Living Faith Christian Church
Worship Team Mission Statement

Exalting God. Inspiring Praise.

We desire to exalt and glorify God through inspired songs of worship, pointing others to His greatness and inspiring them to join with us in giving Him praise. This is a ministry of Christ's church and an environment for our own growth as His disciples. As a team, we serve together in love, to proclaim God's word and ways locally and globally.

We aim to accomplish these goals in the following ways:

1) **R**aise our voices and apply our talents and skills to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ while worshiping God through song & music.
2) **A**pply the core values of the worship team as listed below
3) **I**nvite others to develop a personal relationship with God through prayer, study and worship.
4) **S**pread the Word of God through local live performance and teaching productions, and throughout the world through online media.
5) **E**ngage in our own spiritual development.

Core Values

Living Faith Christian Church's worship team is united and committed to the ministry of teaching, worshiping and glorifying God through music, prayer, study and quality online broadcasts. We desire to do this in a way that inspires others to develop a meaningful relationship with God, our Creator, through His Son, Jesus Christ. The team is also a forum for Christian discipleship as we serve, live, and grow together as members of the family of God. We do this by committing to the following core values:

1 - Worship God Through Music

We will worship God through music. Music is not the only way to worship the LORD, but it is an important part of the life of the Christian and the Church.

The worship team unites to lead the other members of the church into the presence of God through music and teaching. Corporate worship music is a powerful expression of thanksgiving to God that works together with prayer and teachings from the Bible. We are not just singing or playing songs, we are worshiping the Creator of the heavens and earth. We believe that God not only hears our voices and sound but that we bring pleasure and joy to Him from our songs. We believe that God is present in and through our praise and that He is near His people as they praise.

We are also leading the gathered congregation into a closer relationship with God and reminding them of who God is and what He's done.

1 Chronicles 15:16-28; 16:7-12, 23; Psalm 66:4; 95:6; Jeremiah 20:13, Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11

2 - Christian Character

We will model Christ-like behavior in our personal lives. We will live holy and honest before God. We will confess sin to God and others when needed. We will not habitually practice sin. We will foster a disdain towards and repent of outbursts of anger, pride, sexual immorality, drunkenness, inappropriate entertainment options, drug use, and other practices that would dishonor God and bring shame upon His people. We will honor the other members of the praise team and be on guard against inappropriate interactions among the group.

We acknowledge that we are visible members of the church community and as such should model Christ-like behavior and accept the reality that we are ministers for Him. Though imperfect, we will strive to live in such a way that others can follow Christ through our example.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 12:17; Galatians 5:19-25; Ephesians 4:32, 5:1-4, 11-16; 1 Peter 1:13-16;

3 - Commitment To God & His Church

We will be committed to God as followers of His Son. We will have a personal relationship with God that is independent of our involvement in the church. We will be disciples of Jesus Christ.

We will be committed to God's church. This includes a love and care for the other members of Living Faith Christian Church and God's people worldwide. This includes faithful attendance to and participation in the services and fellowships Living Faith Christian Church. This attendance is not limited only to when serving with the worship team.

Proverbs 18:1; John 17:20-23; Acts 2:42; Galatians 6:2,10; Hebrews 10:24-25;

4 - Community & Culture

We will work to foster a loving family-like community and culture among the members of the worship team. Living Faith Christian Church endeavors to follow a "family" model of church culture and the worship team will reflect that ethos as well. We will regard each other as brothers and sisters. We will look at our practice or performance times as a gathering of the family and not just a meeting, job or corporate event. We are brothers and sisters, not just co-workers. We are servants of and to Christ. We will welcome new team members with love and hospitality.

We will not just communicate during rehearsals and performances but connect in personal relationships outside of the formal team gatherings. We will endeavor to show care and interest in each others' personal lives. We will periodically share meals together and have fun.

Matthew 12:49-50; John 13:34-35; Romans 12:4-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Galatians 6:10; Colossians 3:16; 1 John 4:7

5 - Communication

We will communicate with each other in an honest and loving way. We will follow the Biblical standard of loving communication. We will address offenses and concerns. We will speak not about a person, but to a person with sincere, honest, and loving words. We will be mindful of how our words and actions affect those around us. We will work towards godly resolutions. We will greet each other and have a genuine care for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. We will remember that every member of the worship team - from the band to the booth - has been created in the image of God and value them as such.

We will be honest about our own challenges and will not hide sensitive matters of concern by brushing things under the rug. We will work towards peace and pray for and with each other.

We will respond to planning center requests and communicate availability/lack of ability for scheduling (including work or vacation conflicts). We will check email/Planning Center app regularly throughout the week and respond promptly when required.

Isaiah 35:3-4; Zechariah 8:17-17; Matthew 12:33-37; Ephesians 4:25, 32;
1 Thessalonians 5:14-15; Hebrews 3:13; James 1:19-20; 3:1-14

6 - Proclaim Truth (Doctrinal & Personal)

We will prioritize the proclamation of truth in our worship music. We believe that there is power in truth and specifically power in truth communicated through song.

This includes both doctrinal and personal truth. We will perform music that lines up with the accuracy of the Bible and gospel of truth. We will consider lyrics that affirm the truth of who God is and what He has done. We will check lyrics against what the Bible teaches as well as honor the original intent of the authors of the song and composition style.

We will perform music that speaks truth into the hearts and lives of the congregation. We will remember that spiritual battle is waged through worship music. We will sing and speak truth into the hearts of the family gathered each week believing that God will work through this ministry to break the power of the evil one's lies.

