

Highland COC adds Instrumental Music to Sunday a.m. Worship

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The Highland Church of Christ is breaking out of the mold by adding a second Sunday service with live instruments instead of an acapella choir.

The Highland Church of Christ has a new twist to Sunday services. Instead of just a cappella singing, the church has decided to make their 11 o' clock service have live instruments. Which is a major change to the way service is conducted within Churches of Christ. Highland Church of Christ in Abilene is one of the few churches in the nation that has made this change.

Worship Minister at Highland, Brandon Thomas, said they wanted to reach people in deeper ways. He has also seen a jump in people using instruments to worship and Thomas wanted to bring that diversity to the church. The church has only had two services use the instruments so far, but Thomas said it's going well.

Thomas said that even the older people have enjoyed the live instruments. He said that they are singing more than they did before and really getting into the music.

The people that perform the music are all from the church and now they are able to showcase their talents to the rest of their church community.

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TRANSCRIPT OF TV REPORT BY MARK MAYBERRY

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KTAB TV News Anchor Matthew Torres: "One Abilene church is stepping out of the mold. The Highlands church of Christ is putting a new twist to their Sunday services, and that's including instrumental music aside from Acapella choir. Night beat reporter Kimberly Sears looks at the morning service to find out what this really means for them.

Reporter Kimberly Sears: "There's a new movement at Highlands church of Christ, and all you have to do is listen for it."

(A/V clip of worship services showing a group of young people singing and playing instruments during the worship assembly).

Reporter Kimberly Sears: "People are now getting up and dancing to the sound of live instruments."

Brandon Scott Thomas, Minister of Worship: "We began to think about reaching our community in deeper ways."

Reporter Kimberly Sears: "Associate Worship Minister Trey Wrape sings (A/V clip) and he loves sharing his talent with the church community."

Quote from Trey Wrape: "This is family. This is home for me now, and I enjoy getting to share that with them and give back to them."

Reporter Kimberly Sears: "And he's only one..." (A/V clip of violinist)

Quote from Brandon Scott Thomas, worship minister: "Clare, who plays the violin, for her to be able to play a piece during communion that moves people, she's using her gift and it's blessing our church."

Reporter Kimberly Sears: "As live music echoes through the church, (A/V clip of performers), this change is out of the box for church of Christs."

Quote from Brandon Scott Thomas, worship minister: "Our heritage for churches of Christ is Acapella worship."

Reporter Kimberly Sears: "Although it is different, the church community sings out in approval."

Quote from Brandon Scott Thomas, worship minister: "A lot of these high-schoolers and middle-schoolers sitting on the front row, so engaged in ways that they never were before; and then you see older people who are standing, lifting their hands, and worshipping, and the mesh of that to me is what's so cool."

Kimberly Sears: "Reporting in Abilene, Kimberly Sears."

Anchor: "Kimberly, thank you, and they started instrumental music last weekend."

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