

Philosophy of Music and Worship

God – Centeredness

This is the top priority when the church family gathers for worship. Our main aim is to relate to God personally and to be blessed, satisfied and filled by Him, so that He is exalted and glorified in our affections and understanding. *Matthew 22:37*

Expecting the Powerful Presence of God

We do not merely direct our thoughts toward Him. We believe in accord with the promise of James 4:8, that in worship if we earnestly draw near to God, He will draw near to us in power and make Himself felt and known to us, for our growth and the salvation of unbelievers among us.

Being Bible-Based and Bible Saturated

The content of our singing, praying, preaching and poetry must always conform to the truth of Scripture, which is the final ground of our appeal to authority. *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Heart and Head

True worship aims at experiencing real, deep, strong emotions toward God, apart from fleshly manipulations, while also developing clear, balanced thinking about Scriptural truth. *John 4:24*

Earnestness and Intensity

We seek to avoid a superficial, flippant or frivolous atmosphere; and we do not want people's attention diverted from the truth by shoddy ministry. Rather, we seek an atmosphere of heartfelt joy, excitement, passion, reverence, and wonder before God. *Psalms 100; Hebrews 12:28*

Sincerity and Authenticity

We strongly renounce all pretense, deceit, sham and hypocrisy for the consumption of human observers. We reject an atmosphere of artistic or oratorical performance, with any excessive elegance, finesse and refinement for the glory of the performer. Rather, we desire the ministry of truth, with natural undistracting excellence, in time of deep personal encounter with God in His beauty. *Hebrews 10:22, John 4:24*

Fellowship and Love

We expect and pray that God, through the Holy Spirit, will manifest Himself in the fellowship of believers for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7), as we love one another through Christ.

The Mingling of Historic and Contemporary Music

“And He said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of Heaven is like a master of a house who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’” (Matthew 13:52) Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19).