Psalm 40:9-10; 51:6; 71:22-23; John 4:23-24; Ephesians 4:25; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20

7 - Humble & Teachable

We will be humble and teachable members of the worship team. We will be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. We will give each other the benefit of the doubt. We will receive suggestions and constructive criticism with a humble heart. We will remember that other members of the team have our best interests in mind. We will give suggestions and constructive criticism with a humble attitude, thinking of the other members of the team as more important than ourselves. We will be forgiving of past sins and offenses. We will prioritize people over perfection. We will speak the truth, in love. We step in to help each other when it seems there is a disconnect or miscommunication, and we will not leave unresolved issues. We will attempt to understand each other's faults and with meekness, help to restore another and bear each other's burden when possible. We will not offer criticism or complaints without offering solutions. We will practice gratitude and encouragement. We will not be passive aggressive. We will address a person directly (as mentioned in "communication" above). We will constantly endeavor to have a heart for learning, growing and getting better.

We believe that our identity (what makes us who we really are) is determined by what Christ has done for us on the cross and by God's love for us today. Who we are is separate from our service in the worship team. As a result, we can gladly welcome help or instruction and not view it as something that threatens who we are as a person.

Ecclesiastes 7:9; Romans 12:6-18; Galatians 6:1-2; Ephesians 4:31-32; 5:21; Philippians 2:1-5;
James 1:19-20; 1 Peter 3:8-9, 5:5b

8 - Stewardship & Sustainability

We will honor tradition and also embrace change as it relates to worship music, instruments and performance. Something that is “old” doesn’t mean it is bad just as something that is “new” doesn’t mean it’s good. We will not stay complacent in our worship. We will help integrate new team members and new instruments or technology. We will also not make change just because “everyone else is doing it.”

We will commit to our own personal improvement as both Christians generally and worship team members specifically. We will practice. We will learn. We strive to continually improve our skills, gifts and talents. We will show patience with each other as we grow. We will not accept mediocrity in ourselves or in our brothers and sisters.

We will welcome new team members and help foster them in an environment which embraces and lives by these core values. We will continue to “raise the bar” individually and collectively. We will acknowledge those that have gone before us and honor those who have served faithfully. We will not speak disparagingly about music preferences. We will not allow songs, instruments or styles be an opportunity for the devil to divide God’s family.

Galatians 6:1-5, Ephesians 4:1-3; Colossians 3:16-17; Hebrews 13:8

9 - Presentation

We will present ourselves to the glory of God. Worshipful posture (hands-raised, etc.) and joyful expression (smiling faces, etc.) are physical representations of a heart in awe of God and filled with His joy. This outward presentation should exalt God and inspire others. We should work together to make sure that our presentation is not distracting to each other or the family of God. This would include how we dress, how we carry ourselves and the order and cleanliness of both the stage and sound booth areas. We should keep the stage and sound booth free from clutter and disorder (including papers, water bottles/coffee cups, and unused equipment). We should leave these areas “better than we found them” to bless the next person or rehearsal. Outward presentation is not more important than the inner matters of the heart, but presentation can and should be a reflection of the heart and motivated by a desire to bless others.

Numbers 24:5; 1 Chronicles 16:29; 2 Chronicles 20:21; Psalm 29:2; 96:9;
1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 10:31; 14:33, 40; Colossians 3:17, 23; 4:5, 1 Peter 4:11

10 - Prepared

We will be prepared when we are serving on the worship team. This first means our hearts will be prepared to praise and lead others to do the same. We will be mindful of what it is we are doing when we worship - bringing an offering of thanksgiving and praise to God.

We will be prepared for rehearsal times. This means we will be on time to any rehearsal with appropriate items (charts, instruments, etc). This means we will have reviewed and practiced our part in that week’s music prior to arrival to rehearsal.

We will be prepared for performance times. This means we will be on time to Sunday rehearsals with the appropriate items (charts, instruments, etc). This means we will have made any adjustments needed after previous rehearsals. We will also review the service plan again to stay informed of any changes prior to arrival Sunday morning.

We will communicate with the AV Team about any adjustments or changes to service, performers or equipment before those adjustments or changes occur. (Part of being a family includes minimizing unnecessary crises, scrambling or stressors.)

As members of the AV team, we will have prepared the stage for the scheduled worship team members prior to their arrival. We will have resolved and troubleshooted any needed adjustments from the previous Sunday and/or after the previous rehearsals for Sunday morning.

Psalm 33:3; 47:6-7; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11

11 - Special Commitment

Unlike some other areas of service within the church, serving with the worship team requires additional preparation for and between service times. Preparation implies ongoing efforts to advance maturity of heart, musical skills, technical prowess, and material preparation as referenced above. In addition, preparation should include wise decision making and choices on Saturday-night activities. For example, poor diet choices (including sugar and alcohol) will affect our ability to be our best. Poor sleeping habits (including staying up late and sleeping in late) will affect our ability to be our best.

We recognize that our service in the worship team is a sacred responsibility and although familiar, ought to be honored by preparation rather than scrambling in last minute preparations or coasting thinking that our contribution is in some way not important to our purpose or fellow team members.

We affirm that our preparation (or lack of) affects the other members of the team and the overall relational dynamics which in turn affects and influences the atmosphere for the entire church.

Nehemiah 12:46; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Peter 2:9-10;

12 - Spirit Led

We will trust God to work through His spirit in and through the worship music. We will endeavor to stay sensitive to the Spirit's leading and flexible as we select songs each week and during performances on Sunday. We will prepare diligently (as described above) while also remaining adaptable to needed change as God leads. Jesus Christ is the head of our church and leader of our worship team.

Ezekiel 36:26-27; John 4:23-24; 1 Corinthians 12:7, 11; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18-21; Colossians 1:18