

ECC Worship Ministry Expectations

1. **Know Jesus.** It is the number one requirement that everyone in the ECC Worship Ministry has come to a relationship with Jesus Christ by acknowledging and accepting His sacrificial death as atonement for our sins (Rom 3:23 & 6:23; John 3:3; John 14:6; Rom 10:9-11; 2 Cor 5:15; Rev 3:20). It is also important that those leading the church in this ministry are actively growing in their Christian walk and striving to improve their relationship with God (Rom 12:1-2).
2. **Your Heart.** Worship ministry is not an opportunity to showcase our talents. If you lead worship with the intent of God being the focal point (John 3:30), people will not be focused on those leading worship, rather, their focus will be on Jesus Christ.
3. **Musical Ability.** Auditions are open to all, but not everyone can be up front on a Sunday morning. If you are new to singing or playing your instrument, that's really cool! We'd love to get to know you and talk music or jam together. The worship team will be the best fit for those with a high level of skill and experience. This reduces distractions and facilitates an environment for a powerful worship experience for those attending church.
4. **Individual Styles.** All musicians have their own signature styles, which is awesome. Team members must be willing to lay individual music preferences and opinions aside to contribute to the sound and style of our worship team. When we "fight" each other musically, that can have an effect on true worship. Being a team player is a must! There will also be times in a song where you will not be singing or playing. This adds a lot to the dynamics and the "journey" a song takes us on. Egos need to go by the wayside as we all come together to make the most beautiful music possible for our Lord.
5. **Stage Presence.** Stage presence helps everyone feel comfortable and more apt to join in worship with us. Relax and be comfortable on stage. If you are not singing or playing on a particular part of a song, we would ask that you continue to worship. This is good for your relationship with God, and it also teaches others about worship.
6. **Time.** If you join the worship ministry, you will need to attend Wednesday rehearsals from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Your Sunday time commitment will be from 9:00am-11:15am. Team members are rotated and are not expected to play every week. We will coordinate based on the band's current needs and your availability.
7. **Database.** We utilize an online database to schedule team members, post chord sheets and mp3's, and send out notices/updates. You will be expected to learn to use this system and respond to invitations to sing/play within 1 week of receiving the invitation. We currently schedule about 8 weeks in advance.
8. **Ethics.** Nobody is perfect, that's why we need a Savior. However, it is important that our lives match up with what we profess on stage. We ask that all worship team members not abuse alcohol or drugs, live out the Biblical definition of sexual purity, abide by all laws, and represent Christ through words and social media presence. We all have things in our pasts we're not proud of. If you're unsure about something, please talk with the worship pastor as we strive for the saved to be revived!
9. **Dress.** It is a privilege to serve in ministry in such a public way. Worship team members will be asked to dress their best for God. Please, no ripped/torn clothes, baseball caps, or revealing clothing. If you have questions about this, please talk with the worship pastor.