

Interested in joining the praise team here at North Ridge Church? This guide should shed some light on the most frequently asked questions about our audition process and what serving on the NRC worship team looks like.

Why is there an audition required for the Praise Band?

Auditions have two main purposes - First and foremost, we want to know where all of our volunteers are at spiritually. If you're serving on the platform on Sunday, no matter what your role in the band is, you are a leader of worship in some form. We want all of our leaders to know Christ, love Christ, and have a relationship with Him.

Second, we want to know where you are at musically. At NRC we strive for excellence in our worship and music. Not everyone that auditions will be at a level ready to play onstage. This doesn't necessarily mean that the individual isn't talented at their instrument; it just simply means they're not a fit for the team at this time. Auditions are a great way to receive good and honest feedback. Every musician needs that from time to time to learn how they can grow and develop their craft.

What should I expect when I come in for an audition?

Don't stress over this audition! Our auditions are always in a friendly environment and they are very relaxed. There is no pressure to "perform" or to show off your talent. We know what we are looking for so just relax, follow along, and have fun.

Most auditions will begin by asking questions to get to know you. Depending on whether you are a vocalist or instrumentalist depends on how things will flow. Vocalist can prepare a piece ahead of time that they would like to sing or instrumentalist can bring in a piece to play. This is not required but some prefer that.

Most often, you and the worship leader will be singing/playing stuff together off of the music charts provided. Vocalist will have to do some harmony singing. Instrumentalist will have to play music off a chart or to a track. Instrumentalist should be familiar with the Nashville Number System or "numbers". Check this link out for more info.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nashville_number_system

Will I have to play and sing to a click track?

YES! Both vocalist and instrumentalist will play and sing to a click track (metronome). All of our sets are now put together with tracks when we play live. If you aren't practicing with a click at home, you should be.

How do I schedule an audition and what do I bring?

Simple, just email Wes Koontz, our Worship Arts Director at wes@northridgenow.org to set up an audition. We will work to meet you here on campus at a time that fits your schedule.

You need to bring:

- Your completed Audition Application (See form below & print)
- Any music that you've prepared ahead of time for a solo. (Remember, not required)
- Your instrument with all necessary cables, pedals, and accessories. Guitarist, bring your capos! Amps, Drum Kit & Keyboard will be provided.

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AUDITION APPLICATION

Please fill out this form and return it to Wes Koontz, Worship Arts Director. You may scan this document and email it to wes@northridgenow.org or bring in a hard copy to your audition.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

1.) How Long have you been attending North Ridge Church? _____

2.) Why North Ridge?

3.) Describe your relationship with Christ.

4.) Why do you think you would be a good fit for the worship team at NRC?

5. Have you had any previous experience in a praise band?

6. How long have you been singing/playing your instrument?

7.) Do you have any experience playing with tracks, i.e. click and loop or backing tracks?

7. Are you available for Thursday night rehearsals at 6:30pm? _____