ETERNAL CHURCH

WORSHIP TEAM | FIRST SUNDAY GUIDE + FAQ

Welcome to the team! We're so glad you're here. This guide is meant to help you feel comfortable and confident as you prepare for your first Sunday leading worship with us.

BEFORE YOUR FIRST SUNDAY

Onboarding Mentor

- You'll be paired with a current worship team member to serve as your First Sunday Mentor. They'll connect with you during the week leading up to your first service, walk you through what to expect, and help with any last-minute questions on Sunday morning.
    - Your Onboarding Mentor: _____

Building Access & Green Room

- You'll receive a **key FOB** prior to your first Sunday. This gives you access to the building on **Thursday nights** and **Sunday mornings**.
    - **Entry Point**: Use the doors on the far back left side of the building (the ones under the overhang). This is your closest entry point to the worship center and backstage hallway.
    - **Backstage Access**: Your FOB also opens the hallway behind the stage and the Green Room area.
    - **Bathrooms**: Located near the Green Room. You'll need your FOB to return to the backstage area.
    - **Two Services**: During seasons when Eternal Church has two services, you're welcome to sit in the Green Room during one — just keep conversation volume low, as sound can carry into the worship center.

Service Flow Overview

- Either at rehearsal or before Sunday, we'll talk through the entire service order together — songs, transitions, prayer moments, message flow, and when the band returns to the stage. This helps ensure everyone feels unified and confident heading into Sunday.

Thursday Rehearsal Q&A

- Your first rehearsal is the perfect time to ask questions about anything — gear setup, monitors, transitions, service flow, or expectations. Don't hesitate to speak up; we'd much rather you ask now than wonder later.

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Arrival Time: 7:15 a.m.

- Arrive on stage and ready by 7:15, to get set up and sound check. Plan to have your gear ready and your in-ears connected by the start of sound check.

Sound Check & Run-Through: 7:15 – 8:15 a.m.

- We'll do a quick run-through of each song and tighten up any loose ends.

Service Talk-Through & Prayer: 8:30 a.m.

- After sound check and any final adjustments, we'll gather in the Green Room at 8:30 for a full service talk-through and a short time of prayer before doors open.

DURING THE SERVICE

Where to Sit

- When not on stage, you can sit wherever you'd like in the congregation. Stay engaged in worship and the Word — you're still worshiping with your mind and heart, leading by example even off stage.

Stage Transitions

- Enter and exit the stage calmly and reverently from the same side you're positioned on so you don't cross through the middle. You can enter or exit off the front sides of the stage or behind the curtain on either side. When returning, move quietly and be mindful of cables and others around you. If you're unsure where to enter or exit, ask your Onboarding Mentor to walk through it with you before the service.

Rejoining the Stage

- The band typically returns near the end of the sermon, usually during the closing prayer. As you hear the pastor beginning to wrap up, get your in-ears ready and turn your monitor pack back up to your normal level so you're prepared when the cue comes.

AFTER THE SERVICE

Touch Base

- After the service, take a few minutes to connect with Jesse or your onboarding mentor. They'll share any feedback, answer lingering questions, and celebrate your first Sunday with you!

FINAL THOUGHTS

Joining the worship team isn't just about music — it's about serving Jesus together with humility, excellence, and joy. We're excited to have you on this journey with us and can't wait to see how God uses your gifts to lead our church family in worship.

Grateful to serve alongside you,

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