

//TGY WORSHIP //

MISSION & PURPOSE

MISSION STATEMENT

Leading others as well as ourselves into God's presence, individually and collectively.

PURPOSE

Our goal at TGY Worship is simply this: to lead others and ourselves into an atmosphere of worship on and off the platform. We each have this privilege and responsibility – no matter what our role on the team looks like – and we work together as a unified team to always carry out our mission to the best of our ability.

EXPECTATIONS

MUSICAL EXPECTATIONS

We don't expect perfection at TGY – but we do expect excellence.

What this means, is that we always strive to offer God our best and absolutely nothing less. Musically, excellence is achieved by learning lead lines and the part that your instrument has in each song, harmonies, lyrics, learning the Nashville number system, memorizing music, being open to advice on how to improve, and lots and lots of practice. No matter how naturally gifted or talented we are, there are always ways to improve and learn – just ask!

Resources are available for getting better!

Please contact Alayna for more information on training and guidance for your instrument, vocals, or equipment. Please don't hesitate to ask for help with anything that you may not understand!

We want you to feel comfortable with your role at TGY Worship

That way we can focus on our main goal – which is worshipping Jesus. When we are unprepared it causes distraction for ourselves as well as others, not to mention it makes worship seem more stressful than enjoyable. Don't just practice until you get it right, practice until you can't get it wrong.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord & not for man.
Colossians 3:23

LIFESTYLE EXPECTATIONS

What does it look like to lead a lifestyle of worship off the platform?

Worship isn't just music – it truly is a lifestyle of giving glory and praise to God in our circumstances. If we lead others from the stage by telling them how loving God is, yet we step off of the stage and are judgmental and unkind to the people around us, then it completely discredits everything we proclaim from the platform. By joining the team and being recognized as a member of TGY worship you are putting yourself on a continual platform – people will always be watching how you act and what you do.

One of the main ways that we can continue to glorify God with our actions off stage is through our talk of others (especially other team members or leaders). If you have a problem with another peer or leader, we ask that instead of spreading rumors about that person or talking badly about them, that you would take the problem to the person directly (Matthew 18:15-17). If it's an issue that needs an outside hand then please talk with either Alayna Helfrich or Josh Taylor – but *do not* gossip about another team member or person. We refrain from gossip because as followers of Jesus, our goal is to be encouraging to others, and to build them up. Gossip causes harm not only to the person that we talk about – but it also causes you to become an untrustworthy person. We are a team so let's be encouraging and uplifting to one another!

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Ephesians 4:29

We ask that you recognize yourself as a leader.

Each person involved in serving is considered a leader, whether you lead songs vocally or do slides in the tech booth. With leadership comes responsibility to hold yourself accountable not just to standards that the leaders at TGY might have for you – but that God has for you.

As members of the team we always support leadership.

This means that even when you disagree with a leader or pastor at True Grace Church that you will continue to support them and respect them. If you have a disagreement with a member of leadership, please respectfully make your concern known only to Josh Taylor, or another member of our pastoral staff at True Grace. Along with gossip, any disrespect of leadership will not be tolerated.

We are not only members of True Grace Youth, but of True Grace Church. As leaders and members of TGY worship we will always support and respect our leadership and church when talking with other members, leaders, or peers. People are not perfect – even leadership, but we need to learn to respect the position that God has placed them in as leaders even when they make mistakes.

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

We ask that you would be present for TGY and pre-service prayer every Wednesday, even when you aren't on the team.

As leaders we set the standard and the culture at TGY – we don't come to youth simply because we're involved on the worship team. We come regardless because being involved in worship is not a separate event – when we are on the worship team we are committing and contributing to TGY as a whole. Regular attendance is recognized, appreciated, and required as a member of TGY Worship. We also expect engagement throughout the entirety of the gathering (i.e. paying attention to the message, taking notes, not being a distraction, etc.). If you are going to be unable to attend for more than 2 weeks in a row, please contact Alayna so that we are aware. If you fail to contact us, and neglect to attend gatherings regularly then you will be contacted about the matter – and if it continues to happen then you may be removed from TGY Worship until we see a change.

Practice on Wednesdays begins AT 5:00 PM.

This means that we start our pre-practice meeting at precisely 5 o'clock, even if the whole team has not arrived yet. We ask that you arrive at the church by 4:45 PM if you are scheduled that evening – *this is for tech team members as well*. That way you can have time to set up and to prepare in any way you need to for practice *before* it begins.

If you are going to be late to practice or unable to serve at a TGY night please contact Alayna immediately.

Communication is essential for success! If you are going to be any later than 15 minutes *you will not be permitted to play on the team that night*, regardless of whether or not there is a replacement for you. Punctuality is a priority – at TGY we strive for excellence in every aspect. We only have 1 hour of practice time on Wednesdays, and every second can count towards making us more unified and prepared as a team. Even though you may not drive yourself, we still ask that you work your hardest to have your ride get you there early. If there is a circumstance such as traffic or an emergency then lateness is more likely to be excused.

ATTIRE EXPECTATIONS

I am saying this for your benefit, not to place restrictions on you. I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible.

1 Corinthians 7:35

At TGY Worship we do have a standard for dress

This isn't because we don't want you to be free to choose your own attire, but rather to eliminate anything that might distract your peers from what God is speaking. *Any dresses, shorts or skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.* We ask that you would be cautious of tight or clingy material, low-cut shirts that may be revealing, or crop tops. If you're standing on the stage then there are people looking up to you – literally looking to you at an upward angle. Also, we want you to be able to comfortably worship without any distraction to *you* such as having to adjust your clothing consistently throughout the gathering. We love to have fun through worship at TGY, which includes jumping around, and we want every member of the team to be freely involved without any hesitation! Check to make sure that you are comfortable with your attire and try to keep these standards in the back of your mind when choosing clothing for TGY when you will be on stage.

ATTITUDE EXPECTATIONS

Just as important as checking your attire before coming to serve at TGY, we ask that you would do a heart check before coming to serve.

We care so much more about the condition of your heart than how well you can sing or how cute your outfit is that night. If you're having a really tough day and need some prayer, advice, or encouragement, that's what our team is for! There are leaders and peers all around you that are always willing to be available for a phone call or meeting if you need some encouragement. At TGY Worship our goal is to be able to lead others *and* ourselves into worship that evening – we cannot lead others where we ourselves are unwilling or unable to go. We want each member of the team to show up excited, ready to engage, and always willing to serve.

Each team member – on and off stage – leads worship not only through their words, but through stage presence, countenance, facial expressions, and actions; and each of these factors is affected by our attitude. This is why personal devotionals are essential. Our worship on stage should never be our only worship – but always an overflow of our private worship. Prepare your heart before your hands! We are there to worship our King, our Savior, and our friend. If we are consistent to worship throughout triumph and victories in life, then we can be more readily prepared to worship through trial and defeat. Musical aspects of worship aren't the only thing to practice; spend time in your Bible and in personal worship so that you are prepared spiritually as well as musically for TGY!

CONTACT INFORMATION

If at any point throughout the application process you have a question, please don't hesitate to reach out to Alayna Helfrich, our TGY Worship Director, through email, text, or phone call, and she will help you complete your application.

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