



worship team musician

"...be filled with the Spirit by reciting psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs for your own good. Sing and make music to the Lord with your hearts."

—Eph. 5:18-19

Auditions

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the worship community at the Dayton Vineyard. There are many areas and opportunities to serve and use the gifts that God has given you. Inside this packet, you will find information about these areas and what it takes to get involved.

| introduction |

Here at the Vineyard, worship is one of our highest priorities and we are committed to discovering every aspect of what it means to worship and developing the community of worshippers that call Vineyard their home. As for musicians within the worship community, our ultimate goal is to provide a place for everyone who has a desire to express their gifts in the form of worship to God. At this point, there are several opportunities for musicians to do just that. Some of those opportunities include weekend service worship team, call to worship musicians, youth worship team, small group and large group worship leaders and songwriters.

| what's it gonna take? |

So the first question is “What do I need to know to get involved in the Vineyard worship community?” The answer to that question is very simple. You need to know that you are a follower of Christ and that He has set you apart to take up a specific calling to worship Him with the gifts He has given you. Although, as a community of worshippers, there are some key values that we believe are important as we learn what it means to worship God.

Commitment

It is important to know how much you are willing to commit to serving at the church including time, energy and availability. It is also important to know what you are committing to and to know the goals and visions of our church. Although we recommend that everyone interested in serving in this area attend the Beginnings class, it is specifically a requirement for potential weekend worship team musicians who have not yet been consistently attending Vineyard for at least two years.

Character

It is nice to be well liked and thought highly of by other people, but when they think of you, does the word character come to mind? Often times, musicians in the church get recognized as leaders because we usually have a place of high visibility. We never ask anyone to be perfect. We do ask, for those interested in serving, that your life be a reflection of Christ to those around you. This means that you have a consistent and growing relationship with God and that you are seeking His guidance in your life even when you make mistakes.

Quality

It is always important to put our best foot forward when offering our gifts to God. If you are not asked to join the team that you are hoping to join because of skill level, it doesn't mean that you are a terrible musician or that you can't be used. It just means that you need to continue working and practicing to get to the quality or skill level that is required. It never hurts to seek out someone to give you lessons or beef up your practice schedule.

Humility

Being a musician often puts us in the spotlight. It is always important to remain humble and remember who we are serving. It's easy to sometimes sit back and take all the credit for our talent, but we need to remind ourselves that it was God who gave us our abilities and He alone gets all the glory.

| where do I fit? |

Worship Team Musician

Worship team musicians make up the different bands that play during any of the services at the Vineyard.

Requirements – The minimum requirement for any worship team member is to play at least one weekend a month. This currently includes a midweek practice on Wednesday night (7:00pm-9:00pm), a Saturday night service (4:45pm-7:15pm) and three Sunday morning services (7:45am-12:45pm).

Call To Worship Musician

At the beginning of each service, we have a call to worship song that is performed by musicians who are interested in doing their renditions of songs that are pre-selected to promote the current sermon series and to help usher people into the sanctuary.

Requirements – When selected to do a song, musicians will need to be available at the beginning of each of the services for that weekend.

Youth Worship Team Musician

Youth worship team musicians make up the different bands that play during any of the youth services at the Vineyard.

Requirements – The requirements for a youth worship team musician are dictated by the youth director and may vary depending on the event.

Worship Leader

Worship leaders are the lead vocalists who lead the band that is scheduled for a particular service.

Requirements – Worship leaders are responsible for choosing a set list, preparing the music for the band and organizing rehearsals. The time requirements are significantly higher than that of a worship team musician. It also requires leadership skills, accountability to the Loving God leadership, and discipleship training under the head worship leader.

Small Group Worship Leader

A small group worship leader is a worship leader who leads worship in a smaller group setting either at the church in a classroom or at one of our small groups that meet in individual homes.

Requirements – The requirements for a small group worship leader vary by the event. Some require song sheets to be made and passed out while others just require you to show up and sing.

| what can I expect? |

In this audition, you will be asked to play a song that was given to you before the day of your audition. For musicians other than worship leaders, someone will play the song on acoustic guitar and you will be expected to follow. We will be looking for the following points:

- 1. Skill Level**
- 2. Ability to follow the leader**
- 3. Ability to adapt to unexpected changes**

You might be asked to play a song on the spot that you may or may not have practiced. This will show how easily you can pick up on a new song when it is presented to you at a rehearsal.

There will also be a short informal interview. After you are finished, you are welcome to stay and watch the rest of the auditions or you are free to leave. You will receive a phone call after your audition to inform you of what the next step is for you as an individual musician.

(If you are looking to fill a position on the weekend worship team and there are no openings, we will evaluate some of the other options.)