



Band

*“WE CREATE EXPERIENCES THAT PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST THROUGH
PASSIONATE AND TRANSPARENT WORSHIP”*

Our Band assists with leading adult worship and have hearts for creating authentic and transparent worship experiences for the masses. Other goals include fostering community and fellowship among singers/band members, encouraging their spiritual devotion to Christ, and promoting the faithful stewardship of their God-given musical abilities. At minimum, our instrumentalists have an intermediate level of musical skill/knowledge and are proficient in a variety of styles, including Pop, Rock, R&B and Gospel. Commitment expectations when scheduled to serve include: personal practice, Wed night rehearsals, and Sunday services (~10 hours/week).

Prerequisites

Eastview Worship is open to anyone who:

- 1) Is either a member of Eastview Christian Church or currently working toward membership through Starting Point.
- 2) Has been baptized by immersion and is actively pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 3) Has completed the audition process (see “Auditions” below).

Auditions

Auditions are held throughout the year. Specific audition information is made available by request. The purpose of the audition is to ensure that prospective members’ musical gifts and abilities match their desire to serve in the Worship Ministry. We ask that all Band members commit to serving for one year (September – August), at which point current members will be asked to re-commit.

Scheduling

The worship pastors or our administrative assistant will ask for members’ unavailable dates ahead of time and schedule members accordingly. Band members can plan to serve once or twice a month, between two campuses, depending on need, availability, and service programming. Beyond regular team scheduling, Band members may be asked to help lead worship for additional church events. While participation is not required, it is encouraged, based on your availability.

Schedule Conflicts and Substitutes

We ask that Band members take initiative and find their own substitute should a schedule conflict arise. Substitutes should attend the Wednesday rehearsal prior to singing for Sunday services.

Band members should always communicate schedule conflicts to the Worship Pastors and the Worship Admin as soon as they are known. Please also confirm when substitute arrangements have been made (again, as soon as possible). If you have a schedule conflict on a Wednesday evening (rehearsal), it is preferred that a substitute be arranged for both Wednesday and Sunday. Conflicts should generally be the exception and not the rule.

Rehearsals

Two worship bands play each week: one for the Normal Campus and one for the Bloomington Campus. Rehearsals take place every Wednesday night from 6-8 p.m. Bands members rehearse in the venue for which they are scheduled for Sunday.

Sunday Services

On Sundays when scheduled to play, Band members arrive at church with plenty of time to warm up and make instrument adjustments, if applicable, in order to be ready for run-through. For both the Normal and Bloomington campuses, the Sunday commitment is two services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am, with sound check and full run-through beginning at 7:15 am.

Band members are asked to wear modest but relevant clothing for Sunday services (Dress Guide provided). Please do not wear tight-fitting, revealing clothing or shorts. At the Normal Campus, both men and women are asked to powder their faces (foreheads, bald heads, etc.) prior to loading the stage to reduce the glare visible on the high-definition video screens.

The Sunday pre-service routine includes a devotion and communion taken by the team.

Planning Center Online

www.planningcenteronline.com

Planning Center Online (PCO) is a web-based, multi-faceted application that helps our ministry serve the volunteers involved. PCO provides downloadable song files, sheet music, worship service cues, schedules and other important PDF documents. All new Band members will receive an invitation to PCO with instructions on how to setup a new account. All online materials are free and are to be used for personal rehearsal only. Music Stand is another app available to our volunteers. It is integrated with PCO, and provides digital sheet music on tablets for performance purposes.

Faithful Stewardship of Time and Talents

Eastview is blessed to have outstanding musicians who are called to lead worship on Sunday mornings. We appreciate the sacrifices each member makes to participate in this ministry while balancing family, work, and the rest of life. When joining the Band, members are committing their time and their talents to the Lord and to one another. Attendance and musical preparation are essential in order to build unity among musicians and to lead others in worship.

We view commitment as a Biblical principal (Colossians 3:23). We place a high value on personal practice time as well as group rehearsals.

Musicians are expected to: be accountable to the group; play all services on the Sundays you are assigned to play; commit to holding rehearsals and Sunday morning call time in highest priority/be on time; and spend the needed amount of personal time to KNOW the assigned music, so that you are fully prepared for Wednesday rehearsals. Memorization is preferred if possible.

Our Worship Pastors commit to fostering a healthy Christ-centered community of musicians. As an Eastview Worship volunteer, you can expect: solid pastoral, theological, and musical leadership; open communication; resources (sheet music, chord charts, recording of songs, notes regarding specific musical needs) and schedules to be provided in a timely manner.

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