

WORSHIP PASTOR REPORT

At LSCC, we believe that worship is an essential commitment in taking steps to know and become like Jesus. We worship by submitting to God and becoming aligned to Jesus' perspectives. When we submit to God, we humbly recognize and respond to the revelation of who He is and what He has done for us. As we are then aligning to the perspectives of Jesus, we are made new creations, and we can reflect his attitude and actions towards others.

While there is no adequate prescription for perfect worship, the disciplines of prayer and meditation, studying scripture, and gathering for corporate worship and teaching are helpful and much needed tools. But worship doesn't end with a corporate gathering or a morning devotion. It extends to every aspect of our lives as we begin to see others as Jesus did - with love and compassion. We are transformed. And we will bear spiritual fruit, love God and others, serve and encourage one another, and do everything we do as if we were doing it for God.

How does LSCC lead and support worship?

1. **Leadership:**

The Worship & Creative Arts staff sit under the leadership of the Executive Teaching Pastor, Cory Stout. This team is directed by our Worship Pastor, James Coe, and includes Worship Associate, Kathy Morkert, Technical Director, Alex Smith and Visual Arts Director, Rollie Skinner. In addition to our staff, we have a Worship Leadership Team made up of key volunteers that meets monthly to give input to the planning and decision-making process.

2. **Biblical teaching:**

Cory and our teaching team unpack principals of transformational living that are practical and applicable.

3. **Corporate worship:**

We gather together on Sundays to worship with singing, communion, and baptism, as well as other art forms intended to help us focus on Jesus.

4. **Weekly devotional:**

Each week, our devotional team provides a short daily devotional as a tool to help you as you take steps to know and become like Jesus.

5. **Worship groups:**

Throughout the year, our worship choir, kids choir, tech team and worship band meet to rehearse and work towards leading and creating environments for worship in our services.

A Look Back: 2016 - 2017

1. Messages:

In the last year, Cory and our teaching team have taught through the gospel of John in “Encountering Jesus”, encouraged us in our “Next Steps,” given us new perspectives with the “Real Lives of the Christmas Story,” and built up families with “Home: Where Stories Are Made.”

2. Volunteers:

Over 100 people participated in the various aspects of leading in worship at LSCC, including 40 vocalists and musicians participating in our worship band, 20 singers in our Worship Choir, 17 members of our tech team, 20+ musicians leading our students, 30+ in Kids Choir, and 5 leading our kids worship team.

3. Passion Experience:

600+ people walked through this multisensory experience of the last hours of the life of Jesus on Good Friday.

4. Visual Arts:

During our “Encountering Jesus” series, we had works displayed on our stage that were produced by our own artists from our church family. Each of these pieces was the artist’s perspective on the scripture and message for that week. These pieces will remain displayed in the east hallway until Thanksgiving for viewing.

5. Devotional Team:

We have finished our first ministry year as a team! The purpose of the team is to provide a tool for the church to revisit the Sunday message and to give individuals an opportunity to explore and reflect on truths God revealed during the message.

6. Baptism:

Every baptism is a reason to celebrate! Over 2016-2017, we had 35 people take their next step in baptism (17 children, 10 students, 8 adults).

A Look Ahead: 2017-2018

Upcoming series for fall:

September: “God in You: The wonder and work of the Holy Spirit”

October/November: “Journey Through Judges: Broken People - Faithful God”

December: “Isaiah 9:6”

Fall workshops:

Worship Choir & Vocalists – Wed., Sep. 6

Worship Band & Tech – Sat., Sep. 9

Choir & Kids Choir

Worship Choir – Meets every other Wednesday throughout the fall

Kids Choir: Fall Session – Begins Wed., Sep 6

Kids Choir: Christmas Session – Begins Wed., Nov 1

(for Kids Choir info, contact kathy.morkert@lscckc.org)

Worship Tech (Sunday am, pm):

Ongoing opportunities (for Tech Team info, contact alex.smith@lscckc.org)

Communion (every 6-8 wks):

October 22

November 26

Baptism (every 8-12 wks):

Next baptism opportunity - October 29

(for baptism info, contact patrick.Hukriede@lscckc.org)

Devotional:

You can find the daily devotion in the program every Sunday, as well as in our LSCC app and on our website.