

1. EXPECTATIONS

Elevation Church exists to help people far from God come alive in Christ. We believe that every detail matters and we have the responsibility to create a distraction free environment so all can worship freely in spirit and in truth (John 4). The following information is critical to helping us achieve that goal. Though the heart of those leading on stage is the most important element, the responsibility of those leading is elevated because we want to represent Christ well and give Him our very best in every detail. These expectations are intended to help us and you maintain a high level of excellence and to provide a distraction free environment for those who have joined us for worship.

Personal Responsibilities

- Live the abundant life Jesus Christ promises through daily pursuit of Him.
- Avoid the appearance of evil. Conduct life in utmost integrity in all situations.
- Remember you represent Christ and Gospel Community Church wherever you go.
- Be loyal to the vision of Gospel Community always protect the unity God desires for His church.
- Investing and inviting the lost to know Jesus Christ and “come” to Gospel Community Church.

Setting an Example. As members of the worship team, we lead all aspects of our lives in such a way as to be an example to those around us. Following 1 Timothy 4:12, we are to be an example in speech, life, love, faith and purity. Realize that no matter how “private” we think our personal life is it is still an example to those around us. Everyone on the team is to encouraged hold each other accountable as we all may struggle from time to time. Those who consistently fail to be a proper example in this area may be asked to step down until they are able to be an example.

Personal Worship Time. Team members need to be spending personal time with God in worship and prayer away from the platform ministry. We are primarily worshippers, and we cannot lead others where we have not gone ourselves.

Personal Practice. Team members are expected to commit time to individual practice to prepare for group rehearsals and worship services. Recognize that this worship ministry requires a large time commitment and it is wasteful of the team’s time to be unprepared for rehearsal.

Skill Level. Participants must be able to keep up technically with the Worship Team as a whole and become a productive addition. All participants must be open to additional training and instruction from the Worship Leader and other more skilled team members. Helpful skills to develop include playing/singing by ear, reading music/chord charts and memorizing music/lyrics as needed.

Rehearsals. All team members are required to attend the weekly rehearsal sessions when they are scheduled. If you are unable to attend rehearsal for an emergency, illness, family event, or other extreme situation, please alert the Team Leader ASAP. (In the event of an emergency, please do so as soon afterward as possible.) Failure to attend rehearsal may require you to miss performing in the immediately following Sunday's worship, but will be determined at the Team Leader's discretion.

Stage Presence. Recognize that our role is to serve the congregation and to enhance the worship service. The worship is not about us or our music and our attitude on stage should reflect that. We should always strive to create an atmosphere of worship and reverence, especially while we are not playing. Understand the significance of body language on stage and the messages we may not realize we are communicating.

Dress Standard. It is expected that members of the worship team will present themselves at worship in a manner both glorifying to God and acceptable to the human eye. Please avoid things like hooded sweatshirts, shirts with large logos, or any provocative clothing.

Strive to Be Flexible. Team members need to be flexible. Things can and will change with a moment's notice and it is our job to be prepared and ready for anything that could happen and lead in a positive manner through those changes.

Be Creative. Each member of the team is encouraged to be creative and to contribute to the team. Don't be afraid to suggest, comment or ask questions about anything we do. However, please be courteous of other team members. Don't tell others how to do their job while they are doing it. If you have suggestions, wait for a weekly rehearsal or at least after the worship service to discuss it with the Team Leader.