

## **Mitchell Cline**

### **Piano Coach**

I have lived in Georgia since the time I was born. I spent a lot of time with family growing up. My uncles played the piano, guitar, and the harmonica; I really enjoyed listening and “playing along” with him. This was the earliest that I remember being exposed to music.

When I was in 6th grade, at GACS, I joined the marching band as a french horn player. I did this for roughly a year. During this time I learned the very basics of musical notation, and I learned to recognize the notes and patterns being played. Marching band gave me the opportunity to practice on a weekly basis, and it helped me establish a love for music.

My friends and family were always very supportive of my musical endeavors. It wasn't until the next year, however, that I began to grow and develop within this particular field. I began to take piano lessons during my second semester of seventh grade. I took from RMC with Chris Brink. Here I was able to learn many skills, such as reading musical notation, creating chord charts, and even chord recognition through sound. Rooted helped me to grow and connect with other musicians, both my own age and older.

It was shortly after that I began to lead worship at my new church, Northlands. I taught a small group and lead worship there on Sundays. God made it clear to me my two passions, children's ministry and music. My siblings and I had the opportunity to lead together, and we still do, for the first time. Eventually I started to play for the high school services as well. During my 10th grade year, I stopped taking lessons at Rooted, but continued to work with them in various ways. I had the opportunity to lead at the worship events, and even lead side-by-side with my coach/mentor, Mr. Brink.

Nowadays, I am leading worship at Northpoint's TRANSIT, Northlands Church, and I am getting to teach alongside those who taught me. I am passionate about continuing my music education, and I am currently taking an online Music Theory class to keep my skills sharp. I am getting to dive into the more technological side of music, using various programs to create sounds. It is truly a blessing, the people God has put in my life, who help me continue to grow in my music. Music is something that you can never fully understand, and there is always room for improvement. As someone who is still young, I love to get to share with other children the joy and comfort that music has brought into my life.