

BAYSIDE WORSHIP

AUDITIONS FAQ

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Begin with our Dream Team Questionnaire, which gives us necessary information about you as an attendee as well as where you are interested in serving. You can find that form at serve.mybayside.church.

If you choose “Worship” as your serving interest on that form, you will be automatically sent the Worship Application form. This allows you to tell us what instrument(s) you play and at what skill level, so your Worship Director can reach out to you with audition instructions for your specific instrument(s).

WHEN AND WHERE ARE AUDITIONS HELD?

Currently, all auditions are video submissions. Videos can be sent in and reviewed at any time, so it allows you to audition whenever you feel called to take the first step. It also allows our Worship Directors a chance to carefully review your videos before responding, which leads to clearer feedback and a more confident “yes” or “not now.”

WHAT SHOULD I PLAY/SING FOR MY AUDITION?

1. You’ll be given everything you need to learn a pre-determined part for 2 audition songs. Using the tutorials provided, show us your attention to detail and your comfort playing your instrument in a way that serves a team!
2. Record your videos and send them to your Worship Director. They will review your audition, then reach out with constructive feedback and next steps.

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO IS INVITED ONTO THE TEAM?

Musical skill is not necessary to worship God. But leading a congregation in musical worship with minimal distraction requires skill and awareness. These take time to develop and the humility to remain teachable.

Our evaluation criteria helps confirm whether someone can meet predetermined musical standards. We look for people who are intentional with their tone, control, timing, body language and attention to detail. Proficiency and preparedness allows a person to play without major mistakes and go somewhere intentionally with the team around them.

WHAT IF I DON'T PASS MY AUDITION?

Everyone, from beginners to pros, are given careful feedback regarding their audition. Humbly considering that feedback will help you direct your focus to areas that require further development (and will help affirm what you do well). If you don't receive an invite to the team, it has no bearing on your identity as a worshipper, or your value as a person. It simply points to technical aspects of your musical skill that need to be developed. Our Worship Academy is an incredible, affordable resource to help you do just that, should you decide you want to develop your musical skill. And you are always welcome to audition again when you feel ready!

IF MY AUDITION VIDEOS PASS, WHAT'S NEXT?

Once you pass the video portion of the audition, we'll have you come in for a "live evaluation" where you'll play a few songs with a live team. From working well with other players to using in-ear monitors and following a click/metronome - we want to make sure you're comfortable with all of those things.

Finally, you will sit down with your Worship Director for a get-to-know-you interview. We want to hear everything from your testimony of coming to know the Lord and your experience with past churches to your hopes, dreams, likes and dislikes. Musical skill is important, but we protect our team culture as well, which requires team members who are honest, kind, and ready to say "yes" to where our church leadership asks us to go.