

WORSHIP TEAM EXPECTATIONS

Gospel Community Rivermont (GCR) exists to help lead people from where they are to where God wants them to be. We believe that every detail matters, and we have the responsibility to create a distraction free environment so all can worship freely in spirit and in truth (John 4).

The following information is critical to helping us achieve that goal. Though the heart of those leading on stage is the most important element, the responsibility of those leading is elevated because we want to represent Christ well and give Him our very best in every detail. These expectations are intended to help us and you maintain a high level of excellence and to provide a distraction free environment for those who have joined us for worship.

Personal Responsibilities

1. Live the abundant life Jesus Christ promises through daily pursuit of Him.
2. Avoid the appearance of evil. Conduct your life in utmost integrity in all situations.
3. Remember you represent Christ and Gospel Community Rivermont wherever you go.
4. Be loyal to the vision of GCR and always protect the unity God desires for His church.
5. Invest, empower, equip, and invite people to know Jesus Christ in and through your life.

Worship Team Responsibilities

1. There is NOT a rehearsal during the week. The only rehearsal occurs on the Sunday that you are scheduled to play, sing, or work in the production booth.
2. Sound check will begin 90 minutes before the first service. Band and production team members are to arrive and set up at least 15 minutes before the sound check. Vocalists can arrive 5 minutes before sound check. Everyone must be punctual and prepared.
3. All scheduling is done through Planning Center Online. Promptly accept or decline any dates sent to you. If necessary, please block of any dates that you cannot lead or serve.

4. Charts, YouTube links, and any mp3s for the weekend services are posted on Planning Center. All songs will be posted 5-7 days before the Sunday you are scheduled. You are responsible for contacting the Worship Pastor if there is a problem with any of the materials.
5. Print your own music for rehearsal. Contact the Worship Pastor if you are unable to print your own music.
6. While it isn't a requirement, all band members should plan on playing without music during the actual services. Music stands will be removed after the morning rehearsal. If you need to use music, iPads are recommended (on iPad stands).
7. When items are being discussed during the rehearsal, please do not play your instrument. Everyone will be able to work through the parts and discuss what is needed (without shouting over the noise).
8. Make sure that you are ready to pray in the Green Room at least 10 minutes before each service.
9. During the worship service, remember that you are the worship leader! Be engaging and worship the Lord while you lead. The church will follow your leadership. When you don't have a solo, harmony part, or are off of the mic, sing along and worship. You are still leading worship, even if you aren't playing or singing.
10. During any of the services (while the pastor is preaching) the band can hang out in the Café (or other location at the church). We will make notes/changes needed for any of the services, connect, and discuss the necessary things for church. If you need to sit with someone during any of the services, please check with the team if there are any notes, and then make your way to your seat. If the worship team needs to play a closing song, please come to the front while the pastor is praying (from either back stage or from your seat in the sanctuary). If you need to talk off the stage, please make sure that you are in an area away from people.

General Responsibilities

1. Do not leave water bottles, trash, cases, or coats on the platform during the service. Everything can be stored in the Green Room.
2. At the end of the last worship service, please tear down your own gear. If needed, ask if you can help with anything else.

3. If there are consistent violations of any of the issues addressed in this agreement, such as excessive tardiness or lack of preparation, the Worship Pastor will talk with you about your commitment.
4. Remember, everything we do is to help lead people to worship God and connect as a church body as we lift up the name of Jesus.
5. In addition to the Sunday morning team, you might be asked to help serve the church by playing/singing/producing in an event where worship team members are needed.
6. Be on time, prepared, and motivated to give God their absolute best at every opportunity.

On The Platform

1. Be on the platform at least 1-2 minutes before the start of the service.
2. Once the countdown video is down to zero, be ready to start the service.
3. During rehearsal, music stands are allowed; however, for the service, all musicians in the front row of the team will not use music stands. If a musician needs to use a music stand, they can lead from the back of the platform. Again, iPads are suggested.
4. Everyone in the front row should be engaging, worshiping, and helping the congregation connect with God.
5. Be willing to make necessary changes.

Dress Code

Dressing appropriately will help minimize distractions and encourage worship. As a worship team, it is our desire to communicate a spirit of excellence in everything we do, including our dress. What we wear helps communicate who we are, and how we lead people in worship. The following is a basic dress code.

MEN

Suggestions for What to Wear (This list is not an all-inclusive):

1. Trendy shirts/polo shirts/graphic t-shirts
2. Nice button down long sleeve shirts
3. Jeans/pants/slacks (not shorts)

What not to wear:

1. T-shirts with loud text or marketing messages (we'd rather not be able to read your shirt)
2. Shorts/sloppy clothes
3. Dirty or wrinkled t-shirts/pants
4. Shorts

WOMEN

Suggestions for What to Wear: (This list is not an all-inclusive):

1. Trendy tops/graphic t-shirts/button down
2. Skirts/dresses that are a modest length (remember, you are singing on an elevated stage)
3. Jeans/pants/slacks

What not to wear:

1. T-shirts with loud text or marketing messages (we'd rather not be able to read your shirt).
2. Low-cut tops/ shirts that expose the stomach, or mini skirts,
3. Dirty or wrinkled t-shirts/pants/skirts/dress
4. Shorts

The leadership at GCR understands fashion is very subjective. We are not telling you what to wear as much as what we would like you NOT to wear. As a worship team, we want to lead the church in worship and not distract from the focus of Christ in the service. Again, we want to lift up Jesus and not draw any attention away from the praise and worship that He deserves.

Commitment

You are committing to serve on the Worship Team. You are committing to lead the church in worship in and through your life, on and off the platform, and throughout the church.



Thank you for serving on the worship team at Gospel Community Rivermont, giving everything in your life to the Lord, pointing individuals to Christ, and for being willing to lead worship in and through your life.