

What Our Volunteers Have to Say

Worship Teams

David Derr:

I'm very passionate about leading musical worship in whatever role I can. In a way I worship better when I'm focused on the music. Impact has been, for me, a great way to use the talents and motivations God has given me and it has also been an excellent opportunity to grow as a musician, a leader, and in my relationship with Jesus.

Brook Hoover:

Serving as guitarist in the Impact team has been highly rewarding for me. My musical skills were challenged and refined while playing with some of the best musicians I've ever been involved with. It's rare to be able to play music in such a supportive and positive environment. These experiences have enhanced my career as a musician and carry over to other areas of my work.

Jim Knight:

When I started out playing guitar for the Celebration service, I was quite nervous! It had been about 8 years since I'd played any guitar. But with a little work and a little experience, I soon discovered that I had the best, most enjoyable job in church! Using music to keep God's message in the hearts of people.....it's a powerful ministry!

Chris Nelson:

Being part of Celebration Singers has been a wonderful, rewarding experience for me. I love the group I am with because we care for each other! Although our rehearsals have purpose, we laugh and enjoy the company of each other. For me it's a bonus time to worship. I go to church on Sundays to worship and hear the word God, but I worship on Thursdays too. Music has always been a part of my DNA sequence; I feel, taste, see, and of course, hear music. I don't have to be music scholar to sing with this group; I can enjoy the music we sing and share the joy of the message it brings!

Krista Neumann:

Being a part of the Impact team provides a spiritual connection with God that is different than that connection I feel when praying alone or while sitting in the pew. I feel his presence even more when worshipping him in song leading the congregation. I love being part of the Impact team whether it is singing or helping with the message. The Impact team is like a small family; we have fun, work hard, and best of all we get to serve our King in the best of ways.

Rehgan Schmidt:

I enjoy being a part of the ministry because it is my home away from home. I love getting the opportunity to work with everyone on the team, and how all of our gifts God has given us go so well together! It is a blessing to be a part of this. :)

Abby Sevcik:

Serving on the musical worship team here at St. Mark's has not only provided me with an opportunity to channel my love of music to glorify Christ, but has helped me grow in a faith community of creative, kind, and talented people. Through my involvement, I've met friends and mentors whose commitment to this church and our God (as well as their excellence in their area of expertise) has inspired and encouraged me over the past years that I've been a part of it. My involvement in the worship team has been a key component in making St. Mark's the church I come home to.

Laurie Sloterdyk:

We have all been blessed with gifts from God and my way of giving back is worshipping Him with singing on the Celebration Team. Through Celebration Singers, Band, and Tech Team I have been abundantly blessed with faithful, loving, and talented people! Music is the prayer of our hearts!

Katherine Tone:

Being part of the Celebration Singers worship team enhances my personal worship experience. Singing conveys God's message from my heart and soul to the congregation, encouraging them to glorify God in response. The Bible says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord"; it is a joy for me to give praise, thanks and reflection to God through the gift of music. It's one small way I can give back to God the blessings He has given me. It is also a great pleasure to watch and listen to the people of God respond to the message of a song through their own praise, lifted hands, clapping and meditation on the lyrics.

Kelly Vieth:

I am sometimes a shy person and rehearsing with the members of the worship team allows me to open up, have fun, and play meaningful songs with great people.

By listening to how other members of the worship team pray, I have become better at praying. I have learned to just have a conversation with God rather than struggle with finding the "right" words to say to Him.

I feel good in knowing that the gifts God has given me are being used and that others enjoy it and benefit spiritually.

ALL of the musicians are so, so talented (and although sometimes I don't feel very smart, I am able to grow musically and feel inspired after spending time in rehearsals with the worship team). Plus I laugh a lot with everyone. The Impact "peeps" are pretty witty and hilarious.

Tech/Media Teams

Hunter Beyer:

The tech services are definitely an area in need of volunteers and assistance....Even if it's only for a few Sundays every once in a while, any help would definitely be appreciated.

Nicholas Jessen:

I love being a part of this team because everyone that I work with loves to connect with each other and learn about God. I am very happy to have the privilege of being close to them as we all continue our lives with God and being a disciple of Christ.

Michael Kuchera:

I feel like I am helping out when I am doing the lights. I enjoy being a part of a team.

Michael's parents added: When he gets ready for church and is trying to find his techie t-shirt, we often hear, "Mom...where is my super suit?" (a reference from The Incredibles) :)