

**Our Principles of Worship Arts Ministry:** Three principles guide our understanding.

1. **God Alone is Worthy of Our Worship.** Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Ps. 95; Revelation 4:8,11.
2. **God Alone is Worthy of Our Best.** Malachi 1:6-14.
3. **Worship is corporate, we are the body of Christ.** Romans 15: 5-7; Ephesians 4:14-15, Hebrews 10:24-15

**“LOVE, GROW, SERVE, TOGETHER AS ONE”**

**Philosophy of Worship Ministry:**

To exalt the Lord by engaging the entire Congregation in God-centered authentic worship that is intellectually and emotionally honest. To provide an atmosphere of reverence and passion rooted in God-honoring excellence. To utilize every resource available to us to joyfully and humbly exalt the Lord together.

**Priorities in Worship Arts Ministry:**

**1. God-centeredness:** Our highest priority is on celebrating who God is, what He has done, is doing, and will do in our lives personally and corporately (Mt.22:37; Psalm 150). The ultimate aim is to so exalt God that He is glorified in our affections and expressions. We want to provide an atmosphere that encourages honest, heartfelt, expressions of praise and worship. We do not just direct ourselves toward Him. We earnestly seek His drawing near according to the promise of James 4:8. We believe that in worship, God draws near to us in power, and makes Himself known and felt for our good and for the salvation of unbelievers in the midst.

**2. Head and heart:** Worship that is theologically accurate, intellectually honest, and emotionally genuine. We aim to kindle sincere, honest, deep, and strong, emotional response toward God free from any manipulation.

**3. Sincerity, Intensity, and Authenticity:** Avoiding a trite, superficial, or frivolous atmosphere, but instead setting an example of reverence and passion and wonder rooted in God’s truth. Romans 12:1-2.

**4. Non-distracting excellence:** We will try to sing, play, pray and preach in such a way that people’s attention will not be diverted from the truth by shoddy ministry nor by excessive finesse, elegance or refinement. God-honoring excellence that does not distract will let the truth and beauty of God shine through. Malachi 1:6-14.

**5. With Everything:** The Psalms speak of using “all that is available to us to praise the Lord,” Psalm 150. Paul talks about speaking to one another in Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs. It is important to engage our current generation and culture as well as honor the previous generations; Ephesians 5:19-20.