

## About **Aspire** Arts ministries:

Our **PURPOSE** is to...

Demonstrate a heart of worship

Create an inspiring experience

Communicate God's Truth.

Our team **VALUES** are...

**Authenticity**... loving God

**Community**... loving each other

**Excellence**... sacrificing our best

Our **PRAYER** is... **D-C-C! It's not about me. It's all about You. Amen!**

## Aspire **VOCAL TEAMS** include:

Worship Team Vocalist

Forest Hill Singers

Celebration Choir

Ensembles

Soloist

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# VOCALISTS

## Frequently Asked Questions about being a **worship team vocalist:**

**Do I need to have vocal training?** Although training is a plus, professional training is not required. A teachable attitude, willingness to learn and eagerness to grow through feedback is the best avenue for training!

**Will I have to audition?** Yes, we ask that any on-stage artist go through an audition process.

**What would an audition include?** During an audition, five checkpoints are evaluated: pitch, power, palette (ability to sing various styles), parts (ability to sing harmony), and presence. An audition would include singing a prepared piece that highlights one's natural style and vocal range. Impromptu singing of parts, following vocal arrangements, and blending in a small group may also be included.

**What happens after the audition?** There are three possible outcomes from an audition: (1) The singer is ready and will join the team at an upcoming rehearsal, (2) A follow-up audition is scheduled if there is a single area of improvement, or (3) It is determined that the vocalist is not ready technically to join the team and suggestions for improving vocal skills are given.

**When are rehearsals?** Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8am. We ask that each worship team member rehearse "15 minutes on the front end" prior to each rehearsal by rehearsing any new or unfamiliar songs and studying the worship packet. Mp3s and weekly worship packets are provided a week in advance on our team website at [www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html](http://www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html).

**Do team members attend every Sunday rehearsal?** No, only the rehearsals for the Sunday on which they are scheduled to sing.

**How frequently are team members scheduled, and how are schedules made?** Each worship team member is asked to be available to serve at least two Sundays each month. By the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month, team members send their available serving dates to their team captain for the following month. The vocalist team captain is Kimberly Higdon.

**Will someone be at rehearsals to provide direction?** Typically our Arts Director, Allison Tubbs, will be at rehearsals to provide direction for vocalists. There may be times when this role will be filled by another team member.

**Is any additional training offered?** Additional training workshops are provided throughout the year. Look for team emails and team news in your Sunday program.

**Are any additional time commitments involved?** Throughout the year, we may have "All-team" (for the worship team) or "All-arts" events (1 or 2 a year). Optional social and community service events are also scheduled and are communicated well in advance as we would love for families to join us!

**What if I have more questions?** Contact Allison Tubbs, Director of Creative Arts, at [allison@fhccmemphis.com](mailto:allison@fhccmemphis.com) or at 901.853.7973.



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## Frequently Asked Questions about being a Forest Hill Singer:

**How are Forest Hill Singers different from a worship team vocalist?** Forest Hill Singers lead worship once every 6 – 8 weeks in a group of 5 or more vocalists to lead worship.

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**What would an audition include?** During an audition, five checkpoints are evaluated: pitch, power, palette (ability to sing various styles), parts (ability to sing harmony), and presence. An audition would include singing a prepared piece that highlights one's natural style and vocal range. Impromptu singing of parts, following vocal arrangements, and blending in a small group may also be included.

**What happens after the audition?** There are three possible outcomes from an audition: (1) The singer is ready and will join the team at an upcoming rehearsal, (2) A follow-up audition is scheduled if there is a single area of improvement, or (3) It is determined that the vocalist is not ready technically to join Forest Hill Singers and suggestions for improving vocal skills are given.

**When are rehearsals?** Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8am. We ask that each Forest Hill Singer rehearse "15 minutes on the front end" prior to each rehearsal by rehearsing any new or unfamiliar songs and studying the worship packet. Mp3s and weekly worship packets are provided a week in advance on our team website at [www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html](http://www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html).

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**Is any additional training offered?** Additional training workshops are provided throughout the year. Look for team emails and team news in your Sunday program.

**Are any additional time commitments involved?** *Forest Hill Singers* are asked to attend any "All-Arts" events (1 or 2 a year). Also, optional social and community service events may be planned throughout the year and are communicated well in advance as we hope families will join us!

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## Frequently Asked Questions about being a Celebration Choir member:

**Will I have to audition?** Nope!

**How often does the Celebration Choir lead worship?** The Celebration Choir leads worship at least 3 times a year and is an anticipated part of special celebration events, such as our Feast of Thanksgiving, and during holiday seasons.

**When are rehearsals?** Rehearsals are typically on Thursday evenings or on Saturdays. Mp3s and worship packets are provided in advance on our team website at [www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html](http://www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html).

**Are any additional time commitments involved?** *Celebration Choir* members are asked to attend any "All-Arts" events (1 or 2 a year). Also, optional social and community service events may be planned throughout the year and are communicated well in advance as we hope families will join us!

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# VOCALISTS

## Frequently Asked Questions about being a **soloist or ensemble** member:

**Do I need to have vocal training?** Although training is a plus, professional training is not required. A teachable attitude, willingness to learn and eagerness to grow through feedback is the best avenue for training!

**Will I have to audition?** Yes, we ask that any on-stage artist go through an audition process.

**What would an audition include?** During an audition, five checkpoints are evaluated: pitch, power, palette (ability to sing various styles), parts (ability to sing harmony), and presence. An audition would include singing a prepared piece that highlights one's natural style and vocal range. Impromptu singing of parts, following vocal arrangements, and blending in a small group may also be included.

**When are rehearsals?** Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8am. We ask that vocalists rehearse "15 minutes on the front end" prior to each rehearsal by rehearsing any new or unfamiliar songs. Mp3s and worship packets are provided in advance on our team website at [www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html](http://www.fhccmemphis.com/ministries/arts/team.html).

**Will someone be at rehearsals to provide direction?** Typically our Arts Director, Allison Tubbs, will be at rehearsals to provide direction for vocalists. There may be times that this role will be filled by another team member.

**Are any additional time commitments involved?** All *vocalists* are asked to attend any "All-Arts" events (1 or 2 a year). Also, optional social and community service events may be planned throughout the year and are communicated well in advance as we hope families will join us!

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