

Philosophy of Music Worship
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Music Worship is the corporate expression of the awe and thankfulness that come from knowing our God and Savior. True worship therefore comes from the heart and will be “in spirit and truth” (John 4:23-24).

1. ***God-centeredness:*** The goal of our music worship is to exalt God for who He is and what He has done. The aim is to so experience God that He is glorified in our affections, resulting in reverence, passion, and wonder. (Psalm 69:30; Psalm 107:32)
2. ***Bible based:*** The content of our music worship should always conform to the truth of Scripture and seek to teach the “whole counsel of God.” (Psalm 33; Psalm 100).
3. ***Head and heart:*** Music worship should aim at kindling real emotions toward God, but not by failing to appeal to clear thinking about spiritual things. (1 Corinthians 14:15) Leading and participating in music worship requires singing and performing in such a way that people’s attention will be focussed on the message.
4. ***Consistency of music and text:*** The tune, the musical style, and the instrumentation of all kinds should support and not distract from the tone, mood, and message of the text.
5. ***Historic and Contemporary Music Worship:*** The body benefits from all aspects of the spectrum represented by the diversity within the demographics of the fellowship. Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs from all eras and cultures should be considered for use. (Ephesians 5:19)
6. ***Excellence:*** Musicians and singers should strive to honor God with godly living and the best of their talents. Excellence will let the truth and beauty of God shine through. (Psalm 33:3)