



First Baptist Church

Rockport, MA

Rockport Baptist Praise Team Covenant

Enacted by the Music Committee on February 09, 2023

Effective April 2023

Purpose: The Rockport Baptist Praise Team exists to Glorify the Triune God through leading aspects of musical worship at the First Baptist Church of Rockport. The scripture commands the church to adopt a high standard for those who are placed in a position of leadership. Those serving in the Praise Team are in a platformed position that represents the church to the community. While the group will strive for excellence in its craft, it is not a performance. The participants are servant leaders seeking to exalt and make known the goodness of God.

To achieve the purpose of the covenant, the music committee has enacted the following standards.

Application for Being part of the Praise Team: Going forward all individuals who wish to be part of the praise team must e-mail a written application to Music Committee: A) expressing their desire to be part of the praise team B) explaining why they wish to be part of the praise team C) providing a brief history of their Christian testimony and D) explaining their musical gifts and talents. All e-mail correspondence should be directed to the Chair of the Music Committee.

Annual Covenant Reaffirmation: Following admittance to the Praise Team, members will be required to sign the Praise Team Covenant on an Annual basis no later than the last Sunday of January on any given year.

Covenant Standards

1. All praise team members shall confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and be in substantial agreement with the Church Articles of Faith as adapted in 1835.¹
2. All praise team members shall strive to live a life of holiness growing through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit and guidance of the scriptures.
3. All praise team members shall demonstrate a regular commitment to the church prior to participating in musical leadership. At a minimum this shall entail no less than six months of regular participation in Sunday worship before leading in a service.

¹ <https://firstbaptistrockport.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/The-Articles-of-Faith-and-Covenant-12072012.pdf>

4. All praise team members shall commit to trying their best to attend rehearsals and provide advance notice of days they will be unable to participate in rehearsals or regular worship.
5. All Praise team members will commit to take a minimum of 1 Sunday off from Praise Team every 7 weeks. This allows for rest, spiritual nourishment, and a lack of over dependence on single individuals.
6. All Praise team members will commit to pray for one another, refrain from gossip and follow the principles found in Matthew 18:15-20 when needing to confront various conflicts.

Signature _____ Date _____