

UPSTATE WORSHIP CONFERENCE 2026

Friday, October 16 & Saturday, October 17 • Grace Covenant Church • Clay, New York

FRIDAY NIGHT | Worship, Calling & Renewal | 6:00-9:00 PM

6:00-6:40	Opening Worship & Welcome	Gather, worship, connect, and set the focus for the weekend.
6:40-7:15	The 5 “P”s of the Worship Leader Our Purpose & Calling	Presence, Proclamation, Passion, Preparation, and Power - moving from performance to ministry.
7:15-7:45	The Weight of the Platform What It Costs to Lead	A pastoral conversation about criticism, comparison, the Sunday emotional cycle, and the personal cost of leading.
7:45-8:30	Prayer & Ministry Time Inner Healing & Encounter	Space to refresh, renew, lay down burdens, receive prayer, and respond in worship.
8:45-9:00	Closing & Send-Off	Closing song and preview of Saturday.

SATURDAY | Craft, Team & Technology | 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Breakout sessions are designed so vocalists, musicians, worship leaders, and tech teams can choose training that fits their role.

TIME	VOCALISTS	BAND / WORSHIP LEADERS	TECH TEAMS
9:00-9:30	Morning Opening & Connection	Morning Opening & Connection	Morning Opening & Connection
9:30-10:45 Session 1	Vocal Technique Toolkit Your Voice Is an Instrument	Serving the Song	Board Basics Going from Source to Speaker
10:45-11:00	Break	Break	Break
11:00-12:00 Session 2	Mastering Vocal Blend	Choose One: Playing Piano, But Not Like a Piano Player How to Remain a Caged Free Drummer Leading from Every Position	Sunday Systems Planning, Presentation & Livestream
12:00-1:00	Lunch & Connection	Lunch & Connection	Lunch & Connection
1:00-2:15 Session 3	Vocal Masterclass	Choose One: The Band Room - A Worship Team Roundtable Raising Up Worship Leaders	Open opportunity to join a Session 3 breakout.
2:15-2:25	Break	Break	Break
2:25-3:15	Your Divine Assignment Commissioning & Sending	Your Divine Assignment Commissioning & Sending	Your Divine Assignment Commissioning & Sending
3:15-3:30	Farewells & Send-Off	Farewells & Send-Off	Farewells & Send-Off

Conference Details: October 16-17, 2026 • Grace Covenant Church, 5300 State Route 31, Clay, NY 13041
Adults \$50 • Groups of 10+ \$40/person • Students \$25 • Saturday lunch included
Full details & registration: gracecovchurch.org/wc26