



Worship Team Vocalist

Description and Qualifications

Purpose:

The vocalist's goal on the worship team is to serve the congregation by leading them in the worship of the LORD through music and prayer. This leadership involves not only engaging with the LORD directly through song and prayer but encouraging and assisting the congregation to engage their hearts, minds and bodies in worship as well.

Character Qualities:

- **Servant** - a vocalist recognizes their role in leading worship as not a soloist but one whose role it is to foster an environment and atmosphere of worship and prayer within the congregation. If the congregation is only listening and not participating through either singing or a posture of prayer, we are not serving them well.
- **Humble** - a vocalist recognizes who they are (a sinner saved by grace) in light of who God is (a holy and perfect God). This posture of humility should be reflected in their approach to the LORD in worship.
- **Assertive** - a vocalist needs to demonstrate a comfort and a confidence in leading other people in song. Since the congregation follows their lead, a vocalist needs to be able to demonstrate these abilities in order to help the congregation experience the freedom to participate confidently as well.
- **Responsive** - a vocalist also is able to gauge the Spirit's leadership within a worship service. Whether that means sometimes lowering their mic to allow the congregation to hear one another sing or encouraging the congregation to join in with clapping, this person demonstrates an openness and sensitivity to what God is doing in preparing for the worship service, leading during the service and evaluating themselves afterwards.
- **Engaged** - a vocalist is active in pursuing and cultivating their relationship with the LORD through prayer, the study of His word, fellowship with His Church as well as engagement with those outside of the church walls. This active, regular engagement with the LORD is vital in creating a consistent and authentic presence on Sunday morning.

Skill Sets:

- Each vocalist has a working knowledge of music theory which includes: a basic knowledge of scales, chords and rhythm as well as an ability to read music or follow chord charts.

- Each vocalist has a musical ear which is able to replicate rhythm patterns or melody lines as well as recognize when their singing is out of tune or out of rhythm.
- Each vocalist demonstrates an ability to sing as a soloist and as part of an ensemble. Ideally, this person is also able to sing both melodies and harmonies.
- Each vocalist is able to identify both their musical strengths and weaknesses and be willing to continue to develop in particular growth areas.

Responsibilities and Expectations:

- Vocalists are either regular attenders (attending at least 6 months) or members of Jacob's Well Church and have made a clear profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Those interested in joining the team will be asked to complete a two-part interview by current worship team members assessing both character qualities and skill sets to determine if they are a fit for the team.
- Vocalists are scheduled approximately 1-2 times per month on a designated worship team. Commitments on Sunday include helping with setup, rehearsal, leading during service as well as willing to assist with tear-down.
- On each assigned Sunday, vocalists have rehearsed and are prepared to sing or lead on the chosen songs for that week.
- The time commitment on an assigned Sunday is approximately 4 hours. Total commitment, including individual rehearsal time during the week is about 6 hours.