



# Worship Team Dress Policy

As lead worshippers on Sunday morning we need to be examples of modesty and professionalism. We want nothing to distract from our ultimate purpose in lifting high the name of Jesus. 1 Timothy 2:9 says, "Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness." This passage specifically mentions women, but the issue of modesty is an issue of the heart and applies to men as well. God's word commands us to pursue modesty and self-control both in our heart and in our dress. If we earnestly apply His Word to our hearts, it will be displayed by what we wear. We need to remember that while serving in leadership at Trinity we are proclaiming a life-changing Saviour in both word and deed. We want people focused on Him, and we don't want our appearance to distract from His glory.

We would encourage you to see the dress code policy as an opportunity to serve the gathered people of God. Our goal should not be to push the envelope or "bring the older people along" in their sentiments about dress, but to lovingly put others before ourselves. Different generations will have different ideas about what modesty "looks like," but our goal is to allow people to worship on a Sunday without having to wrestle with their consciences (within reason) based on how the worship team is dressed. Clearly a reasonable dress code could look different from church to church, so we want to serve our particular church culture well.

Please review the following dress policy. We understand that men and women do dress differently so we have different expectations for men and women, even though in both cases we will be focusing on modesty and professionalism. We ask that you sign this document and return it to us.

## Men

No Shorts - please wear pants

- o Jeans are fine but make sure they are not ripped or frayed and not too tight, and pants are to be pulled up so no underwear is showing

No hats

No Sandals - shoes only please

Shirts

- o Shirts worn must have sleeves
- o Shirts worn must have a collar – a polo or golf shirt is fine
  - o Stylish sweaters, knits, or cardigans are also acceptable.
- o Avoid shirts with writing on them or recognizable logos or pictures/graphics, etc.



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## Women

Skirts or dresses should be at least knee length when standing (and keep in mind that you are standing on a stage that is elevated 4 feet above the congregation!)

- o Please keep in mind the length when sitting as well

- o If the dress you're wearing has a slit, it should not go above the knee  
No shorts - please wear dress/skirt or pants (leggings are not pants!)

- Jeans are fine, but not ripped or frayed and not too tight

Sandals are fine but no flip flops or beach style footwear

No midriff showing

- o Even when raising hands

No Bra/Underwear showing at all

No cleavage showing at all

- o Avoid low cut shirts and if you wear one, have a shirt on underneath it

Straps/Sleeves should be wide enough to place four fingers on top of it

- o If straps are too narrow, a sweater over it is fine

Overall avoid skin tight outfits

- o Your clothes don't have to be baggy, just make sure they fit properly

- o If leggings are worn, please ensure that the top you are wearing is knee length (i.e. treat leggings like bare skin)

If wearing a hat or head covering, it cannot be a toque/winter hat or a baseball cap (a styled knitted hat is fine)

**Here's a diagnostic for both guys and gals: Raise your hands and touch your toes; if anything shows, go change your clothes!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_