

# MCC YOUTH PRAISE BAND

## - Policy and Code of Conduct -

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership on the *Youth Praise Band* is a position of Christian leadership. The primary function, then, is to lead the congregation in true worship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). We emphasize that our purpose and calling is that of leading others into the very presence of the Living God. There is no calling issued for “performances” and “showmanship” – only true praise and worship. Therefore, members must strive continually through prayer and example to have a pure heart before God and others.

### ADMISSION

Students in Grades 7-12 wishing to join the *Youth Praise Band* must meet with the Pastor of Music & Administration to perform an audition (any praise song of the performer’s choosing) and submit a completed *Youth Praise Band* application. The audition is primarily for placement, but to also see if the student is adequately prepared to participate in this group. Students may only join at the beginning of each school semester. No exceptions unless approved by the unanimous decision of the *Youth Praise Band*, the Youth Leadership Team or Director of Youth, and the Pastor of Music & Administration. Upon acceptance into this group, the student agrees to follow the code of conduct as outlined below and submit a copy of this form signed by both the student and the student’s parent or legal guardian.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

By being a member of the *Youth Praise Band*, you assume a leadership role in the church, and as such you will be held to higher standards (James 3:1). Students in the *Youth Praise Band* are expected to:

- Live a life that honors our Lord Jesus Christ, in church, at home, in school and on social media. This includes dressing appropriately, refraining from using profanity, interacting with others in a Christ-like manner, honoring your parents/guardians and authority at school/work, etc.
- Engage regularly with God through prayer and Bible study.
- Be a team player: cooperate with and encourage other members of the *Youth Praise Band*.
- Submit to the leadership of Middleton Congregational Church.
- Regularly attend church services (worship or Sunday School) and Youth Group meetings/events.
- Regularly attend (and arrive on time to) *Youth Praise Band* rehearsals.

It should be understood that the *Youth Praise Band* follows a no-rehearsal/no-play policy. In addition, members of the *Youth Praise Band* are expected to “friend” at least one of the youth leaders (other than a parent) on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and all other social media outlets in which they are engaged.

### DISCIPLINE

If a student fails to live up to the code of conduct as outlined above, they will be asked to take a one-month leave of absence from the group. After which they will meet with the Pastor of Music & Administration and a youth leader to determine if they are ready to rejoin the group. A second disciplinary action could result in a more permanent suspension from the *Youth Praise Band*. Examples of actions leading to discipline include but are not limited to engaging in illegal activity, engaging in sexually-inappropriate behavior, engaging in violent or threatening behavior, unacceptable use of social media (to be determined by Youth Leadership Team) or overtly causing dissention in the praise band, youth group or church.

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Student’s Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

Printed Name

Date