and in the community. Because you have volunteered for this position, we ask for a solid commitment to show up for practices and other rehearsals, to strive for excellence, and to give your best efforts to make this a success.

We realize this may be a considerable amount of time to commit to; however it is to ensure that the quality of each worship service is without distractions and creates an atmosphere conducive for encountering God in an authentic way. Each person involved in HillSpring Worship is vital. Each role is very important. Throwing things together, bringing second best to the Lord's house will not work in trying to advance the kingdom of the Savior King into a dying world.

The following areas are expectations to your involvement in HillSpring Worship:

Excellence

- Commitment to giving your best in whatever you do
- Open to constructive criticism and improvement

Commitment

- Submission to the Lord's timing & the leadership's time frame for your ministry here at HillSpring
- Faithful attendance & punctuality to rehearsals, sound checks, events, and private practice time
- Faithful attendance at church during times you are not scheduled to play or sing

Submission

- Pray for our leadership (Worship leadership, and church leadership)
- Respect and honor the leadership and submit to the guidelines and direction they set forth

Growth

- Spiritual growth, relational growth, growth in your talents and abilities
- Pledge to be spiritually prepared to minister (this includes having personal prayer/worship time)

Team Attitude

- Be a team player!
- Grow together with a cooperative attitude

Communication

- Honorable communication between yourself, leadership, and fellow team members
- Develop healthy relational team dynamics through encouragement and positive exhortation

Guidelines

- Please be on time. Promptness to rehearsals and worship experiences is a must. It is disrespectful to the rest of the team who arrived on time if you are running late. Consistent tardiness expresses that being on this team is not a priority to you.
- No shows are unacceptable. Two no shows (practices and/or services) means you will be removed from the team. Communicate!

- Attend rehearsals when scheduled. Wednesday rehearsal is mandatory in order to participate on stage on Sunday morning. It is understandable that something may come up every once in a while, but that is the exception, not the rule. We are a team and the only way to play as a team is to practice as a team.
- You are required to attend worship services whether or not you are scheduled to be on the stage. We currently have two services each weekend, please attend one. It is important for you to be in the congregation exhibiting the same exciting and authentic worship that you do on the stage.
- Strive to live a life of integrity at home, at work, and in the community.
- Support the church leadership team and the mission of HillSpring Church.
- Learn new music when necessary.
- Exhibit excitement and authenticity in your public worship

Dress Code

HillSpring Church is a casual, laid back environment. However, HillSpring Worship is an “up front” ministry and so the way we dress can send a message to the rest of the church. For that reason, here are some general guidelines for clothing:

Women:

No see through, lacy, or revealing clothing. No cleavage showing (if you wear a low cut shirt, please wear a camisole or tank underneath). If you wear a tank top, halter top or sleeveless top or dress, please wear with a sweater or jacket. No short shorts or short skirts (knee length is appropriate). No backless or back bearing tops and no strapless shirts. No midriff baring shirts of any kind. Distressed jeans are fine, however holes must not be overly large and show large areas of skin through them. No T-Shirts with offensive language or advertising on them.

Men:

No shorts (Jeans and pants only, please). Distressed jeans are fine, however holes must not be overly large and show large areas of skin through them. No tank tops or shirts with sleeves cut off. No T-Shirts with offensive language or advertising on them (i.e. alcohol/tobacco). No see through shirts/mesh shirts without an undershirt. We may have more casual settings (Night of Worship, etc...) where flip flops are okay to wear, but on Sunday mornings, please do not wear them.

If you arrive at church in clothing that does not meet the above guidelines, you will be asked not to participate in that particular service. If it is a recurring pattern, you will be asked to step down from the team. Our heart is to help create an atmosphere conducive for God to move and where people can worship freely.

We don't want the focus to be about us, or what we are wearing; we want to point people to the cross. If we are wearing clothing that is distracting, it could take away from the worship experience for those who come to worship.

Thank you for efforts in making us a worship team that strives for excellence in every area of our ministry!