

Hello!!

We are so excited for your interest in our Worship Family! The process we have in place was designed to gather the most information, but also to do it in a way that is most comfortable for you! Please remember that we aren't seeking perfection, just the ability to gauge where you are vocally and/or musically, and to see how we can best help you in the transition!

WHO WE ARE:

- I am Nicole Richey, the Worship Leader, but we have a three-fold leadership team here at Calvary Worship! Jeremy Guyse is our MD (Music Director) and Bryce Covington is our Worship Quality Engineer. Jeremy directs the band, but also directs the entire worship sets as well. He offers invaluable information and guidance during our times of worship through our iems (in ear monitors). Bryce runs all of the sound, sets the levels, makes sure our mixes are great, but he also has a unique gift to hear things musically which adds to the overall level of excellence.

OUR MANDATE:

Preparing the Room

- It is our job to know how to prepare the room and the body of Christ for our Pastor. To cultivate an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit is present and able to move in the lives of our church family and online church community.
- Praise plows the ground of hearts and creates a pathway for people. Worship creates an atmosphere of surrender. When these two collide, the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit has no limits. True worship releases the miraculous power of God!
- We must KNOW the heart of the house! Understanding our Pastor's view and value of worship is incredibly important. A GREAT way to learn this is at LifeTrack! (**we will circle back to LifeTrack below!)
- We must operate in unity. [Psalm 133:1 NIV // I Peter 3:8 NLT]] One mind, one purpose, one goal, one heartbeat, one focus- To lead the people to the presence of Jesus!

OUR PROCESS:

- LifeTrack- LifeTrack is where you learn the vision and values of Calvary! This includes what we believe and discovering your spiritual gifting. It is also the starting point for anyone wanting to get involved in ministry at Calvary and is a requirement for every person who serves on any ministry team! It is a 3 week track and takes place quarterly. Please let me know if you need information about when the next session begins and how to get signed up! In the meantime, we can still move forward with some of the steps in this process.
- Audition Videos-
 - Everyone- Please send in a 1-2 minute video of yourself singing and/or playing your instrument at what you think is your BEST! Doing auditions this way is designed to eliminate any nerves you may have and also allows you the opportunity to record + delete as much as you want to and only send what you believe is your best! Wear what you would wear on a Sunday! Be yourself! Let us see who you would be as a leader!
 - Vocalists-

- Please also include a short video recording of yourself harmonizing with someone. This can be any song you want. Maverick City, Brandon Lake, Elevation, Hillsong and Bethel have a LARGE variety of songs that would be very easy to do this with! The purpose of this is two-fold; to hear your ability to harmonize // pick out vocal parts, and to also hear what section you gravitate towards! (If you already know which section you are- Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass- please include that information in the video as well!)
 - Musicians-
 - Let us know of your musical background and experience (knowledge of theory, how long you have played each instrument, can you play/learn by ear, or do you need/rely on charts...etc). If you play more than one instrument, feel free to play a little of each in your video!
 - Please let us know if you are familiar with, and have played using the number system. This is something we do use regularly.
 - Please speak to the equipment/instruments you use. The church supplies the drum set, one keyboard, and the sound equipment. But for the most part, you would be using your own equipment.
 - Electric Guitar players: We currently are only using amp/IR pedals with no amps on stage. The church owns one Strymon Iridium that you can use if you do not already own your own pedal.
 - Everyone- Also in the video, tell us about you! What is your “WHY”!? Why do you worship? Why do you want to be a part of the Worship Family at Calvary? We can’t wait to hear!!
- IEMs- We use in-ear monitors (aka "IEMs"). You will need to purchase your own set of "ears" if you do not already have them. (IEMs are different from earbuds. You will need to have IEMs) We have a safe place that we label and keep them at the church, but you are welcome to take them home with you if you prefer! IEMs can be very expensive and very complicated to know which to choose. Luckily, our Worship Quality Engineer, Bryce, did a ton of research and found a very high quality + affordable version for us to use! They are right around \$20-\$27. I can send you the link to buy a pair, or I can buy them for you on Amazon Prime and you can reimburse me! **of course you are "allowed" to buy yourself any version / brand / model you want if you don't want to get the ones the team has! We just want to offer an affordable option for everyone!*
- We strongly recommend getting the experience of wearing IEMs prior to being on the platform for the first time. Sometimes there is a learning curve to adjusting to using them because you will hear many things that the church congregation does not. (i.e. communication from the MD, the click, the guide, etc) As you do make the adjustment, you will understand what an invaluable “tool” this is for us! I HIGHLY recommend that you come to a rehearsal or two and wear them or sit in an actual service and wear them. This is the greatest, fastest and most accurate way to fully understand everything to expect in your ears during our worship time!! It also allows you the opportunity to write down any questions about things you’re hearing, what they mean etc and go over them with us after service or rehearsal! We will arrange this after the audition videos are sent in, IEMs are in hand and we are ready to proceed to this exciting step of the process!

OUR SCHEDULE:

- Our weekly routine is Thursday rehearsal at the Epicenter from 6pm-8pm. We make it a priority to honor your time and try our very best not to deviate from that 2 hour window. If ever there is a need to work on something after the 8:00 cut off time has come, it would be optional for you to stay and not required. If ever we are unable to meet for our Thursday rehearsal for some reason, I will make sure the team for that week is aware and also has all the “tools” possible to feel prepared when you arrive on Sunday morning. Sunday call time is typically between 8:00-8:30 am. There are different factors that go into determining that, but specific information is thoroughly communicated weekly to the teams that are scheduled through Planning Center. After Sunday soundcheck, we all have prayer together with our Pastors and Intercessors at 9:45 am and Sunday Service starts at 10:00 am. Currently, we only have one service.
- There are times when we do have special services in addition to Sunday Service. These dates are always shared with the team in advance and we completely understand when scheduling conflicts arise. All I ask is that you communicate with me!! Typically, I try to get the team’s availability for the whole upcoming month and send out a calendar showing who is scheduled and when for that month. I will then create the service schedules for each Sunday based off that info, so you will get those on a weekly basis. Planning Center also allows us to add blockout dates for anytime you know you will be out of town, have a special event, want a certain date off, etc!!

We are excited to help in any and every way we can through this process! If you have questions about anything, please ask! We are happy to help and look forward to what’s next!!

Expectant!

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Please send audition videos to: nicolericheyy@gmail.com

**if there are any problems sending via email, please let me know!!*