



Vocals

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

Our Vocals 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 vocals/band members, encouraging their spiritual devotion to Christ, and promoting the faithful stewardship of their God-given musical abilities. At minimum, our musicians 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 evaluation process (see "Evaluations" below).

Evaluations

Evaluations are held every August; specific information is usually made available on the church website by mid-to-late July. The purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that prospective members' musical gifts and abilities match their desire to serve in the Worship Ministry. We ask that all Vocals commit to serving for one year (September – August), at which point current members will need to be re-evaluated.

Scheduling

The worship pastors or our administrative assistant will ask for unavailable dates ahead of time and schedule everyone accordingly. Vocals can plan to serve once or twice a month, between two campuses, depending on need, availability, and service programming. Beyond regular scheduling, Vocals 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 Vocals take initiative and find their own substitute should a schedule conflict arise. Substitutes should attend the Wednesday rehearsal prior to singing for Sunday services.

Vocals 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

Vocals attend rehearsals on weeks they are scheduled to sing. If scheduled at the Normal campus, vocals 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, Vocals arrive at church warmed-up and ready to sing, 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.

Vocals 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 Vocals 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 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.

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. This will include having properly warmed-up before rehearsal begins and memorizing song lyrics.

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.

Eastview Worship Staff