Meet the 2024-2025 Worship Apprentices

Asha Snader
Grade: Sophomore
Hometown: Nashville, TN
Major: Psychology

Asha grew up in India as a missionary kid before moving to Nashville. Asha has played the drums since 5th grade and participated in various bands over the years, including the church worship team. While serving in church for 3 years, Asha discovered her passion for connecting with God and others through music. Aside from drumming, Asha also loves to travel, rock climb, play chess, cook, and spend time with people. She looks forward to building on her leadership skills as a Worship Apprentice, and is grateful for the opportunity to combine her deep love for music and worship to serve God and the Calvin community with the other WAs.

Caleb Tan
Grade: Sophomore
Hometown: Phayamengrai, Thailand
Major: Social Work (minor Ministry Leadership & Music

Caleb is so excited to be serving God through worship this year. He is originally from LA but grew up as a missionary kid in Myanmar, China, and Thailand. Caleb began leading his high school's worship chapel team in the 9th grade and also has had the opportunity to lead worship at student retreats, regularly at local Thai churches, and mission conferences. Here at Calvin, Caleb is part of the Ministry Leadership Cohort, Mukappa, chapel teams, and the 7:9 Project. Caleb mostly plays the guitar and piano, but has also dabbled in the electric and cajon. Caleb loves humor, deep conversations, hugs, making others laugh, serving, and cows! The gift of being able to worship God is amazing to him, and the opportunity to lead others into that experience is something he will forever rejoice in.
Mia Golden
Grade: Sophomore
Hometown: Orwell, NY
Major: Strategic Communications & Religion

Mia has been immersed in the worlds of music and worship since birth. One of her oldest memories is being in her dad’s car singing along with his Led Zeppelin CDs. She started piano lessons when she was three years old, and has been studying piano on and off ever since. When Mia’s father became a pastor, she followed in his footsteps and became the worship leader of her home church—singing, playing the piano, composing and arranging music. When she isn’t on stage, she’s usually outside! But in winter, you can find her drinking coffee, listening to music, and cooking. Mia is a member of the Calvin Theatre Company as well as several choirs and ensembles. She is so excited to continue her musical ministry through the Worship Apprentice program.

Anya Hopek
Grade: Sophomore
Hometown: DeWitt, Michigan
Major: Biology: Pre-Dentistry

Anya is currently studying biology and is on the Pre-Dentistry track. She’s been involved in choirs and singing since she was little as well as serving in her home church on the worship team. Anya is currently a member of the Ministry Leadership Cohort as well as the Swim and Dive team at Calvin! She loves to spend time with her friends and family, go on walks, and get coffee! Leading Worship has always been a passion of Anya’s and she is so excited to be able to develop further leadership skills and utilize those to help lead her fellow peers in Worship. Anya is looking forward to seeing how the Lord works through the Calvin community this year and in her role as a Worship Apprentice!
Sam Greene
Grade: Junior
Hometown: Avalon, WI
Major: Environmental Health & Conservation

Sam grew up in a musical household and have loved teaching himself how to play different instruments or sing. God has blessed him with opportunities throughout his life to participate in leading worship in various spaces. From leading worship at summer camps to weekly church services, spontaneous worship nights, and heading up the band for a musical, Sam is grateful to have experienced God in such a powerful way through music. Sam also loves spending time in nature, caring for the environment God's given us, and road-tripping. He looking forward to learning and experiencing a deeper understanding of worship and being mentored by Pastor Paul, Professor Glasper, and all his fellow WAs.

Grace Cheong
Grade: Junior
Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
Major: International Relations & Philosophy (Minor in Music)

As a third-culture kid (TCK), Grace has been blessed to worship in diverse settings and learn about different worship traditions. Born and raised in Illinois, Grace moved to Malaysia at the age of ten, found herself in Singapore in 2020, then moved to Phoenix with her family right before starting at Calvin. In elementary school, she joined the Red Rose Children's Choir of Lake County, sang in her church's children's choir and started playing violin. She also sang on her church's children's worship team in Malaysia and was introduced to worship leading soon after. It was here that her deep passion for music began to grow. At Calvin, Grace serves as a vocalist and violinist on the chapel teams, sings with Capella, and plays in the orchestra. She is also part of a multicultural group of students heading the 7:9 Project.