



Vocal Team

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

Our Vocal Teams assist 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 vocalists 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

Vocal Team membership 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 every August; specific audition information is usually made available on the church website by mid-to-late July. 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 Vocal Team members commit to serving for one year (September – August), at which point current members will need to re-audition.

Scheduling

The worship pastors or administrative assistant will ask for members’ unavailable dates ahead of time and schedule members accordingly. Vocal Team members can plan to serve once or twice a month, between two campuses, depending on need, availability, and service programming.

Beyond regular team scheduling, Vocal Team members may be asked to lead worship songs, participate in periodic vocal ensembles (octets, small choirs, etc.), or lead worship for additional church events. While participation is not required, it is encouraged, based on members’ availability.

Rehearsals

Vocal Team members attend rehearsals on weeks they are scheduled to sing. If scheduled at the Normal campus, vocalists will attend a “scratch” rehearsal beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Green Room. Immediately following is a full rehearsal with the band in the Worship Center. If scheduled at the Bloomington campus, vocalists will rehearse on stage with the band beginning at 6:00 p.m. Rehearsals usually end around 8:00 p.m.

Sunday Services

On Sundays when scheduled to sing, Vocal Team members arrive at church warmed-up and ready to sing. If assigned to the Normal Campus, 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. If assigned to the Bloomington Campus, the Sunday commitment is two services at 10:00 am and 12:00pm with sound check and full run-through beginning at 8:15.

Vocal Team 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.

Communication

Upcoming schedules, service plans, sheet music, and mp3 song files are available for download at www.planningcenteronline.com (PCO). PCO is a simple, web-based tool that our church uses to coordinate the various elements of our worship services and to keep volunteers informed. All new Vocal Team 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.

Schedule Conflicts and Substitutes

We ask that Vocal Team 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.

Vocal Team 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 a Vocal Team member has 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.*

Faithful Stewardship of Time and Talents

Eastview is blessed to have outstanding vocalists 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 Vocal Team, 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.

Vocal Team members will be responsible for coming to rehearsals musically prepared. This will include having properly warmed-up before rehearsal begins, memorizing song lyrics, and having a grasp of the pitches and rhythms in the worship songs. (The Vocal Team Coordinator will provide guidance if you don't already have an established warm-up routine.)

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