Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Hicks Memorial Chapel

WORSHIP TEAM MENTOR GUIDE

Thank you for being willing to mentor a team of students in worship preparation and leadership! We thought it might be helpful to you to formulate some guidance for your role as a worship team mentor.

1. In many cases, you will be the one putting the team(s) together. Please make sure that teams have a mixture of more and less experienced students and that especially those are included who have not been involved in worship leadership yet, or who might be hesitant to volunteer their talents.

2. Since we are seeking to make our worship life to be more student driven, we are asking that the faculty or staff member truly takes the role of mentor: provide resources, help and guide students in their decision making process, give honest feedback afterwards, but be not the primary worship leader. Of course, this does not exclude the mentor from being one of the worship leaders or preachers.

3. Kendra Buckwalter Smith (ksmith@pts.edu) is employed by the chapel program as our worship coordinator. She will be in touch with you and your worship team to assist in planning your week of worship.

4. At www.pts.edu/Chapel_Resources we offer several documents to help you in your planning:
   - Chapel Guidelines, which summarizes all the ins-and-outs of worship at Hicks Chapel;
   - Worship Planning Guide, which talks your team step-by-step through the planning process. Kendra will use this document in her conversations with your team;
   - Communion Guidelines;
   - Worship Reflection Guide, which provides several questions you could use to help your team reflect on the worship services afterwards.

5. One reason we have introduced “mentors” into the equation is the importance of feedback. Please take some time after your team’s week of worship to reflect with them on their planning process and worship leadership. There is a “Worship Reflection Guide” on our web page.