

DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP

Once again we look back at another year that has passed us by. In 2024 we faithfully continued serving our church community here at Mapleview.

One of my regular duties in the Creative Arts department is to help prepare for the services each Sunday, with the main focus being to organize the worship portion of our services. It's a privilege to work alongside our gifted worship leaders to pick songs, create an order, and prepare arrangements for the band. We are blessed with our community of singers and musicians! Each week is a unique experience as the teams are typically a different mix of people.

Last year we saw some new faces join the team, as well as, some of the younger musicians/singers "step up" from youth and young adults to serve on Sunday mornings as well.

In 2024, we started incorporating a choir to all of our "Rx4x" Sundays (the last Sunday of each month). It has been a joy to have many more voices added to our team to elevate what we do on these specific Sundays and experience the heightened joy that it brings to these weeks.

It has also been exciting to continue to see our monthly Pause services grow. These dedicated nights of worship have seen more and more people coming out. It's been a great venue to see God's presence encountered!

We had another successful summer season of services. Our weekly routines and processes have to change to

prepare and set up for the outdoor services. Technically things run quite differently, but we managed to pull it off for another summer!

Our yearly "major events", including Easter and Christmas, were a success! The Creative Team once again put together unique experiences for our church family and community. From our Good Friday/Easter services, to all of our December Christmas-themed services, as well as our "Sound Of Hope" concert that we ran for two nights this year.

Our October "Missions Month", and November's "Comfort Service", provided the opportunity to do some different things creatively such as incorporating unique musical moments for these special Sundays.

Personally, I had the privilege to play and serve for various events throughout the year including: playing with the TSL and WIRED bands for some of their events, participating in the Golden Life events, community events, funerals, weddings, and retreats. We also had a few members of our worship team take part in leading worship at our PAOC National Conference in Niagara Falls this past year.

Along with serving through music, I continue to grow in some areas of our tech department. From occasionally doing sound for Sunday mornings, and special events at Mapleview, as well as mixing sound for our Livestream broadcast.

It was also a great experience connecting with other worship leaders and musicians at the “Behold Him” worship conference held in Barrie this past fall. It’s good to see churches from our region get together to learn, grow, and get to know one another!

As always, I find it such an honour to be able to serve alongside our wonderful staff at Mapleview! And specifically working with Carla and Chase throughout the year; truly an encouraging and inspiring team!

2025 looks like it’s going to be another exciting year! There is so much going on, and many new things on the horizon. God continues to move at Mapleview Community Church!

Respectfully submitted,
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Director of Worship