

Islands | Worship

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE ISLANDS

WORSHIP CHOIR HANDBOOK



WORSHIP CHOIR

Love Jesus, Serve Others, make Disciples

VISION

Lead excellent, distraction-free experiences that enhance encounters with God during Sunday Services and special worship events.

ROLE

Worship is at the core of who we are created to be. When we offer praise to God we are fulfilling a grand design that helps us better understand why we're here.

You will lead our church in authentic worship for the two Sunday services and other special services and activities throughout the year.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Prepare in Prayer. Pray God's heart for His people each and every time you serve. Ask God to move in a special way – to personally touch hearts and heal wounds and bring His lost children home. Pray for the specific, personal moment of intimacy with Jesus that would forever change their lives.

Serve when scheduled and utilize the Planning Center scheduling features. Communication is crucial for building community and carrying out effective ministry, so please communicate your availability to serve.

Be on time and check-in. You will have an opportunity to check-in when you arrive through our check-in kiosk located in the Worship Hub.

Dress in a manner that would honor Christ. What we wear can sometimes speak louder than what we say. Be mindful to not dress in a manner that would distract others or cause them to stumble.

Remain positioned. Be in your assigned position before the service begins. Please monitor the time and be in place on time. Do not come onto the platform after services or rehearsals have begun until you are invited by the Worship Pastor.

Remain attentive. Even if you do not have an immediate responsibility, please remain quiet and attentive. A Team Leader will communicate changes and needs, as they arise.

Serve with heart, commitment, and excellence. We want you serving in your gifts and passions; in ministry that is an overflow of love and enjoyable to you. If this ministry is not a fit, if you would like to investigate a new ministry team, or if you need a break from serving for a season, do not hesitate to let the worship staff know. This is why they are here - to walk through life with you!

Smile. You have just served the Risen King and His Church! *“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:12)*

RESULTS

Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of a protected environment, guests are forever changed from experiencing God in a fresh, new way.

POLICIES

1. Rehearsal attendance is mandatory for Sunday morning participation. If you are not able to be at rehearsal on a Wednesday evening you may not sing from the platform the following Sunday.
2. New choir members must attend three (3) consecutive rehearsals to join us on the platform. This is to help you learn the worship music and upcoming choir specials, but also to allow you to become familiar with us.
3. Please silence your phones and limit use during rehearsals. If you must answer a call, please excuse yourself so as not to disrupt the rehearsal. We need to be focused and alert to make the very most of our time together.
4. Please limit talking during rehearsals. Remember, rehearsals are a time for us to prepare to lead people into a time of worship.
5. If you are on a microphone it is your responsibility to check your batteries and be in place on the platform (with your mic) by sound check start time. Also, please make sure that your mic is not muted.
6. As Christ followers we are all called to make disciples. This implies that as worship leaders we are saying, “Do what I do.” We do not look for perfection, rather, we look to be people whose lives are pointing to Jesus and living for His Kingdom.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:20am – ARRIVE & PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

8:30am - CHOIR SOUND CHECK

8:45am - PRE-SERVICE BEGINS

8:55am - FIVE MINUTE COUNTDOWN

9:00am - FIRST SERVICE

10:30am - RESET FOR SECOND SERVICE

10:30am - PRE-SERVICE BEGINS

10:40am - FIVE MINUTE COUNTDOWN

10:45am - SERVICE BEGINS

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

6:55pm – CHECK-IN & PREPARE FOR REHEARSAL

7:00pm – REHEARSAL

8:30pm – FULL SERVICE RUN THROUGH WITH BAND

9:00pm – DISMISSAL & SET UP FOR SUNDAY



GENERAL TEAM INFORMATION

PLANNING CENTER

Planning Center Online (planningcenteronline.com) is our one source of information regarding scheduling, service flow, communication between team members, and service times and information. You have access to this via web browsers and mobile devices. You will receive an invite from the Worship Pastor on how to set up credentials and start your scheduling. When you receive this invite to serve, please respond in a timely manner so that we can ensure every position is filled on a Sunday morning. Likewise, please block out any dates you know you will miss.

REMINDE

In order to communicate among team members during the week and throughout service, we ask that you download the free app Remind (if you have a smartphone), sign up online at www.remind.com/join/FBCIchoir, or text @FBCIchoir to the number 81010. This app allows us to keep all the teams up to date with changes or encouragement and to solve issues in a discreet manner.

CHECK-IN

Planning Center Check-Ins is the database we use to help care for the team. Every time you serve, we ask that you check in the Worship Hub Check-In area, either by using your Church Center app QR code or by typing in your phone number manually. This allows the church to have accurate measurements of active Team Members, how many are serving each week, and how our teams are growing. During this check-in process, team badges will be available for you to identify that you are serving and on what team you serve.

TEAM CAFE

Please feel free to utilize the Team Café in the Worship Hub. You will find snacks, coffee, tea, water, mints, ministry-specific updates, and an incredible team to hang out with!

DRESS CODE

Sunday serving attire is business casual and nice jeans are suitable. We welcome people from all backgrounds, and we want them all to feel comfortable at our campus. Use discretion, and if you feel the attire is questionable and could potentially distract someone from the worship experience, please do not wear it.