



RIVER POINT WORSHIP

I'm so excited that you're interested in being part of the worship team at River Point Community Church! It is a fun, challenging, and rewarding ministry. If God has gifted you with musical talent, I want you to be able to use it for His glory! This is a somewhat complex ministry with many moving parts.

One of the main things I will be looking for is people who have a heart to serve.

Serving, loving and leading in our church is where the "rubber meets the road." It's where we learn to be givers in this life instead of takers. As 1 Corinthians 12:7 says, "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." We are given gifts and callings not for the service of our own visibility or personal sense of fulfillment – we are given the gifts we have to serve the others around us, while being energized by that service. That is the foundation of what serving in this ministry is all about.

Romans 12:1-2 says, 'so here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him.'

I mention this first because I want you to know up front the adventure you are about to embark on. Our lives are meant to be a daily offering of worship to God, and I can tell you from experience, nothing is more life giving than participating in the sacred call of leading people into God's presence. That is the business we are in and the calling you will be entrusted with, should you end up on this path.

So for your advantage, and that of the worship ministry as a whole, there is a short process to become a regularly scheduled member of the worship team. Here are the first few steps...

- Prayerfully consider your involvement.
- Please read the following information in its entirety (There is a lot of important information that you will need to know).
- Fill out the application attached.
- Someone on the worship leadership team will contact you about your application and a scheduled audition time.

If there is any other way I can help in this process please let me know!

In Christ Alone,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Schultz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nick Schultz
Worship Pastor

OVERVIEW

One of the core values at River Point is worship—using our every breath in whatever we do for God’s glory and purpose. As the worship team at River Point, we desire to equip our people to live a life of worship, wherever they live, work, study, play or shop. Living in close relationship with God is an awesome and humbling privilege that we encourage at every opportunity. The worship ministry seeks to enhance that relationship by giving our people an opportunity to praise God together in a weekend worship environment, and then sending them out to be God’s hands and feet the other 99% of the week.

TEAM COMMITMENT AND EXPECTATIONS

We want worship to be simple and accessible. Singing to God with a sincere heart does not have or need to be complex. With that said there is a certain level of preparation, planning, and practice that goes into making each and every worship service simple. Because of this, there is a certain level of commitment that is required from the worship team that exceeds other ministries. This commitment can take on many forms. Here are a few practical areas where level of commitment is most evident.

1. **Spiritual Preparation:** Worship on a platform is the overflow of a lifestyle of worship and a heart that is well cultivated throughout the week. Personal spiritual intimacy with Jesus is our FIRST priority. There are 10,080 minutes in a week. 40 minutes of worship on a Sunday morning is a mere .4% of a week. If the only time you “worship” is .4% of your week, something is wrong. How can we lead people where we haven’t gone ourselves?
2. **Musical Preparation:** Rehearsals are infinitely smoother when everyone has listened to, practiced with and memorized the scheduled music. Being prepared also means having any gear or equipment that you intend to use on Sunday with you for practice (lyric sheets or chord charts are provided on Planning Center Online – more on this later). Unless otherwise posted, you are expected to learn your parts exactly like the arrangement posted on Planning Center Online with MP3’s provided, giving special attention to the tonal qualities of each instrument. For teamwork to happen effectively, we rely on you to play your part accordingly.
3. **Attitude:** When ideas or suggestions are presented and received with a good attitude, the results are huge for effective team building. If there are technical, musical or miscellaneous complications, keep attitudes positive and morale high. Be open to the constructive criticism of the worship pastor or band leader. They are trying to pull out every bit of greatness in you they can find, so be patient and receptive of constructive feedback.
4. **Timekeeping:** Everyone’s time is valuable. It’s important that everyone be prompt for rehearsals so that we can use our limited time as efficiently as possible. Arriving early is always a great idea. We are very serious about being on time. Tardiness communicates a lack of respect for your colleagues, for River Point, and for the Lord.

If an unexpected situation arises and you know you will be late, please communicate as quickly as possible with the worship pastor.

5. **Flexibility:** The worship pastor and/or band leader always tries to give adequate notice of schedule or set list changes. While it is not uncommon for these changes to take place, it is only done when necessary. It is recommended that you periodically check back with Planning Center to view any potential changes.

AUDITION PROCESS

Once you submit your application, the Worship Pastor will contact you to arrange an audition time. He will communicate with you by email and invite you to Planning Center Online (PCO). On PCO, you will have everything you need from the song, the key that it's in, chord chart, lyrics, and even a click track to help you practice.

Auditions are, by nature, a little intimidating. We will try to make the process as relaxed as possible. In some cases, it may be evident that an applicant's skills have not developed enough to serve on a regularly scheduled basis. Should this be the case, those conducting the audition will give some advice on how the applicant can improve. After some time and practice another audition may be scheduled.

Please note, that at your audition the only people that are to be present yourself, the worship pastor and another team member picked by the worship pastor.

PLANNING CENTER ONLINE

As part of the audition process you should be familiar with Planning Center Online. Planning Center Online (PCO) is an online service planning website where band members, songs and service flow are scheduled and posted. It allows worship team members to access chord charts, lyric sheets, MP3's and click tracks of each instrument and/or vocal part of songs we will be using in worship.

