



Worship Ministries

WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

We take worship seriously here at Twelfth Avenue and desire to serve with excellence in all that we do. We are excited about our ministry, and our prayer is that God would continue to call out from our body those who want to serve Him in leading worship. Although there are limits to the number of members we can accommodate, the Worship Team is a dynamic group, and new people are added as circumstances allow.

Our musical style in worship is reflective of who we are as a community, rooted in tradition but acknowledging the youthfulness of our congregation with its high population of college and international students as well as young couples and families. Our Sunday morning worship services are identical in style and content, striving to maintain the unity of the Body and the connectedness of the participants in both services.

Our Vision

To lead our church family in authentic worship that:

- Heightens our **awareness** of God,
- Brings us to **encounter** God, and
- Evokes a heart **response** of praise, gratitude, and obedience.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

A genuine and growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

We believe that we cannot lead in worship unless we are genuine worshippers throughout the week. We encourage those who are on the Worship Team to connect with a Life Group (small group Bible study) to help with accountability in growth.

A commitment to Twelfth Avenue as your church family.

Church membership is not required, but we recommend that you have been attending Twelfth Avenue for at least six months before joining the Worship Team. It's important to us that you be in step with our vision and connected to our body before you begin such a visible ministry

Musical ability that supports and enhances our core value of excellence.

We aren't looking for the next "American Idol", but we are looking for giftedness beyond simple proficiency. And yes, you do have to audition, but it's not too scary!

Time in your schedule.

Team members must be able to attend every rehearsal and all worship services the week they are scheduled. You must attend Thursday night practice to be on stage Sunday morning. (Mixing sound in a gymnasium is hard enough without adding in unrehearsed team members!) There will be rare exceptions to this rule made at the discretion of the worship team leaders.

A driver's license.

Worship team members must be at least sixteen years of age and able to get themselves to and from rehearsals independent of parents or friends.

FIVE ATTRIBUTES

FOR WHICH WE STRIVE

Pure Testimony

- Live a life of worship and integrity seven days of the week.
- Be eager to share your faith and encourage other believers.

Positive Attitude

- Build one another up as a team.
- Be flexible and sensitive to the feelings and abilities of other team members.
- Remember, things will not always be what you prefer but it may meet someone else's need.

Punctual Attendance

- Thursday evening rehearsals are important, and we need to respect one another's time!
- Sunday rehearsals are from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m., followed by group prayer. Sunday services are at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Personal Effort

- Prepare fully for rehearsals and services.
- Seek to improve skills by practice and learning on your own.
- Give focused effort throughout every rehearsal.
- Prepare your heart for worship.

Proper Attire

- Casual attire or dressier. Modest choices – not too short, too tight, or too revealing. Please wear tunic length tops if wearing leggings or skinny jeans. Avoid wrinkled or sloppy clothes or message shirts.

WHAT DO I DO IF I WANT TO JOIN?

If you are interested in joining the worship team, we invite you to contact Joann Gimple at rjgimple@gmail.com. Joann can get an application to you and schedule a time for you to observe an evening practice to help you decide if you really want to be a part of the team.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Worship Team Leaders,

Joann Gimple
Jenn Martin
Sara Coltrane
Melissa McCrory

Exalt
the LORD our GOD;
worship at
His *footstool!*
HOLY is He!

- Psalm 99:5

Worship Team Covenant

Life Commitment

With the Holy Spirit's power, I will do my best to fulfill the vision statement of the worship team:

"To lead our church family in authentic worship that heightens our awareness of God, brings us to encounter God, and evokes a heart response of praise, gratitude, and obedience."

I will strive to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ with my whole life, and I will seek to bring glory to his name as I live out these principles.

Time, Attitude, and Effort Commitment

As a member of the Worship Team at Twelfth Avenue Baptist Church, I commit to:

- Work as a team member by being flexible and sensitive to the feelings and abilities of other team members.
- Be open in hearing others and be willing to submit to the team leaders.
- Encourage and build others up.
- Handle conflict according to Matthew 18, always with the intent of seeking reconciliation.
 - Speak with the individual privately. (Matt. 18:15)
 - Speak with the individual with one or two witnesses. (Matt. 18:16)
 - Take the issue to the church. (Matt 18:17)
- Show up to practices on time and prepared. I understand that there are weekly Thursday evening practices and Sunday final practices from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.
- Seek to improve my skill level by practice and learning on my own as well as with the team.
- Have a lifestyle of worship and integrity (Romans 12: 1-2)

I understand the commitments required to participate in the Twelfth Avenue Worship Team and agree to fulfill them to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Worship Team Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Thank you for your interest in the Worship Team. Please complete the following application so we may learn more about you and your background. You may be as brief as possible while still thoughtfully answering the questions.

Personal Profile

Briefly give your personal testimony.

What is your church background?

In what ways have you been involved in ministry?

Musical Background

What instrument(s) are you interested in playing as a part of the worship team?

Explain your training/experience with your instrument(s).

Do you play your instrument only with music, can you play with chord sheets, or do you play “by ear”?

If you are a vocalist, what part do you prefer to sing?

Explain your vocal training/experience.

If you prefer to sing a part other than melody, do you sing “by ear” or do you need music for your part?

What are a couple of your favorite worship songs?

What is one of your favorite groups or performers?

Worship Philosophy/Personal Walk

What does worship mean to you?

What has been your most meaningful worship experience?

What is God currently teaching you?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?