

The Ridge_Roles

Role: Praise Choir Member

Reports to/Direct Report: Worship Pastor/Assistant

Purpose:

The Praise Choir is an extension of the congregation. They demonstrate for the congregation the worship of our God through their own participation. They are to encourage the congregation to join them through their vibrant singing and countenance.

Responsibilities:

- Praise Choir Members must have personal practice to learn their assigned service. (Approximately 2 hours depending on ability)
- Praise Choir Members are also required to attend the Pre-Service sound check. It is a final check on microphones, monitors, and the board mix before the event or service.
- Before all rehearsals, sound checks, and services voices should be warmed up and vocalists should be ready to go at start time.
- The Worship Pastor or Assistant will do their best each week to come up with a recording of all the songs to match the written arrangement, but that isn't always possible. Therefore, always depend on the written arrangement of the song for the appropriate arrangement and the Worship Pastor for the final word.

Weekly Time Commitment

At home prep throughout the week: (Minimum 2 hours)

Sunday services 9am-11:30pm (2.5 hours)

9am Sound Check

9:30am Service

10:50am Service (May leave after music set)

Total: 4.5 hours per week minimum

Required Competency and/or Training

1. A pleasant voice and an ear to follow melody lines and rhythms.
2. Able to Identify musical strengths and weaknesses and be willing to have continued growth
3. Video Course “Liturgical Theology for Worship” - Worship Ministry School (WMS)
4. Video Course “Music Theory for Worship Leaders” - (WMS)

Expectations

- Praise Choir Members are to be team players and follow the instructions of the Worship Pastor/Assistant with respect for their position, and without argument.
- Praise Choir Members show up looking professional, not in sweatpants (should be clean/represent the church well with a non-distracting appearance)
- Praise Choir Members should have their voices warmed-up and be ready before rehearsals and sound checks
- Praise Choir Members are expected to attend worship team gatherings for training, encouragement, and fellowship.

Leadership Development Pipeline

As our church strives to develop leaders who continue to grow in their skill and craft we want to outline the next steps if this volunteer desires to own more portions of leadership as a Praise Choir Member.

- **Phase 1 Praise Choir Member**
- **Phase 2 - Choir Section Leader/Coach**
 - Would be responsible for training additional volunteers
 - Show proven ability, confidence, and commitment
 - Video Course “The Worship Leader Mindset” - (WMS)
- **Phase 3 Praise Team Vocalist**
 - Read music and rhythms
 - Pass Audition for Praise Team Vocalist (Available every 6 months)

Review Period/Feedback

This position is reviewable every 6 months.

In the review we will:

- Discuss development in the current role
- Discuss transition if needed
- Address any big picture issues with the role
- Make a plan for the next 6 months