



Kaw Prairie Music Ministry Qualifications Covenant

What's it like serving in the music ministry of Kaw Prairie?

Here's what you need to know:

- Participants commit to a ten-month season from August to May
- Vocalists and Instrumentalists are arranged into bands. These bands will play together as much as possible with occasional subs.
- Because there is a limited number of spots for vocalists in the bands, all the other interested singers will be invited to participate in a vocal ensemble/choir that will sing during Sunday services at KP every few weeks. A special arrangement will be prepared for that ensemble so as to make their presence a unique element of the worship experience. Practice for that ensemble will be critical. Singers may also have the opportunity to sing in the children's ministry music program.
- The most important values necessary in a participant are humility, competence, teamwork, authenticity, and eagerness to role-model a Christ-like life.
- Specific qualifications for vocalists will be an enthusiastic stage presence, the ability to find harmonies as well as lead parts, familiarity with lyrics, good teamwork skills, and availability for practice
- Specific qualifications for instrumentalists will include competence on their instrument, the ability to follow and work alongside of other instruments, good teamwork skills, the ability to read and follow chord charts with Nashville numbers, the ability to play in any

key of the major scale, the versatility to play a wide range of dynamics with their instrument, and availability for practice

- KP uses in-ear monitor systems. Participants are required to learn how to use this system adequately. While there are some headphones available at the church, participants (not including the vocal ensemble/choir) are advised to purchase their own set of pro level noise-isolating ear buds.
- Everyone onstage must be comfortable using a metronome in their headphones during all practices and worship services.
- No amps are allowed onstage except one for the lead guitarist if one is needed. All other instruments are directly connected to the PA system so as to avoid any more stage noise.
- People desiring to participate in either group will be asked to: (a) fill out a questionnaire, (b) attend an audition, (c) prepare two pieces of music to perform at the audition. Beyond this we encourage participants to attend the KP membership class and the spiritual gifts class.
- Anyone desiring to participate should clearly understand that KP longs to give them a place to serve in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ even if that place is not on the stage. The number of gifted people who'd like to use their talents on Sunday morning far outnumber the positions available in a contemporary music format such as ours. KPers who can't be offered a Sunday morning rotation in the Music Ministry will be invited and assisted in finding another place to serve at KP
- Whether a person is participating or is in the process of auditioning to participate, their place on the schedule is subject to change based on their availability, the further development of their skills, and the assimilation of other talented KPers.
- Everyone onstage at KP is a worship leader. Our leadership is far more than artistic; it is also leadership by example. Therefore members of the worship team are expected to lead a life consistent with the moral values of the orthodox Christian faith, practicing moderation, living in healthy relationships, including sexual faithfulness in marriage and chastity in singleness.