



Vision & Values for Corporate Worship at Wayzata Free Church

Wayzata Free Church Mission Statement

To help all people take their next step to know, follow and become like Jesus

Wayzata Free Church Culture

Everyone Is Welcome...Nobody Is Perfect...Anything Is Possible

Wayzata Free Church Corporate Worship Vision Statement

To establish and encourage an environment of worship in corporate and personal settings where:

- » We all understand that the heart of worship is surrender. True worship is bringing pleasure to God as we give ourselves to Him
- » We all desire to be intimately connected to God and want to hear His voice
- » We allow the Holy Spirit the freedom to move in our midst and draw us closer to God
- » We grow in relationship with God by offering worship and praise with engaged hearts, minds and spirits
- » We desire worship experiences that are biblically centered
- » We authentically and joyfully express our worship to Him
- » We recognize that we are more than observers or consumers; we are active participants in worship
- » We celebrate life change and come together as a community

Wayzata Free Church Corporate Worship Value Statements

Unity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » We value worship that unites our congregational community through participation. There is one Father, one Son and one Holy Spirit. » We are temples of the Holy Spirit. The greatest sign that God is with a people is seen in their Unity. 	<p>1 Cor 1:10 I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.</p> <p>Colossians 3:13-14 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.</p>
Variety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » We value worship that is both familiar and diverse while incorporating varied voices and instruments. » Our worship music will utilize the best of what's been learned and expressed in the past as well as fresh applications and expressions of God's Word from the present. 	<p>Psalms 150 Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise him with the lyre and harp! Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with strings and flutes! Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that breathes sing praises to the LORD!</p> <p>Ephesians 5:19 Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.</p>
Worshipping in spirit and truth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » We value worship that meditates on scripture and encourages it to sink into our hearts. » We value worship that is open to an authentic and spontaneous response to the prompting of His Spirit. 	<p>Romans 12:1-2 I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.</p> <p>John 4:23-24 But the time is coming - indeed it's here now - when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.</p>
Expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » We value worship that incorporates hearing God's word, joyful praise, quiet reflective prayer, confession, song, remembering Christ's sacrifice and stillness before God. » We can respond to God by singing, shouting, being silent, clapping, lifting hands, kneeling, standing, dancing and bowing. Worship is our <i>response</i> to God. 	<p>Psalms 95:6 Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for he is our God;</p> <p>Psalms 47:1 Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise!</p> <p>Psalms 149:3 Praise his name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp.</p> <p>Ezra 8:6 Then Ezra praised the LORD, the great God, and all the people chanted, "Amen! Amen!" as they lifted their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.</p> <p>Psalms 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God!</p>
Authenticity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » We value authentic worship where we come to Him just as we are, willing to further our relationship with God. God asks that we come to worship Him with nothing hidden. 	<p>Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable;</p> <p>Psalms 51:17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God;</p> <p>Romans 6:13 Give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.</p>
Life Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Our lives are continually renewed and changed as we come into the presence of God. » We value worship that changes and aligns our priorities, thoughts and actions to those of the Living God. This impacts our relationships and the environments we occupy. 	<p>Acts 9:3-6 As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.</p> <p>Luke 5:10 Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.</p>