

**MT ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH ELDER STATEMENT ON  
LEADING & SERVING IN CORPORATE WORSHIP**

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the church and its worship (Col 1:18; Eph 1:22,23; 5:25ff).
2. Christ rules over Corporate Worship by His Word and Spirit, not only directly, but also through the ministry of Elders in their ruling and teaching in His churches (Matt 16:18-19, Acts 20:17, 28, 1 Tim 3:1-5, 15, 5:17, Tit 1:5-9). For this reason, the Elders are responsible to give immediate oversight to the conduct of Corporate Worship in each local church.
3. Corporate Worship is ordinarily to be led by the Elders who have been set apart to represent the Lord Jesus Christ in the administration of his Word and ordinances. Where the Elders deem appropriate, they may also select other members in good-standing of Mt. Zion Community Church who are qualified to assist them to lead the congregation in particular aspects of Corporate Worship. In addition, the Elders may seek the assistance of others with musical gifts to serve the congregation in its worship of God through music.(Acts 2:42; Eph 3:10)
4. The Elders shall encourage those who desire to serve in Corporate Worship, yet must ensure that only professing Christians, who in gospel obedience to Christ evidence their profession through baptism and adorn their profession with a godly life and are in good-standing membership with their respective church, take a special part in Corporate Worship, whether in a leading or serving capacity. Desiring the youth to be actively contributing to the life and ministry of the local church, elders may, on occasion, select youth who are professing believers and are in good-standing to help serve in Corporate Worship.
5. The Elders and all others who lead or serve in Corporate Worship shall exercise great care not to draw unnecessary attention to themselves or their talents, or to seek any glory from people. On the contrary, all who lead or serve shall actively labor to focus all attention, glory, and praise not upon themselves but upon the Lord alone, as He is revealed in each of the Elements of worship (Is 42:8, 48:11, Jn 3:30).