

I was blessed to have grown up in a family that loves the Lord and was taught early on in life the importance of church, prayer, and the Bible in walking with Jesus. I prayed and accepted Jesus into my heart with my mom at my side when I was 5 years old. I wasn't really the rebellious type and as such had a pretty uneventful childhood and was generally thought of as a "good kid." However, I think that early on I viewed my salvation as being primarily the way I avoided going to hell over anything else. I was definitely guilty of spiritual pride and feeling like while yes, I was a sinner, my sin wasn't so bad compared to others.



When I attended Northwestern College (now the University of Northwestern), I became convicted that I was just as much a sinner as the person next to me, of my need for forgiveness and repentance, and that my faith needed to be an ongoing process of constantly growing closer to Jesus. Now 42 years old (that's a secret!), I continue to grow closer to Jesus and have experienced first-hand his love and care through the loss of loved ones and other trials that have served to strengthen my faith. While I still have much to learn, I seek to give of the blessings and gifts that God has given me to others to further His kingdom and His purposes.

I began serving in worship ministry as a high school student at Hayden Heights Baptist Church in North St. Paul singing in the choir and playing trumpet. Over the past 20+ years, I've been blessed to be a part of 3 churches where I've been able to give my musical gifts back to the Lord through opportunities ranging from playing trumpet, singing with worship teams and church choirs, and playing/leading Crosstown's Handbell Choir.

I began attending Crosstown in February 2004 at the invitation of Sean Hallowell (Crosstown's Director of Worship Arts from 2000-2010). I've served as a worship volunteer in some capacity during all 18+ years of my time here through various instrumental and vocal/choral opportunities. I've been a member of the Worship Commission since 2011, served as the Worship Deacon from 2017-2021, and most recently have served as Crosstown's Interim Director of Worship Arts since last September.

Regarding my heart for serving in worship at Crosstown, it's my hope that God uses me as an instrument to facilitate the worship life of Crosstown and that the congregation has a genuine experience with God on Sunday mornings. Each worship gathering is covered in prayer throughout the entire planning process right up to service time on Sunday morning, and it's my prayer every Sunday that God meets each person in attendance where they're at in their walk with Him in some way. It's also my hope and desire that our worship volunteers would know joy and have a sense of purpose in serving and in giving of their time and talents to the Lord.

When I'm not leading worship at Crosstown, I'm the custodial building manager of the Billy Graham Community Life Commons building at the University of Northwestern-St. Paul where I've worked for almost 20 years (I've done no research, but I'm guessing the custodian/worship director job combo is a rare mix). I live in Richfield with my wife Katie (we actually met here at Crosstown) and two sons, Evan and Levi. I enjoy baseball, jigsaw puzzles, Star Wars, and working on my lawn.

