



2021-22 Worship Arts Annual Report

Grace and peace to you all from your Worship Arts director!

This past year has been a fruitful one for the Worship Arts department. We've enjoyed the addition of many new volunteers in all areas...did you know there are over 50 people serving in various rotating positions to make our worship services happen each week? That includes: **audio/visual technicians, camera crew, readers/lectors, prayer partners/prayer leaders, greeters/welcoming team, security, communion set-up, musicians, coffee/hospitality, vocalists, creative artists and more!** (That doesn't even count all the children's/nursery volunteers, or folks volunteering in other departments!) All these people working together to care for our sacred spaces and using their gifts for worship is a blessing to our church and God's Kingdom. Each week, as God's people come together to co-create our sacramental, inter-generational *liturgy* (defined as a "work of the people") the church is edified and God is glorified. Well done, Church!

In this season, we've been de-cluttering and reorganizing storage and work spaces in our department, as well as redefining procedures and volunteer positions to help accommodate our growing crew. This work-in-progress continues as Nall Naz moves forward into the next leg of our journey. There are still plenty of ways to be a part of the worship arts department as a volunteer...from one-time decluttering Work Days, to volunteering once-a-month as a a/v tech operator, to weekly worship team positions, and everything in between. All ages are welcome, and training will be provided. Want to learn some new skills in video production, visual arts, or music? Contact me (heather.k.barclay@gmail.com) or the church office for more information.

In addition to our annual Holy Days on the church calendar, there are two new events I would like to recognize as highlights for the past year.



- The first was our **2021 Homecoming Sunday on November 7th**, the first homecoming service we've had at Nall since the 90's. The entire Nall Naz family was together for a meal and special service, featuring a guest musician to play our newly restored Rogers organ as well as a special video presentation detailing the first decades of our local church's history from 1931-1975. We also had a gallery of artifacts from our Nall Naz history, including photographs spanning 7 decades, original building plans, newspaper articles and even a letter from President Harry S Truman. We plan to continue this new tradition in 2022 with another Homecoming Sunday on November 6th. In addition to being a complement to our annual All-Saints/Memorial Roll observances in November, these Homecoming services allow us a chance to remember the stories of our past as we move forward together into the future. There are so many opportunities to be a part of this event, whether sharing your stories and testimonies in a video interview, bringing items/photos from our history to display, volunteering on the planning committee or serving the weekend of the event. **Nallies are encouraged to invite anyone they know who attended Nall at any time in the past to join us for this weekend of memories and celebration....invite them early so they have time to make travel arrangements if needed.** Help us tell our part of God's story.

- The second event worth highlighting was our first **“Paint & Pray” Art night**. Nallies of all ages and skill-levels showed up to get creative and have fun in early March of this year. We put out a “buffet of art supplies” for attenders to choose from and I gave a short introduction to the Neurographic art therapy technique. All who attended were encouraged to express themselves in whatever artistic way they felt comfortable for a peaceful, judgement-free evening of creative meditation. I am hoping to host another one of these events in the Fall of this year...this time I will offer a step-by-step painting instruction for those who desire more guidance, as well as providing coloring books and art supplies for anyone who wants to find their own form of artistic expression. Watch the weekly emails for more information about this in the months ahead.



On a personal note, it has been my honor to serve with you all as Worship Arts director for the past 10 years. I am so grateful to Nall Naz for being my family and the only church home I've ever known. Your love and support has meant so much to me, especially after a difficult year of dealing with a health crisis in my family.

When Pastor Steve asked me to complete a large painting based on our Identity Statement for his final sermon series, I began to reflect on what an incredibly journey it has been since we came up with that statement years ago. The words are just as true as they were in those days, if not more so...that we are a hope-filled family, made up of broken pieces, being restored and “re-storied” by the masterful hands of our loving Creator. This church is an artful mosaic being lovingly crafted by God. As we’ve walked down this road together, with each passing day I see more evidence of the Spirit’s hand guiding our steps. Each day, I see us becoming more whole, more healthy, and more holy... a joyful work-in-progress as we keep our eyes fixed on the image of Christ. Just as God has been faithful to guide our journey over these last years, I look forward to seeing where He will lead us next.

Respectfully submitted,



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