

## **FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST PRAISE TEAM ASSESSMENT PROCESS**

God created us for the specific purpose of worshiping Him, making worship our main function as believers. It's what brings our hearts and minds out of the distraction of everyday living and into God's presence, and is, therefore, an incredibly important part of the "church experience". When we come together on Sunday mornings, our efforts in worship should be, first, *authentic*. We should come with our whole hearts and our "real" selves. Secondly, our efforts should be toward *excellence*. They will never be perfect, but should be the very best we have to offer. God is worth it!

The assessment process is just that, an assessment of your individual skill and ability. I will video tape the entire process for us to review later. I also will have a panel of people to offer their suggestions, points of improvement, and encouragement. This really is to be a building up time.

Please call, email, or stop in the office to set up a time. There are 20 minute time slots that normally begin around 9:00am. If there is *absolutely no way* that that date will work for you, please talk to me if you are interested in participating in the Worship Ministry. A date will be chosen once I have a number of individuals expressing their interest!

Below are the specifics for the 20 Minutes that we have together. You will need to be prepared to:

### **Vocalists**

- 1) Sing a scale starting at middle "C" and go up as high as Possible
- 2) Sing a scale starting at middle "C" and go down as low as Possible.  
(This is to help me see your vocal range)
- 3) Sing a Song that YOU have prepared in advance (Anything you want)
  - A tape playing in the background
  - A guitar/piano playing any song/praise song and you singing along w/them
- 4) Sing a Praise song with me that I have introduced, within the past year.
  - Sing Harmony parts if you know them or hear them
- 5) Sing a new song with me.
  - This is to determine how fast you pick up on things
  - I will sing it through once for you and then you will join me, doing the best you can.

### **Instrumentalists**

- 1) Play a Song that you have prepared in advance
  - may be with other instrumentalists, or accompany tracks
- 2) Play an upbeat Praise Song with me that I have introduced within the past year.
- 3) Play a slower Praise Song with me that I have introduced within the past year.
- 4) Play a new song with me.
  - This is to determine how fast you pick up on things
  - I will play through it once for you and then you will join me, doing the best you can.

Those desiring to "Sing and Play," at the same time, will be required to do both sections described above simultaneously after completing them separately. (Minus the "C" Scales)

All individuals will be asked just a few questions. These questions are easy and require you to give your first response and natural feeling for their answer.

Please call the church office @ 243-2509 or call me at home @ 243-2672 if you have any questions or comments.

I ask that you continue to be in prayer for this day and for the worship ministry as we continue to strive to give our best to God as we worship Him.

## **Extra Information about Worship Ministry that may be helpful:**

**\*\*This is important. The First Church of Christ Praise Team does not use sheet music regularly, and music as written sometimes is changed to better help the flow of the Worship Gathering. It is extremely valuable to be able to find parts “by ear” and/or by listening to recorded music.\*\***

According to “professionals,” there are, basically, three different styles of gifted voices. Those that are better “blending” or “group” singers, those that blend well with a group but also have a fine solo voice, and those that have a very strong solo voice that is better served singing alone or in a special.



### Mission Statement:

To Equip and Provide Support to others, enabling them to worship God.



In exodus we see Pharaoh holding God's people captive in slavery. God heard their cries and delivered them from the bond of slavery. I think it is significant that God asks, through Moses, if Pharaoh would let his people go. This freedom is not for physical deliverance from the work, but a freedom that would allow them to worship God. God asks this question eight times of pharaoh which tells us today that God desires us to worship him. This is just one of the many examples where we see God's people desiring to worship.

As we strive to be "The Church", that follows God's word and leading that is given in scripture, I believe that the worship of God through song is a big part of the church. That is why we have developed the Music Ministry here at First Church of Christ. This ministry is one that is highly **visible** and **demand excellence**. After all God doesn't need our half-hearted efforts. He demands our best.

In order to maintain a high standard of excellence, team members are required to be high school age and older and committed to the following:

- 1) Seeking a more intimate relationship with Jesus
- 2) Living a lifestyle of Integrity

In an effort to offer God excellence in ministry (Psalms 33:3) team members must also commit to the following:

- 1) Promptness at rehearsals and services
- 2) A commitment to the team
- 3) Continual Spiritual and skill improvement
- 4) A commitment to looking and doing your best
- 5) Loyalty to the leadership
- 6) A positive spirit

### Time Commitment:

**Sunday Morning:** 7:45 a.m. Singers and Instrumentalists, ready to go.

On Sunday's we will do a final run through of the music. This will enable us to make necessary changes, become familiarized with how we are doing things, and provide a warm-up time for our voices.

**Sunday Evening:** Singers and Instrumentalists -7:00p.m. Practice for the following Sunday Service

**Occasionally:** Opportunities outside of the Sunday Morning Worship time. i.e. – At the Park, different churches, downtown, Colleges.

A Ministry team meeting. Come with ideas on what can we do with our Worship Gatherings

**Other Training opportunities throughout the year**