



Dear Musician,

Thanks for considering auditioning for one of the Middletown Christian Church praise teams. We're excited about the future at Middletown, and how these auditions may help the worship experiences. The next auditions are November 12 & 13, 2016.

In this packet, you will find the following:

**A "What to Expect at Your Audition" Sheet** – giving you some details about how your 20-minute audition will go.

**Praise Team Information Sheet** – providing expectations for all praise team members once on the team, concerning musical and spiritual gifts and commitment.

**Audition Form** – letting us know more about you. Please bring your completed form with you to the audition.

The audition process will involve three components: your vocal or instrumental audition, your completed Audition Form, and a brief conversation with the audition panel. The panel will be made up of the worship minister and three or four members from existing Middletown praise teams. We will be evaluating your musical ability, stage presence, commitment and ability to be a part of the team.

**Audition Times:**

November 12 & 13 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Please call, text or email Dave Seely as soon as you decide to audition with your requested audition time. We will confirm that with you the week before your audition. We will hold all auditions in the sanctuary of Middletown Christian Church, 500 N. Watterson Trail, Louisville, KY. We will contact you the week following to discuss your audition.

If you have questions, let me know. We hope you will sing and/or play for us. Thank you for your part in helping us pursue worship excellence as we live out the love of Christ!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave".

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## WHAT TO EXPECT at your praise team audition:

Any kind of audition can cause nervousness or anxiety. Knowing the expectations and being adequately prepared can help alleviate some of these feelings. Relax; you're among friends who are wishing you well.

When you arrive in the foyer a few minutes before your audition time, you will be greeted by one of the praise team. You will then meet the panel who will be listening to you and learning more about you. No other auditioning musicians will be present. If you are playing an instrument, we will be happy to assist you in getting set up before your audition.

## THE AUDITION:

1. **SING or PLAY A SONG** of your own choosing. If you are a singer, we would like to hear you sing without accompaniment. If you are a player, play something you love. It does not have to be a worship song or hymn. We just want to hear what you can do at your best.
2. **SING or PLAY A FAMILIAR SONG** with other musicians. You will have been sent a lead sheet ("chart") and link to "Beautiful One" before your audition. Please come prepared to sing lead or harmony or to play your instrument at performance level with other members of the team. We want to learn how you might fit in with us.
3. **SING or PLAY AN UNFAMILIAR SONG** with other musicians. We will hand you a chart for a song you have not worked on. We'll play a recording of the song, then we'll do the song together. We do not expect you to suddenly perform perfectly. We just want to see how quickly you pick up a new song, or how readily you hear vocal parts.
4. **SING HARMONY.** Vocalists will be asked to sing along with a lead vocalist to a Christmas song or hymn, to see how well you harmonize and sing in tune.
5. **INTERVIEW.** We want to know why you'd like to be a part of the team, and have a chance to ask a few questions to get to know you better.



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## **Middletown Christian Church PRAISE TEAM INFORMATION SHEET**

The mission of Middletown Christian Church is “Living out the love of Christ by embracing people where they are.” It follows naturally that the purpose of the praise teams is to live out the love of Christ through music and worship, both at Middletown and around our city. We are committed to our calling to serve sacrificially, as a part of an infectious worship-ping community. If you are called to lead worship with us, we have the following expectations:

### **MUSICALLY:**

- You will need a working knowledge of melody, rhythm, harmony, dynamics and other musical terms.
- You will need to be able to read musical charts (lyrics and chords) and interpret the chart while listening to an mp3 or YouTube link. You will need an understanding of song form; chorus, verse, pre-chorus, bridge.
- Vocalists will need to be familiar with using a microphone and players will need an adequate instrument and/or amplifier and be familiar with direct boxes, in-ear monitors, personal mixers and other sound reinforcement equipment.
- You will always be striving for excellence at each opportunity.
- You will join us in listening for great songs everywhere which may help us glorify God.

### **SPIRITUALLY:**

- You possess an openness to Jesus Christ and His teachings.
- You are familiar with the Vision of Middletown Christian Church and embrace our mission, strategy, values and marks.
- You understand your role as a “lead worshipper” glorifying God.
- You are part of the team and exhibit a flexible, encouraging, helpful attitude.
- You are always praying for team members and for our worship ministry.

### **PRACTICALLY:**

- You are able to attend rehearsals faithfully & will always contact the worship minister if you are unable to attend a rehearsal or worship service.
- You have time throughout the week to rehearse on your own.
- You come prepared for each song by the weekend, in plenty of time to tune and set up equipment before sound checks.
- You are able to consider extra rehearsals or special services and will do your best to be available if needed (Christmas Eve, Easter, etc.)





Middletown Christian Church **PRAISE TEAM AUDITION FORM** (please bring to your audition)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to communicate via: Text\_\_ FaceBook\_\_ Twitter\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your relationship with Christ (Baptized? Believer? Seeker?)

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Have you been attending Middletown Christian Church? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Involvement in other ministries at Middletown or elsewhere?

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What is your musical experience? (soloist, high school choir or musicals or bands, college choir or bands, small ensembles, directing, professional, whatever....)

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Do you read music?    Y        N

Anything else we should know? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Team would you prefer to be a part of? (check one or more):

Chalice team \_\_\_\_\_ Service two Sundays a month at 9:50-10:45 AND 11:10-12:10  
Rehearse Thursdays 6:00-7:00 pm

Disciple team \_\_\_\_\_ Service two Sundays a month at 9:50-10:45 AND 11:10-12:10  
Rehearse Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm

Sunday evening team \_\_\_\_\_ Service most Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Rehearse Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Will your schedule allow you to attend rehearsals? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a part of this ministry? \_\_\_\_\_



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