



South Side
Christian Church

Worship Ministry Philosophy

Lifestyle of Worship: We want “worship” to be something that is practiced seven days a week and lived out in the workplace and school, just as much as it is at church on Sunday. Worship is giving “worth” to God in every aspect of our lives.

God-Focused: We want worship experiences that bring God joy and reflect his priorities. Worship is rooted in the Word of God and the gospel of Jesus.

Centered at the Cross: The epicenter of every worship gathering is the celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. This permeates all aspects of our gatherings from song lyrics to Communion.

Corporate Worship Services: We want our Sunday gatherings to be celebrations of what God has been doing in all of our lives throughout the week - a place where we can encourage one another in faith and service - expressing our gratitude back to God through singing, prayer, teaching, and giving.

Variety: We don’t want to get locked into a routine that becomes a lifeless duty. Rather, we utilize the tools of loud/soft, old/new, sacred/secular music and elements that help connect our congregation and local culture to God.

Instruction: We want to develop *everyday people* in how to worship in different ways and venues. Each worship service is another opportunity to deepen an individual’s discipleship journey and to instruct in a life of faith.

Historic Elements: We want to build worship services based on biblical foundations, expressing the richness of worship tradition through modern elements.

Culturally Engaging: We want to create a worship experience that speaks the language of the people that live in the areas around the church. We will strive for quality in all we do to honor God, encourage our church, and engage the culture around us. Worship is a verb for our church family, so we want to create a worship environment in which we see maximum participation. We believe that seeing a church family fully engaged in worship is one of the strongest witnesses we have to those who are experiencing Jesus, possibly for the first time.

Encounter: We want to create the expectation and longing for an encounter with the living God. Our ultimate goal is that a person would come face-to-face with Jesus through worship.

Artists: We want to make space for all types of artists to be involved in our worship ministry. Artists’ spiritual journey is most often developed by using their art. We want to nurture that growth and utilize the gifts of all the artists in our community, at all levels of spiritual maturity in a way that serves and encourages the church, while always protecting the positions of worship leadership.