

PLANNING FOR WORSHIP

As a servant leader, you place the needs of your congregation ahead of your personal preference and style choices. As you plan for worship, you need to be mindful of a number of elements that should influence your decisions.

Being aware of the demographics of your corps will be helpful when selecting a variety of music that will serve all age groups. Estimate the numbers in each age bracket at your corps.

12 & under 12-25 25-45 45-60 60+

Choose a theme from the list below and create a closed set of music. Choose three songs and write an introduction or verbal transition. In a closed set, your chosen theme does not need to relate to the rest of the service.

➤ Faithfulness ➤ Legacy ➤ Compassion ➤ Spiritual Gifts ➤ Reverence ➤ Holiness ➤ Contentment
 ➤ Forgiveness ➤ Fruits of the Spirit ➤ Heaven ➤ Mercy ➤ Grace ➤ Sacrifice

Song 1: _____

Transition: _____

Song 2: _____

Transition: _____

Song 3: _____

Closing: _____

Scripture references used:

Here are 4 examples of an order of service. Choose songs that fit with the theme for each service.

<p>Call to Worship Isaiah 7:14 / Poem - A Christmas Star</p> <p>Worship Set: Worship Team</p> <p>Play the HOPE video</p> <p>Lighting of the First Advent Candle - Journey of Hope</p> <p>Listen to the YouTube song "What a Beautiful Name"</p> <p>Announcements & Offering / Piano Selection</p> <p>Children's Video "Hope"/ Prayer (Children dismissed for Sunday School)</p> <p>Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 1-20</p> <p>Sermon</p> <p>Reflection: Worship Team</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>Closing Carol "Away in a Manger "</p> <p>Prayer of Benediction Romans 15:13</p>	<p>Responsive Reading - "The People Give Thanks"</p> <p>Worship Set:</p> <p>Thanksgiving - Lightens our Burdens -Romans 8:2 Object: Piece of String "The Knots Prayer" Worship Team</p> <p>Thanksgiving - Deepens our Joys for Evangelism John 14:12 Object: Gospel tract (16 Reasons...) Announcements/Offering - Piano Selection Worship Team</p> <p>Thanksgiving - Sustains our Faith because we are Forgiven -Hebrews 10:17 "Being a Christian is just like a pumpkin!" Worship Team</p> <p>Thanksgiving - Comes from the Heart, Serving God & Others - Matthew 9:37-38 "Harvesting the Pumpkin Patch" Closing Song Rev. 21:6-7</p>
<p>Prelude:</p> <p>Welcome/Announcements</p> <p>Song:</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Worship Set:</p> <p>Scripture Reading Mark 15:21-41</p> <p>Band Selection</p> <p>Offering</p> <p>Personal Testimony</p> <p>Song:</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Message</p> <p>Response Music:</p> <p>Prayer and Benediction</p>	<p>Welcome and Announcements</p> <p>Call to Worship:</p> <p>Worship Set:</p> <p>Prayer focus on VBS</p> <p>Tithes & Offering</p> <p>Offertory</p> <p>Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9: 1-15</p> <p>Band Selection</p> <p>Song</p> <p>Message: JESUS - THE MERCY SEAT</p> <p>Response Songs</p> <p>Benediction and Closing Song:</p>

Whether you have planned an open or closed set, there are a few questions to ask yourself in evaluating your music choices.

Is there a mix of tempos?

Is there a mix of moods?

Is there an opportunity to include other music sections in your presentation?

Does the placement of your set (open or closed) contribute to the overall flow in the service?

Using a tech sheet for your service is a clear way to communicate all the needs of sections or individuals involved.

On the next page, there is a template you can use to develop a tech sheet for your service. For groups or individuals involved in the service, you can omit the last 3 columns on the copy you give them. Only those involved in the technical aspects of the service will need all of the columns.

Using abbreviations that everyone understands can be helpful when you are glancing at a tech sheet quickly. Here is a list of examples below. Alternatively, you can create your own for groups that participate regularly at your corps.

WOS - Words on Screen

WT - Worship Team

BB - Brass Band

SNGST - Songsters

CS - Centre Stage

SL - Stage Left

SR - Stage Right

DSC - Down Stage Centre

HR - House Right

HL - House Left

Tech Sheet Template

Event Title:

Date:

Meeting Title or Venue:

Time:

Stage Preset:

TIME	ITEM #	ITEM	ACTION	SOUND	LIGHTS	VIDEO
List the duration of each item. This is important. You might have a three hour meeting.	A quick way to reference what item you are up to in the service.	Title, group, leader, etc. Information that would be in the order of service.	Contains information about movement and location.	For audio technician. Mics, instrument monitors, recorded music, video, audio, etc.	For lighting technician. If you use lighting for different scenes in your service.	For video crew. Words on screen, playing videos for congregation, notes on who camera operators should focus on.
<i>Example:</i>						
7:00 p.m.	1	VO Intro of CSB	"Friends, Soldiers and Officers of the Salvation Army....." Entrance of the CSB	VO1 (prerecorded)	House lights dim	
7:02 p.m.	2	Selection - Canadian Staff Band "Let There Be Light"	CSB Plays Praise Team enters	Band	SL	
7:07 p.m.	3	Praise Team "Here I Am To Worship"	Praise Team leads congregation	W.T.	SR	Lyrics on screen

