

HYMNAL Highlight

Christian Worship: Service Builder – Playlist add-on

Playlist became available in June. While the Playlist option is meant to serve congregations without live keyboard players, it is also beneficial for other reasons. Like the primary Service Builder program, it is available on a trial basis—only without ability to export a playlist of audio files. This trial feature allows one to hear audio samples. But please note that while these samples from within the program sound pretty good on a computer with decent speakers, the actual downloaded mp3 files are of far higher quality. And when played over a quality church system with decent amp and speakers, they sound wonderful.

One way to use the trial audio samples is to help a pastor or worship planner without piano skills to hear what a new hymn sounds like—and to become comfortable with it before helping to lead it in worship.

To demonstrate the features and benefits of *Playlist*, a webinar is available that covers all the essentials for fully utilizing this amazing new tool. Watch the webinar and subscribe to *Playlist* here.

Several FAQs are available:

- Preparing a Playlist
- Common Questions on Playlists
- What hymns and psalms are included in *Playlist*? A spreadsheet is available
 that is periodically updated. All hymns and hymnal psalms are included
 along with the vast majority of liturgical songs. Some psalter psalms not yet
 included will be added as recordings are completed and copyright
 permissions are secured.

More than 550 WELS congregations have subscribed to *Christian Worship: Service Builder*, the web-based worship planning platform that allows you to plan out the

details of your worship services and create custom worship folders. You must be a subscriber to *Christian Worship: Service Builder* before adding *Playlist* to your subscription.