

F A Q 'S

Frequently Asked Questions

We hope that this series of informational brochures about the Almont Vineyard Church enriches your knowledge about us and deepens your personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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It's not what you've done in the past, but what you're going to do in the future.

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What does Almont Vineyard
believe about

Worship?

What is Worship?

Worship at Almont Vineyard is about an encounter with God. We want worship to be a launching pad that brings you into intimacy with Christ. We love to worship our Lord and Savior with music, it is part of who we are. It is during worship that we meet God in a deep and powerful way. We seek God's face: to praise him, to express the joy that we have in him and to honor him for who He is and what He has done for us...

"Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord!"
(Psalm 150:6)

Psalm 150 is instruction for us - God desires us to worship him! Worship to the Lord can manifest itself in many forms: thru words-both verbal and written, actions-such as dance, visually-thru art, and in song. We believe God desires and is worthy of all praise.

...why do you Worship?

"Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!"
(Psalm 147:1)

Making music is a vital part of who we are because in theory it-music, has the power to accompany and enhance all forms of worshipping God. Words can have a huge impact on us both logically and emotionally. Likewise, a piece of fine art can stir emotions, while a blueprint can give logical direction to a builder. Whether it's words or image-music has the ability to amplify the message with the result being a greater impact on us. Just think of the power a great musical score has on a movie. Whether it's a tender moment, a heart-tugging tragic moment, a stirring speech, a frantic battle or chase-music has the ability to turbo-charge our minds, *it moves us*. Remembering that God created us in his own image, it only stands to reason that music can likewise amplify our worship and praise for him!

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(Ephesians 5:18-20)

Worship is a way for the whole church to connect with God together-as His children. As we encounter God's life-changing presence we grow in unity and love for each other. We believe that God is powerful enough to meet us individually and speak to us as a church as we worship Him together.

...what do you do?

We have a worship band that plays a variety of contemporary musical styles. God values diversity and we want to reflect that in our worship music. Psalm 22:3 tells us that God inhabits the praises of his people. During worship many people feel God touching them deeply. You may see people with their eyes closed or with hands raised. Some people will look overjoyed and some might even be crying. God is doing something in them at that moment. Our bodies may demonstrate outwardly what is going on inside of us-bowing when we are humbled, lifting our hands in praise, dancing for joy, shouting out praise. These are natural forms of expression that may happen while worshipping the Lord.

"Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!"
(Psalm 47:1-2)

"David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might."
(2 Samuel 6:14)

"I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."
(Psalm 63:4)

...what should I expect?

Our desire is for people to be able to walk into our worship service and be able to experience a dynamic encounter with God in a culturally relevant way. That is why...

- ✚ We worship for 20-30 minutes. It takes time for people to re-focus and open themselves up to God.
- ✚ We all get to participate in worship. The worship band serves to lead us into God's presence, not perform for us.
- ✚ We sing songs that are directed to the Lord and are not just about the Lord. We want to build up our relationship with God during worship by communicating directly to Him.
- ✚ We have songs that express a variety of honest responses to the Lord. Joy, gratitude, sorrow and need are all valid responses to God's presence and our songs will make room for the spectrum of our emotions.
- ✚ We do not have a "set" number of songs that we sing allowing for the Holy Spirit to move. We may even occasionally repeat a song... or two!
- ✚ We praise in a contemporary style with a diverse mix of instrumentation, band members and singers.

Interested in participating on our Worship Team? Whether your gift is in singing, playing an instrument or helping to run the sound equipment, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Almont Vineyard if have any other questions or concerns about Worship.

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