



GENERAL CHAPEL INSTRUCTIONS

(prior to your day and day of)

Please forward this to your entire team beforehand.

Arrival

Please arrive by 6:00 pm for sound checks and other prep. You will check in at the front desk at 120 Elm St., San Diego, CA 92101. Mission Services will call for our CLA (Community Life Ambassador) to escort your team to the MPR.

If you ever need assistance, please call the CLA phone: (619)384-7845

Parking

You can use street parking (free after 6pm) or our parking garage, located on 2nd Avenue, between Elm and Fir. When you pull up to the garage, enter the code is #2929. Please do not share this code widely. Be mindful when you approach the gate, as it opens outwards, and will not open if you are too close. You can park on the first two floors; however, the third floor is reserved for Mission Academy Student parking. Our parking garage elevators only work with a staff badge, so please exit via the stairs.

Your Presentation

Preparation is key for a smooth service. Please send any Scripture passages, sermon slides, and worship song titles to SDRMSoundassistant@gmail.com at least 24 hours in advance. We use both Proclaim and ProPresenter to display songs, lyrics, and verses. If you have any additional slides that you would like to show, please send your presentation over in a PowerPoint file.

Chapel Service

Chapel will begin promptly at 6:45pm, with the staff CLA opening your service in prayer. Students or guests are not allowed to open the service in prayer. If you face any pushback, you may refer the student/guest to a staff member.

Please structure your service with 2-3 worship songs, a 20–30-minute message, followed by 1-2 closing songs. Your service must end promptly at 7:45pm. You are free to stay afterwards to encourage and pray with students, but we need to clear the room by 8:00 pm.

Musical Equipment/Sound

We have multiple microphones, one grand piano, one keyboard, one drum set, and a few acoustic, electric, and bass guitars. We recommend your musicians bring their own instruments outside of the grand piano and drum set. Let us know in advance if you need anything else.

Please be mindful that while our A/V team has a staff presence, our Sound Assistants are current Students in our Mission Academy program. They may need encouragement, patience, and guidance as they work with our complex sound system.

Policy Guidelines

Please adhere to the guidelines below when crafting your Chapel service.

- Our chapel services are times to worship, praise and uplift. The messages are to be of love, hope, encouragement, and salvation through Jesus Christ.
- Only the fundamental doctrines (divinity of Christ, trinity, virgin birth, Bible as the authoritative, inspired Word of God, salvation by faith, etc.) are to be taught. Denominational teachings are not permitted to be shared – loss of salvation, necessity of speaking in tongues or baptism, eschatological positions, etc. Communion and baptisms will not be conducted in or around our evening chapel services.
 - *We encourage our students and guests to find church homes that can teach on these types of issues and continue the maturing of their faith.*
- Our students and guests respond well to topics related to Christ's hope, strength, triumph, compassion, love and friendship.
- Please be sensitive to our population (see the "Know Your Audience" document). Use appropriate vulnerability when sharing a testimony or story. Certain topics like rape, incest, suicide and physical/emotional abuse can trigger our students and guests.
- Do not use "scare tactics" or messages of condemnation.
- Please do not take any pictures/videos of the men and women to preserve their privacy.
- Please do not touch the men and women without their permission. Touching without consent may trigger a traumatic experience.
- Services must be conducted in accordance with the San Diego Rescue Mission's Statement of Faith.

Volunteers

Your Chapel team may consist of the Chapel Host (speaker), the Worship Team, and 2-3 optional volunteers to pray at the close of your service. If you chose to bring volunteers to offer prayer, please make sure you bring at least one man and one woman. Our students and guests prefer to pray with someone of the same gender.

OPTIONAL: If you would like to bring more volunteers from your church, and bless our students and guests, you can bring ice cream sandwiches, popsicles, or other fun treats to your chapel service! Please check with the Church Partnership Team at least 3 days in advance if you plan on bringing in food items.

Departure

Once your team wraps up, the CLA will then walk your group out of the Rescue Mission, either to our parking garage or to the main street.

If you have any additional thoughts, comments, concerns following your service, please reach out to the Church and Community Engagement Team at aguzik@sdrescue.org and mlebeau@sdrescue.org.

Thank you for taking part in Chapel at the Mission. We hope you have a great service!