After your account is set up and you have access to the resources you need, you're ready to go. The Worship Pastor is in charge of scheduling vocalists and instrumentalists. The frequency with which you are scheduled for an audition will depend on how many applicants are ahead of you and the information you provide on the application (i.e. experience, availability).

ADDITIONAL STEPS

Before your audition you might want to attend our rehearsals and run-through's. Please note that this is not a mandatory step. But if you are interested, we ask that you come and hang out with the worship team for a week or two before your audition. There are a few

reasons for this.

- Rehearsals cover a lot of ground in a short amount of time. Being a spectator will allow you to see first-hand how rehearsals flow.
- When you know what to expect at rehearsal, it will allow you to be better prepared when it is your turn.
- It may help you to be more relaxed. Playing or singing with a new group of people can cause some to be nervous. Having multiple chances to meet those you will be serving alongside should calm your nerves.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Take a moment to review the schedule below. This is the normal weekly schedule and commitment expectations for those leading in worship on Sunday.

Monday – Saturday (3–5 hours)

- Listen, practice and memorize the music for Sunday.
- Always ask questions to the worship pastor if anything is confusing for Sunday.

Sunday (6 hrs)

- Arrival and set up (6:45am – 7:20am)
- Rehearsal/Run-Through (7:20am – 8:00am)
- Final run-through with production team (8:00am – 8:30am)
- 5 Minute Break (8:30am – 8:35am)
- All Team Huddle (8:35am – 8:45am)
- Service 1 (9:00am)
- Service 2 (11:00am)

CONCLUSION

Now that you know all expectations and commitments we hope that you feel called to continue the process and begin to fill out your worship application. Once you are finished you can either bring it in Monday – Thursday from 9:00am – 5:00pm at our office hours or Sunday between services. We can't wait to meet and know that we are praying for you as you feel God's call to join this team.



APPLICATION

DATE: ___/___/___

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBER:

BIRTH DATE:

ADDRESS:

MARITAL STATUS:

- SINGLE MARRIED OTHER

IF OTHER, PLEASE EXPLAIN:

I AM CURRENTLY:

IN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING COLLEGE WORKING

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS (ASTHMA, DIABETES, ALLERGIES, ETC.), AND/OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (ALLERGIC TO CERTAIN MEDS, RARE BLOOD TYPE, WEARS CONTACTS LENSES, ETC.):

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY TEAM?

IS THERE ANYTHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT WOULD KEEP SOMEONE FROM FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD IN WORSHIP?

SHARE HOW JESUS SAVED YOU:

SHARE WHAT GOD IS CURRENTLY TEACHING YOU:

AREA OF INTEREST:

- VOCALIST INSTRUMENTALIST BOTH

DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE AT A MUSICAL LEVEL THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH RIVER POINT'S CURRENT STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE?

- YES NO I THINK I'M CLOSE

IF NOT, ARE YOU OPENED TO TRAINING OR SHADOWING?

- YES NO

AVAILABILITY:

- I'D LIKE TO BE SCHEDULED AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE
 2-3 TIMES PER MONTH
 ONCE PER MONTH
 I ONLY WANT TO SERVE OCCASIONALLY

VOCALIST INFORMATION (SKIP IF YOU'RE NOT A VOCALIST)

VOCAL RANGE:

SOPRANO ALTO TENOR BASS UNSURE

HAVE YOU SUNG WITH A WORSHIP TEAM, CHOIR, OR PRAISE TEAM BEFORE?

YES NO

PLEASE EXPLAIN (INCLUDE STYLE AND YOUR ROLE):

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR VOCAL STYLE? (I.E ROCK, POP, COUNTRY, GOSPEL, ETC)

DO YOU HAVE A NATURAL EAR FOR PICKING OUT HARMONY PARTS?

YES NO

CAN YOU READ MUSIC?

YES NO

**ARE YOU COMFORTABLE/EXPERIENCED SINGING TO A CLICK TRACK
(METRONOME)?**

YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE:

WHAT ARE YOUR VOCAL STRENGTHS?

WHAT ARE YOUR VOCAL WEAKNESSES?

INSTRUMENTALIST INFORMATION (SKIP IF THIS ISN'T YOU)

WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY INSTRUMENT?

WHAT IS YOUR SECONDARY INSTRUMENT?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING?

WHAT STYLES DO YOU ENJOY PLAYING?

HAVE YOU PLAYED IN A BAND OR WORSHIP TEAM BEFORE?

YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE:

DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN GEAR? IF SO, PLEASE TELL US WHAT TYPE OF GEAR YOU USE (I.E BRAND OF GUITAR OR AMPS, TYPES OF EFFECTS PEDALS, ETC.):

ARE YOU COMFORTABLE/EXPERIENCED PLAYING TO A CLICK TRACK (METRONOME)?

YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE:

WHAT ARE YOUR MUSICAL STRENGTHS?

WHAT ARE YOUR MUSICAL WEAKNESSES?

CONCLUSION

I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE APPLICATION. I CAN MEET THE COMMITMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS EXPECTED OF A MEMBER OF THE WORSHIP TEAM AND I WANT TO COMMIT TO SERVING JESUS THROUGH THIS MINISTRY.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____