

MELANIE LITSCHER

Worship Arts Pastor Candidate

Melanie was born and raised in the American Midwest and grew up attending church and participating in worship teams from an early age. One of her most formational times of faith was while attending a Christian college in Kansas. It was there, surrounded by Christian friends, where she started to grow into the calling God had for her.

Melanie served as a chapel leader for 3 years in college, organizing and planning services on a regular basis and leading a worship team and the chapel services themselves. She graduated from Manhattan Christian College in spring 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Worship Ministry. While in college, she served as a tech team volunteer at a large church. Her work in summer camps brought her up to Brightwood Camp near Entwistle, which is where she met her future husband, Kris. Melanie moved to Canada, began attending Trinity Baptist, and quickly became a volunteer on our worship teams. Melanie began her current role as our interim worship director early in the pandemic in July 2020. She has been serving and leading among us ever since.

Melanie feels a distinct calling both to worship leadership and to our specific church. Melanie is passionate about creating intergenerational connections within the church, its worship services, and as people serve. She believes in liturgy, knowing that the word liturgy simply and literally means “the work of the people”. In that sense of the word, she loves to craft worship services with great intention, so they enrich our congregation. She believes that worship must balance the head and the heart, knowing that something important is lost when either one is emphasized at the expense of the other.

Melanie brings many strengths to a worship pastor role, as we have witnessed over the past few years. She crafts worship services that weave Scripture and song and prayer intentionally and richly. She enjoys leading with her voice, but she surrounds herself with vocalists and musicians who share in preparing and leading worship. She has demonstrated excellent administrative and technical ability, and she has great chemistry within the staff team. Melanie is excited about our church’s vision, our denominational culture and beliefs, and is looking forward to many years of fruitful ministry here.