

## **Music Team Covenant**

The people of God have always worshiped him with song. With the coming, death, and resurrection of Jesus that eternal chorus of worship has only grown louder and deeper. When we gather on Sunday morning we want to hold two truths in tension as the Music Team.

*First, our worship is only acceptable through the merit of Jesus.* Because he has and is worshiping the Father we can enter into worship knowing that even our best songs, loudest praise, most beautiful tones, and deepest affections are acceptable in Christ despite being riddled with sin. We are freed up to be both sinners and worshipers concurrently.

*Second, our worship calls forth specific talents that God has given us.* God intends us to be good stewards of those talents and the time he has given us to cultivate them. So, as a Music Team we place a high priority on diligent preparation for worship—avoiding a lazy or licentious view of Christian living and service in the church.

This covenant specifically lays out the expectations for participation in the Music Team.

Take some time to read this covenant and to prayerfully seek the Lord and his will for your service in Christ Covenant. When you are ready, let us know if you are interested in serving in this area or if you feel called to another area of service, and feel free to move on in good conscience. If you decide to take the next step with the music team then you are also agreeing to the Music Team Covenant.

I'm so thankful for you considering service in this way to our growing congregation. The music team aids me in my worship of Jesus each and every Sunday. If you have any questions about the covenant, the Music Team, or serving at Christ Covenant please don't hesitate to ask me.

Your servant in Christ,  
Joe

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Recognizing that all worship needs the atoning blood of Jesus to be acceptable *and* that we are required to be good stewards of the talents God has given us, the following covenant represents my commitment to the Music Team of Christ Covenant.

- Whether or not I've been through the formal membership process of the church, I agree to the following five basic statements about life in the local church.
  1. I acknowledge myself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy.
  2. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and I receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel.
  3. I resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that I will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.
  4. I promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of my ability.
  5. I submit myself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace.
- I want to serve on the Music Team motivated by the grace of Jesus and not motivated by guilt or the desire for man's approval.<sup>1</sup>
- I will be dependable, punctual, and prepared for worship and music team practice.<sup>2</sup>
- I will seek to cultivate the musical gifts God has given me for the service of Christ Covenant.<sup>3</sup>
- I will work for the benefit of the Music Team understanding that I am an integral part of the team and that the team needs to work together and support each other. Any disagreements I have on the team I'll handle according to Matthew 18:15-20 and the general teachings of Scripture on conflict resolution.<sup>4</sup>
- I will seek to engage both my heart and head to the best of my ability as I worship on the Music Team. I realize that I am first a worshiper and second a musician.<sup>5</sup>

By agreeing to participate as a member of the Music Team of Christ Covenant I am also agreeing to this covenant and am humbly asking to be held accountable to it for the glory of God, the honor of his Son, and the extension of his church.

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1 "...whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." — 1 Peter 4:11 ESV  
"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." — Romans 11:34–12:2 ESV

2 "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." — 1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

3 "And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'" — Matthew 25:20–21 ESV

4 "Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind." — 1 Peter 3:8 ESV

5 "I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being." — Psalms 104:33 ESV