

Singing Songs In Worship

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Song leaders are responsible for setting the tone for much of a congregation's worship. They select the songs that they believe will help a congregation to worship the Lord most fully, effectively and meaningfully. A song leader's primary responsibility is to help worshipers to enter into the presence of God, and to acceptably and heartily praise God.

As with all men who lead the church in its worship, a song leader must remember that it is not about him, but about God! The songs that he selects should be appropriate to the congregation and to the worship assembly. The song leader is merely the conduit by which a congregation is led to worship the Lord in song, which means if the singing portion of worship is misdirected and focuses on him (for whatever reason) instead of on heaven, the worship is no longer flowing through him but is being impeded by him. That's the last thing any sincere worship leader desires.

So, what about the singers? What about the worshiper? Too often some singers/worshipers spend more time criticizing and questioning the song leader (ex: his selection of songs, his style, his directing, his ability, etc.) than they do actually worshipping God. But the song selection and the song leading are not the worshipers' job. Their job is to worship! Their job is to sing "with grace in [their] hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16) and to "offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips" (Heb. 13:15). So, as a singer, as a worshiper, how can I do my job of singing to the Lord and worshipping Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) better? Try this:

1. Accept that the song which the leader is singing has been already selected...and move on. What does rolling your eyes or even stewing about it accomplish?
2. Set your heart on worshipping God in that song! That's the whole purpose!
3. Capture quickly in your mind the overall theme of the song. What is this song about? Is it about praise, about Jesus' love, about the cross, about the Christian life, etc.? Know what you're singing.
4. Focus your heart on every word and phrase of the song, and truly contemplate and mean them when they come from your lips.
5. Try to sing parts. Try to follow along with whatever part fits you the best—i.e., soprano, alto, tenor or bass.
6. Listen to others as they sing around you and earnestly try to worship together and to sing to one another.
7. Remember that God is looking at and listening to your heart in every song.

NEWSLETTER

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We seek to be a place of healing and worship.

Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10 to 10:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

Please check the website for bulletins,
House to House Heart to Heart magazine,
and other things.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Jessica Alcorn is home recuperating. She will begin chemo treatments soon. She is very appreciative of all the love and prayers on her behalf.

Darlene Reed It was found out Sat. Sep. 9th that she had shoulder surgery on Thursday Sep. 7th and is suffering with a hairline fracture since the surgery.

Jean Cameron is undergoing tests.

Maria Swindlehurst is struggling with A-Fib.

Diane Mellott is home recovering from a fall she suffered last weekend.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues. Ray is asking for prayers for his mother and the family to deal with situations involving his mother.

Candi Butcher is dealing with pneumonia and resting at home.

Lisa Wheeler, Richard Wheeler's sister, is now home recovering.

Karen, Linda & Diane's sister, is undergoing cancer treatment.

Dan Callari (from Amherst congregation). His cancer is back and he isn't doing too well.

Glen Mueller He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Amy (30 yr old daughter of Joe & Sherry (friends of Louella Hopkins)) is addicted to heroin. Louella is asking for prayers for them and also herself as she tries to help them in this situation.

Isabella Rich (9 years old, Louella Hopkin's great niece) is scheduled for heart surgery Sept. 29th.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray for our shut-ins, widows and widowers, and call, send cards, and be of service.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.



Smile and pay someone a compliment today.



Order of Worship

Songleader Today: David Schnell

Song

Call to Worship

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Sermon

Song of Invitation

Song for Communion

Communion

Announcements

Song

Closing Prayer

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Oct. 01 **Next Sunday.** Membership Meeting. Vote for men for trusteeship.

Oct. 09 Columbus Day (Thanksgiving Day in Canada)

Oct. 15 Men's Business Meeting

Oct. 21 Men's Day - Canada Please see posting.

Oct. 22 *Potluck*

Oct. 29 Short sermon to give time for more singing and scripture reading.

Nov. 04 Set clocks back one hour before going to bed.

Nov. 07 Election Day

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$975.00

Attendance Last Sunday 36

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

**"My Bible to me is a treasure house,
Where I can always find
Whatever I need from day to day
For heart and soul and mind." —Anonymous**



Oct. Birthdays

- 13 Casey Orton
- 27 George Golias
- 29 Mark Dailey



Oct. Anniversaries

- 04 Milton & Joan Cook
- 12 Don & Kelly Henry
- 26 David & Jessica Alcorn