

Risen King Worship

Mission: To minister to the presence of God and lead others in the same at Risen King Church and beyond.

General Expectations and Procedures at Risen King Worship:

WEEKEND SERVICES

- **Someone once said, 90% of life is showing up...** If you can't be punctual it really hurts the quality of sound check, run through and the worship service. If any team member's lateness becomes habitual, we can have a conversation to work on practical steps to help you be on-time. If it's still occurring after that, we'll have to revisit your involvement in the ministry. This is out of respect for the other team members and the ministry.
 - **CALL TIME:** 7:15a on Sundays (It always takes more time than we think to set up, plug in, tune, get charts ready on your tablet, get in-ears set up and make sure your app is ready to go for mixing, grab your coffee, water, etc.)
 - **RUN THROUGH:** 7:30a-8:10a on Sundays. This is not practice time, but rather a chance to put together all of the work we've done individually to get ready for the service. Practice is at home, mid-week, runthrough is simply a dress rehearsal for the service.
- **At Church...**
 - **Sundays**, after 8:30 worship we'll head over to the parsonage for coffee and to debrief the set, both technically and spiritually. Pre-COVID it was expected that worship team members sit in for one of the services, but during COVID, this has proven difficult with limited seating. We can revisit this once seating is not quite so limited. If you miss the sermon on the weekend you serve, I highly recommend you listen later that day or later in the week. Sitting in for a sermon is required for several reasons, most of which are obvious but one that slips our minds often is that people notice the worship team, they watch what we do and how we act every weekend, whether you realize it or not, are on stage or not, you're a leader and people are watching. We never want to give the impression (or worse, take on the identity) of the 'rock star' mentality, where we just show up and play the "gig" and leave.

Scheduling and Communication

- **RSVP to that Planning Center request!** Seriously, PCO is the heartbeat of being able to successfully manage a team of 40+ for so many different services. Use 'blockout dates' when you know of a work or travel conflict in advance, that will help me schedule better. Don't be afraid to hit 'decline', I won't be mad or take it personal! Decline isn't bad, I can always schedule someone else. But as much notice as possible makes that easier.
- We are now trying to get songs up on PCO by the Wednesday of the week before the service, so 10 days out or so. There will be times a song or key needs to change, but we will make that change with as much notice as possible.

Preparation During the Week

- On weeks you're scheduled, spend around 2 hours per week listening and practicing the set list from PCO. NEW SONGS could be listened to a couple of dozen times, one idea is to make a playlist of that week's set and put it on repeat. Musicians: Practice with your instrument as necessary.
- Spend some time developing your skills. Never stop growing as a musician, singer or tech. There's always more to learn. YouTube is phenomenal for this, there are hundreds of tutorial videos and platforms for every aspect of worship services and teams.
- Spend time in the presence of God during the week. However you do that best, reading, praying, Spotify, with your instrument, whatever. But get into His presence and stay there for a while. We can't lead people where we don't go ourselves. Jeremy Riddle's formula: never spend more time on stage than you do in God's presence on a given week! I love that.
- **TEAM NIGHTS:** These are happening on the last Friday of every month, try to be at as many as you can, they are always awesome times together, sometimes just hanging out and having fun and others have more of a program involved. In 2021 we're making every other month's Team Night a Worship Night, the only agenda is the Presence of God!

Understanding and meeting these expectations leads to a healthy team which allows us to flow in freedom and power as a worship ministry, and calls us to a higher level of excellence.

Worship Team Contract

"Having been led by the Holy Spirit to pursue a role in leading worship at Risen King Church, and having that call confirmed by the leaders on the team, I commit to the following..."

I. I will protect the unity of the worship team and church

...By acting in love toward team members and others

...By submitting to the leaders of Risen King Church

Before you continue, please read the following verses

Rom. 14:19, 1 Peter 1:22, Eph. 4:29, Heb. 13:17

II. I will share the responsibility of the worship team

...By diligently attending all practices, services and meetings that I'm scheduled for

...By willingly sharing in the preparation, setting up and taking down of worship materials and equipment, as needed

...By stewarding well the worship ministry equipment, gear and property

Before you continue, please read the following verses

Prov 13:4, Prov 10:4, Col. 3:22–24

III. I will serve the ministry of the worship team

...By seeking to submit myself to God daily as a means of becoming a usable vessel of worship

...By developing a worshiper's heart myself, cultivating a lifestyle of worship and intimacy with the Father, by spending time in his manifest presence

...By coming before God with a clean heart before I stand to lead worship (no one is perfect, if we waited until we were perfect to lead, no one would lead...but we are asking, in alignment with scripture, that you come to lead others with honesty and transparency and having had a time of personal reflection and prayer when you lead.)

Before you continue, please read the following verses

2 Tim. 2:15, John 4:24, Rom. 12:1

IV. I will support the testimony of the worship team

...By attending Risen King Church faithfully

...By living a godly life, in person and online:)

...By openly respecting the leadership of the church

Before you continue, please read the following verses

2 Pet. 1:10, Phil. 1:27, Heb. 13:17

By signing below I am demonstrating my agreement with the above ideals and promise to protect, share, serve and support as outlined, as long as I serve as a worship team member. I understand that failing to meet the above guidelines could result in my dismissal from the worship team.

NAME _____ DATE _____