

Nathan Stauffer

Worship Leader. Pastor. Artist.

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Experience

July 2018 **Worship Director**, *Cornerstone Community Church*

- to current
- Oversee church worship and production ministries
 - Help the church transition from a primarily piano and choir-driven worship service to a contemporary sound, utilizing a full band, backing tracks, and higher-level sound production
 - Produce multimedia creative projects to support various church activities

Sept 2004 **Worship Leader and Elder**, *Youngstown Metro Church*

- to June 2018
- Lead congregation in corporate worship through singing, playing, prayer, and scripture
 - Plan and organize set lists for Sunday services
 - Equip other musicians with better understanding of music theory, technology, harmonies, instrumental performance, lyrical content, and stage leadership
 - Build song catalog through careful lyrical and musical consideration
 - Compose original songs to both strengthen song catalog and create opportunities to teach and guide congregation
 - Appointed to elder position soon after arrival of new Lead Pastor (2012-2018)
 - Major contributions to elder body include discernment, big-picture vision, understanding of healthy church structure, and effective communication

Jan 2007 **Writer/Artist**, *After Z*

- to Dec 2014
- Personal creative writing project accomplished over a several year period that includes an album of original music, a short novel to tell the story, and a live performance
 - Stylistically takes on the form of a children's story but is meant to provide much deeper truths about faith. In a way, it is a somewhat humorous, magical, and fantastical retelling of the gospel message

Education

2016 **B.S. Computer Science**, *Oregon State University, OR*

- to current
- Current GPA - 3.8

2000-2004 **B.A. Commercial Songwriting**, *Belmont University, TN.*

- Studied music theory, recording technology, songwriting techniques, and other disciplines related to the commercial music industry

Background

- Various church leadership roles include student leadership team, youth leader, mission trip leader, small group leader, chair of pastoral search committee worship leader, and elder
- Proficient in guitar, piano, vocals, music theory, and recording technology