

Musical Worship Values Statement

- **Worship God**
 - Music is a significant means by which the Church expresses worship to God – together as a body of believers. (Psalms, John 4, Rev. 5)
- **Christ and cross centered.** (Eph. 5:19)
 - We prefer songs about Jesus over songs that primarily focus on our needs, experience, etc.
- **Song content should be Biblically based.** (Col. 3:15-17)
 - We want to sing songs to and about the one true God revealed in the Bible.
- **An Expression of Love Across Generations** (Rom. 14)
 - We choose to love one another by deferring our personal preferences in musical tastes for the sake of the whole church. (2 Tim. 2:2, Titus 2:1-6)
 - This is more than accepting without complaint, but a sincere effort to participate to God's glory.
- **Congregational participation**
 - Our songs need to be easy enough to sing with enthusiasm and confidence.
 - We choose to sing and participate in all songs regardless of personal preferences.
- **Culturally sensitive and attractive** (Col. 2:5, 1 Cor. 14:22-40)
 - Our participation as a congregation is a witness to visitors. (1 Cor. 14:22-40)
 - We want to be “all things to all men – in order to save some” – so our worship style will have a majority of songs that are culturally pleasing, yet God-honoring, to the contemporary world in which we live. (1 Cor. 9:19-23, Rev 5:9ff)
- **We're all always growing** (Eph. 3:14-20; 4:9-16)
 - Musical worship is always changing with regard to its stylistic expression and the cultural to which we minister.
 - We're always willing to sing a “new song”. (Ps. 33:3; 96:1; 149:1; Rev. 5:9)
- **We trust the gifts given by the Holy Spirit** (1 Cor. 12:1-11, Eph. 4:9-16)
 - In matters of deference and style, we first want to trust those involved in the music team. We believe that the Holy Spirit will guide and lead both who they are, and how they lead us in musical worship.