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COMMUNITY CHURCH

WORSHIP MINISTRY HANDBOOK

To Our Teams

We're so glad to have you a part of our team and to see you invest in and care about worship at Northview. The nature of serving on worship teams is unique from other ministries. While it is no more valuable than any other role and those who serve on our team are no greater than anyone else, it is unique because of the platform that comes with it. Unlike most ministries, people on music teams serve on a stage in front of the church - there is a sense of leadership given to them by congregants.

We do not take this responsibility lightly. We strive to humbly and confidently lead from a place of service. We believe that worship leadership is far more than musical performance and a stage presence, it starts with a lifestyle and attitude off the platform which translates to leadership on it.

Our hope is that this booklet gives you a better picture of how our worship ministry fits into the overarching mission of Northview, what being on a worship team means, and what is expected of team members.

Pastor Andrew
Worship Pastor

Our Objective

The mission of our ministry at Northview is to disciple the church through **biblical, Christ-centred** acts of worship that **engage** God's people in response to His person and work.

We strive to engage our congregation in acts of worship that *reorient our lives on God's word* - acts of worship that are done in accord with the written word.

We strive to engage our congregation in acts of worship that *centre our lives on the person and work of Jesus Christ* - acts of worship that point us to the Saviour.

We strive to engage our congregation in acts of worship that are *designed for participation* - acts of worship that are both accessible and done very well.

Our Values

1. HUMILITY

We believe that the kind of worship that is acceptable to God is worship from a soft heart (Ps. 51:17) - worship that elevates God and others rather than ourselves. Outstanding music volunteers at Northview strive to be teachable and genuine worshippers - not seeking an opportunity for personal praise but one to sacrificially serve.

2. INTEGRITY

We believe that team members should be held to a high standard of morality, maturity, and integrity—living a life that is above reproach (1 Tim. 3). No one is perfect and we can acknowledge our failures, but we seek to imitate Christ in all we do, calling one another up and not out.

3. A DESIRE TO GROW

We believe that the grace of God in Christ should lead us to worship Him with our whole lives. God's grace should compel us to respond to Him in everything that we do, seeking to know God fully and truly. We seek to grow in our knowledge of God, being conformed to the image of Christ, and we seek to grow in our craft, playing skillfully (Ps. 33:3) for the Lord. We honour God when we give him our very best - spiritually and practically.

Our Expectations

REHEARSALS

- Please come to rehearsal prepared. Practice happens before rehearsal - rehearsal is when we bring our individual practice together. You should know your part and be comfortable with the songs before rehearsal starts.
- Bring your own set of in-ear monitors - we would love to recommend some affordable options for you!
- Come early to set up, tune, and be ready to go by the start of rehearsal time.
- Avoid practising/playing when someone is speaking. Respect your bandmates and be a good listener!

SCHEDULING

- When you are invited to serve on a team, please respond as promptly as possible to the invitation. This saves a lot of time and effort for our administrators and leaders. If you can't make a service for any reason don't feel bad hitting "decline", we just ask that you respond either way.
- *An early decline is better than a late accept!*



DRESS CODE

The goal of worship ministry is to draw people's attention to the person and work of God. Everything we do should bring people to that focus—this includes what we wear. While we have Christian freedom to wear whatever we want, not all things are beneficial (1 Cor 10:23). Some things will detract people's focus from God onto ourselves. Those are the things we want to avoid.

Specifically, avoid overly bright or flashy colours and large logos or slogans. Make sure you don't wear a deep-cut shirt and that your shoulders are covered. Please keep everything above the knees well covered—keeping in mind that the platform is around 4' high, and that many congregants look up at you. Always ask yourself if what you are wearing will draw attention to yourself.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Serving God in public ministry is a spiritually and emotionally draining activity. Take the time to cultivate a regular time with God, seeking Him in prayer and through Scripture. Use these times to allow God to replenish you - you cannot lead people to a place where you haven't been yourself. There is no shame in taking periods of rest from serving if you feel worn out or need to focus on other areas of your life. Get into a community group or Bible study so you have some spiritual accountability!



We pray that volunteering on teams at Northview is a life-giving way of serving Jesus' church. Our hope is that as you contribute your gift to the body of Christ, you would build others up in faith unto Christian maturity. We pray that as you sing, play, and lead, you would be filled by the Spirit of God to teach and admonish in the word and wisdom of Christ, to the glory of God.

We look forward to serving alongside you in ministry!

